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Constitution of *The Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy* (Amended on September 2018)

ARTICLE I This organization is named the Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, henceforth referred to as the AGSP

ARTICLE II The purpose of the AGSP is to represent the interests of the philosophy graduate students to Loyola faculty, staff, and administration. Additionally, the AGSP is formed to cultivate academic excellence and community amongst the graduate students.

ARTICLE III Membership is open to all graduate students enrolled in graduate courses and/or programs in philosophy at Loyola.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 The governing board of the AGSP shall consist of six officers who must be members in good standing of the AGSP. Officers shall serve one-year terms and their duties shall be as follows:

President: the President shall call and preside at meetings (including determining date and location) and serve as the student representative to the faculty. The President will also be in charge of setting up meetings of the AGSP officers as necessary (see Article V).

Vice-President: the Vice-President shall perform any and all presidential duties in the event that the president is unable to perform them. Additional Vice-President duties will include coordinating the food and drinks for AGSP meetings and taking minutes at AGSP meetings if the Secretary is not present. And as of spring 2018, the vice president will facilitate and collect updates for the AGSP blog (though the Vice President is *not* in charge of all posts on the blog). The vice president will also be tasked with coordinating an online election for any vacancies that emerge outside of a standard election, except in those instances where the vice president is unable to fulfill this duty.

Secretary: the Secretary shall keep a permanent and available record of all the association's business. This includes taking minutes at each AGSP meeting and each meeting of AGSP officers. The Secretary will be in charge of making general meeting records available to all AGSP members within 1 week of each AGSP meeting. Additional Secretary duties include moderating the AGSP Listserv (especially if troubleshooting occurs) and interfacing with the AGSP vice president re: blog posts/web presence.

Treasurer: the Treasurer shall be responsible for the AGSP budgetary concerns and updates. The treasurer will process members' reimbursement requests in a timely fashion (no more than 7 days after receiving them) and will act as liaison between graduate program director and students to ensure requests are processed successfully by the department and the administration. The treasurer will also make all budgetary information publicly available to AGSP members -- this includes the funding/reimbursement policy and the updated budget itself.

GSAC (Graduate Student Advisory Council) Representative: the GSAC Rep shall be responsible for being a liaison between AGSP and the Graduate Student Advisory Council. They will attend GSAC meetings and update the AGSP general body about these meetings.

Colloquium Representative: the Colloquium representative shall be responsible for emailing other universities in the Chicago area to find out about philosophy events of interest to the AGSP membership. The Colloquium rep will make flyers for events and advertise them to students/faculty at Loyola University and/or other schools.

Section 2

Elections for the following year will be held at the final AGSP meeting during the Spring semester and will follow this format: the election will be announced three weeks before this meeting, nominations shall be announced one week after the election is announced, and absentee ballots must be submitted by the time of the meeting. The election will be decided by majority through written secret ballots available to all members for present or absentee voting. Absentee ballots will be gathered and counted by the President and Secretary.

Training Meeting: Newly elected officers will meet with outgoing officers at least once before officially assuming their duties, in order to familiarize themselves with their tasks and with the current projects and goals of the AGSP.

Section 3

In the event that an officer is unable to complete their duties they will be asked to step down. The decision to remove an officer will be democratically decided among AGSP governing board. A simple majority is required. Determination that an officer is unable to fulfill their duties will not violate Article IX (the antidiscrimination clause). Evaluation of an officer's ability to fulfill their duties will be according to the officer responsibilities stipulated in Article IV, Section 1. In the case of a vacancy, an online election will be held via Google survey (or similar). The online poll will be open to membership for a minimum of 1 week. The vice president will facilitate the online election, except in cases where they are unable to do so. In these cases, another executive board member will step in to facilitate the election.

ARTICLE V Regular meetings of the AGSP shall occur at least twice per semester, or more often as the officers deem necessary. Regular meetings of the AGSP officers shall occur at least once a month or as needed when classes are in session. In the event that a decision on behalf of the graduate students needs to be made quickly (such that it cannot wait until the next AGSP meeting), AGSP will hold an officers' vote after making every effort to consult additional AGSP members in order to effectively represent the members' views.

ARTICLE VI A quorum of the AGSP shall consist of at least seven members, three of whom must be AGSP officers.

ARTICLE VII Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following meeting, decided by quorum.

ARTICLE VIII Ratification of the constitution shall consist of a two-thirds majority of those present at the first annual meeting of the newly-formed organization. Ratification of revisions to the constitution shall consist of a two-thirds majority of those present at the meeting where the revisions are presented.

ARTICLE IX This organization will grant students all the rights, privileges, programs, and other activities generally accorded or made available to members of the organization, without regard to their race, religion, gender/gender identity, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, or national/ethnic origin.