

Psychology of Government Intelligence and National Security Bylaws

ARTICLE I. TITLE

The following constitutes the Bylaws of the College of Psychology's Psychology of Government Intelligence and National Security Club herein referred to as PGINS and may be cited for all such purposes.

Section 1. Definitions

In these Bylaws, unless otherwise specified:

- A. "Organization" means the College of Psychology's PGINS, which includes all officers.
- B. "Officer" means an elected member of the Executive Board of PGINS, which includes the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Research and Education, First Year Doctoral Representative, and the First Year Masters Representative.
- C. "Student" means any activity-fee-paying, Nova Southeastern University PhD, PsyD, or M.S. student currently in good standing with the College of Psychology.
- D. A student "in good standing" is one:
 - 1. Who is enrolled in the main campus or online based doctoral or master's program, and
 - 2. Who is not in default of any prescribed obligation to Nova Southeastern University.
- E. "Student body" means all PhD, PsyD, and MS students of Nova Southeastern University enrolled at the main campus or online based graduate programs of the College of Psychology.
- F. "Elections" means an election of the Executive Board members.
- G. "Constituent" of PGINS is a student in good standing.

Section 2. Purposes

The purposes of the College of Psychology's PGINS are to:

- A. Promote awareness and the importance of psychology within government intelligence and national security agencies to the student body through meetings, guest lectures and social events,

B. Collaborate on lectures and events with other student organizations to showcase the interdisciplinary nature of psychology within the government intelligence and national security sectors, and

C. Offer an avenue for students with interest in psychology within the government intelligence and national security field to cultivate and produce research.

Section 3. Uniformity

Subject to other provisions of these bylaws, every activity-fee-paying student has the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities within PGINS.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any student currently enrolled at Nova Southeastern University College of Psychology may be an active voting member.

Section 2. Administrators, faculty, and staff may hold non-voting associate memberships.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The elected officers of the PGINS shall be President, Vice President, Director of Research and Education, Secretary, Treasurer, First-Year Doctoral Representative and First-Year Masters Representative. These elected officials shall form the Executive Board of the PGINS.

Section 1. Elected Positions

A. The President:

- i. Shall be the chief officer of the PGINS and they shall preside over meetings of the Executive Board and the student body,
- ii. Shall be the official student representative of the PGINS to all University committees and activities when required,
- iii. Shall be an ex officio member of all Executive Board committees if necessary,
- iv. Shall form committees of the Executive Board as the need arises,
- v. Shall coordinate all annual election proceedings, including call for nomination and acceptance.

B. The Vice President:

- i. Shall assume the duties of the President in their absence and shall become the President in the event of such vacancy,
- ii. Shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- iii. Shall be the communicating member between PGINS and the major governing bodies of PGINS. Will forward pertinent information on to the Secretary,
- iv. Shall maintain correspondence with all SGA and faculty committee representatives,
- v. Shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

C. The Treasurer:

- i. Shall be responsible for collection, accounting, and distribution of all PGINS funds,
- ii. Shall locate and be in charge of all fundraising opportunities for PGINS,
- iii. Shall endorse all approved expenditures of PGINS,
- iv. Shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- v. Is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the PGINS yearly and monthly budgets to the Executive Board,
- vi. Shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

D. The Secretary:

- i. Shall be responsible for all official correspondence between PGINS and all other outside parties,
- ii. Shall record the minutes of all Executive Board meetings,
- iii. Shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- iv. Shall record the minutes of all open meetings and provide copies to the student body via email,
- v. Shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

E. The Director of Research and Education:

- i. Shall be responsible for research correspondence between members of PGINS and other educational institutions,
- ii. Shall be cognizant of research conference deadlines and ensure that PGINS members are aware of such deadlines,
- iii. Shall coordinate, in conjunction with the President, any guest lecturers that PGINS seeks to bring to Nova Southeastern University,
- iv. Shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- v. Shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

F. The First Year Doctoral (PhD/ PsyD) Representative:

- i. shall maintain communication between the first year PhD and PsyD students and PGINS about any questions, comments or concerns regarding the club,
- ii. shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- iii. shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

G. The Masters (MS) Representative:

- i. shall maintain communication between the Masters (MS) students and PGINS about any questions, comments or concerns regarding the club,
- ii. shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- iii. shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

H. The Social Media Coordinator

- i. Shall be responsible for creating, managing, and editing PGINS social media accounts as needed,
- ii. Shall post content in a timely manner,
- iii. Shall attend and be a voting member of all Executive Board meetings,
- iii. Shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

Section 2. PGINS Committees

- A. The Executive Board may establish, dissolve, and give direction to such committees, as it considers expedient.
- B. A committee may not perform any function of the Executive Board, but subject to the directions of the Executive Board, may give advice and make recommendations to the Executive Board without limitations.
- C. The PGINS Executive Board will appoint committee members for terms to be determined based on the nature of the project.
- D. Appointed committee representatives shall be required to maintain monthly correspondence with the Vice President.

Section 3. Advisor

- A. A faculty member of the College of Psychology will serve as the official advisor to PGINS. The selection of the advisor will be based upon the faculty member's expertise and experience with the government intelligence and national security field. The faculty advisor shall serve for a term of no less than one year and may remain, as the PGINS faculty advisor, for as long as they and the PGINS executive officers feel is appropriate.
- B. The PGINS advisor will not be required to attend all meetings but may be asked to at times. The advisor will meet with the President and/or Vice President as needed.
- C. PGINS selected Faculty Advisor: Dr. Douglas Gibson.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**Section 1. General Meetings**

- A. The organization shall meet at least once a month.
- B. A simple majority of active members constitutes a quorum to transact any business.
- C. A copy of the minutes of every meeting shall be posted within one week of the approval of said minutes.

Section 2. Executive Board Meetings

- A. The Executive Board shall meet at least once a month, at a mutually agreeable time and place.

- B. The Executive Board may perform the functions that are assigned to it by the Bylaws and may take action upon any matter that warrants attention.
- C. A simple majority of officers constitutes a quorum to transact any business.
- D. A simple majority may decide every question that properly comes before the Executive Board with the President voting only in the case of a tie.
- E. A copy of the minutes of every Executive Board meeting shall be posted within one week of the approval of said minutes.
- F. No Executive Board meeting shall be convened or recognized as being convened unless the President is present, or, in the absence of the President, the Vice President is present. Any meeting convened without the presence of either the President or Vice President will be considered invalid. Any and all PGINS business conducted in said meeting will be considered null and void.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election Process

- A. Elections of officers shall be held at least once each academic year.
- B. The annual election shall be in the month of April.
- C. Students in good standing, who are currently enrolled at the NSU main campus or online, may nominate themselves or be nominated by another PGINS member.
- D. All elections shall be held during a regularly scheduled meeting.
- E. If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the Election Board will decide between the candidates. The Election Board comprises of all voting executive board members excluding members nominated for re-election.

ARTICLE VI. VACANCIES

Section 1. Resignations

- A. An officer may resign from the Executive Board by delivering a written resignation to the President, or if the resigning officer is the President, then the President shall submit the resignation to the Vice President. Then that office is thereupon deemed vacant.

Section 2. Removal

- A. An officer may be removed from office before his or her term would have otherwise expired by a 2/3 majority of votes cast at an Executive meeting; or at an open PGINS meeting; and at least one of the following conditions must be met before said removal can take place:
- i. Appropriate grounds leading to the termination of that office due to the absence from more than (2) two Executive Board meetings within a semester will cite that officer for removal, and that office becomes vacant upon said removal, or
 - ii. Appropriate grounds leading to the termination of that office due to a blatant disregard of one or more of the provisions of these Bylaws, or of a blatant disregard for said office characterized by a lack of "good faith" effort to carry out the necessary and appropriate duties and responsibilities of said office, will cite that officer for removal, and that office becomes vacant upon said removal.
 - iii. The position of an officer who ceases to be in good academic and financial standing automatically becomes vacant.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies

- A. If an officer's position becomes vacant, an election shall be held at a time agreed upon by the remaining officers, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointed official made by the organization's President.
- B. If the President's office becomes vacant, the Vice President shall fill the vacancy.
- C. The Vice President's office will then automatically become vacant, at which time the above procedure for filling vacancies shall be followed.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**Section 1. Purpose**

Amendments to these bylaws may be necessary in order to maintain consistent and impartial service to the students of PGINS.

Section 2. Process

- A. Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be initiated by any active member and presented to the College of Psychology's PGINS President along with the Executive Board.
- B. These bylaws may be amended by a majority of active members present at any regularly scheduled meeting.

- C. Once amendments are made, the bylaws must be submitted to the Office of Student Activities and approved by the Dean.