ARTICLE I: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The purpose of these Bylaws is to define procedures for the removal with cause of officers and appointed committee representatives of the Graduate Student Association of the University of California, San Diego (GSAUCSD) and to ensure that proceedings are fair and balanced.

ARTICLE II: INVESTIGATION Section
I: INITIATION OF ACTIONS
1. Charges of abuse of power or neglect of duties defined by the GSAUCSD Constitution and Bylaws made against an officer of the GSAUCSD should be brought to the chair of the Academic and Judicial Committee (AJC). If the AJC chair is found to have a conflict of interest, a replacement will be named according to the line of succession outlined in Appendix A, and this replacement will be considered the acting chair of the AJC.
2. The acting chair will present the charges to the AJC, which will decide whether an investigation into the charges is of merit. A majority of all members of the AJC must agree that an investigation is appropriate for one to proceed. If the AJC declines to pursue an investigation, the accuser may appeal to the Executive Committee.
3. If the member does not feel bringing the charges directly to a member of the Executive Committee is appropriate, then charges may be brought to Council in a closed session.

Section II: NOTIFICATION OF THE ACCUSED
Within one (1) business day of the conclusion of the AJC meeting, the accused will be notified of the nature of the charges and whether an investigation will take place.

Section III: TIMELY COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION
The charges will be presented to the Executive Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting after charges have been brought to the acting chair of the AJC. The charges, results of the investigation, and either exoneration of the accused or announcement of the formation of a trial committee will be presented to the Council in a closed session no later than the second regularly scheduled Council meeting after charges have been brought to the acting chair of the AJC. If the investigation is not complete by the deadline, Council must be apprised of the investigation in its current state. Consequences of the investigation may be appealed by any Council
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representative to the full Council, which will confirm or overturn the decision of the AJC by a majority vote of all members present. If a trial will take place the accused will be notified of the name of the accuser.

ARTICLE III: TRIAL
Section I: SELECTION OF TRIAL COMMITTEE
1. Chair
   a. The trial committee shall be composed of four members plus the President who will be the chair. Should the President be implicated in the charges or have another conflict of interest, the committee will be chaired by the Executive Vice President of Internal Affairs. If the EVP Internal also possesses a conflict of interest, the trial committee will be chaired according the line of succession outlined in Appendix A.

2. Members
   a. To ensure a fair and balanced proceeding, the members of the trial committee shall be selected by lottery from the certified representatives who are not barred from participating by a conflict of interest. Council representatives selected to be members of the trial committee who do not wish to serve on the committee will be replaced by the same lottery process.

Section II: PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE AND DEFENSE
The acting chair of the AJC will present the findings from the investigation to the trial committee no later than two weeks after the results of the investigation are presented to Council. The accused may choose a member of the GSAUCSD to represent them at the trial. Both the prosecution and the defense will be allowed twenty minutes to speak, in total, and may call germane witnesses. The trial committee will decide the validity of the charges by a majority vote of all members of the committee. The decision of the trial committee may be appealed to the full Council. Council would meet in a closed session to hear the appeal.

Section III: REMEDIES
If the accused is convicted the trial committee will recommend a remedy to Council. The trial committee may recommend censure or removal from office. The remedy will be decided upon by a majority vote of the members of the trial committee.
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Section IV: PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL
At the next regularly scheduled Council meeting after the trial committee has met and come to a decision, the result of the trial and the recommended remedy will be presented to Council. The recommendation of a remedy by the trial committee will be executed unless overturned by Council by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS
These Bylaws shall take effect after being approved by a two-thirds vote of those present at two consecutive GSAUCSD Council meetings provided that all members of the Council have been sent the text of the Bylaws at least five working days prior to the first meeting. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regularly scheduled Council meeting after the amendments have been proposed at the previous regular meeting.

Appendix A: Line of Succession for Chair of the Trial Committee
1. President
2. Vice President of Financial Affairs
3. Vice President of External Affairs
4. Vice President of Student & Campus Affairs
5. Vice President of Diversity, Service, Equity, and Inclusion Affairs
6. Member of GSAUCSD Council

HISTORY
Amended 14.11.24 Council Meeting #4