

## Neutral Information

Currently the constitution doesn't allow housing delegates to vote. Housing delegates have been regularly attending GSG assembly meetings, voicing concerns and contributing to the general well-being of Graduate Students. Housing delegates have expressed interest in becoming voting members in GSG assembly, and since it requires an amendment to the constitution, a referendum on whether housing delegates should become voting delegates of GSG assembly will be held at the same time as GSG elections.

The amendment to the constitution will be as follows (in bold)

Section IV-3: Delegates of the Assembly are members of the Graduate Student Body chosen by the residential communities and certain interest groups specified in the ByLaws. Because the GSG wishes to establish a diverse forum for communication with the many nonacademic organizations on campus and recognizes the contributions of these organizations, Delegates shall hold every power held by Representatives of the Assembly except the right to vote in matters before the Assembly, including, but not limited to, the right to move matters before the Assembly, propose amendments to such matters, and debate. **Residential community representatives, as well as** some interest groups, as defined in the ByLaws, shall be considered voting interest groups, and shall send voting Delegates instead of non-voting Delegates. These voting Delegates shall have the right to vote on all matters before the Assembly, except for funding requests. In order to be considered a voting interest group, a group must be so designated by ByLaw and must represent a unique minority viewpoint which is otherwise underrepresented. [Legislative Intent: The Assembly recognizes that certain groups of individuals on campus are likely to be underrepresented in the Assembly. The purpose of this clause is to encourage greater participation and ensure that these individuals are not excluded from the work of the Assembly. Each group should represent at least 1% of the Graduate Student Body and submit to the Parliamentary Secretary annually a list of its members.]