1. DEFINITIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS

1.1 Definitions

The following definitions shall be used throughout the Codes and in the interpretation of the GSA Constitution.

1. Currently enrolled shall denote that the student has paid the registration fee and GSA membership fees for a full time graduate student for the current school session.

2. Designated Delegates shall refer to the number of Delegates positions each Council shall be entitled to as determined by the most recent Apportionment.

3. Seated Delegate (or Delegate Alternate) shall refer to a member of the GSA who has been named to fill a Designated or Delegate (or Delegate Alternate) position by his/her Council or organization in the manner prescribed by the Council or organization, provided that the following conditions have been complied with:

   3.1 The GSA Vice President-Internal Affairs has received a list from the Council or organization that contains name, campus address, department and graduate status, signature, and effective dates of office of each member to be seated.

4. The Apportionment shall be the official census of the GSA and shall be used to determine the fixed membership of the Forum. It shall also be used to allocate council funds as described in the Financial Policies Section of these Codes.

1.2 GSA Code of Ethics

1.2.1 Officers, appointees, employees, and representatives of and to the UCLA Graduate Students Association, shall abide by the following GSA Code of Ethics and pledge to:

   1.2.1.1 Uphold the credibility, integrity, and reputation of GSA by conducting ourselves at all times in a professional manner.

   1.2.1.2 Comply with the letter and intent of the GSA Constitution, Codes, and policies, and all other applicable governing documents.

   1.2.1.3 Avoid undue harm to others and remain mindful of the need to protect their physical and mental well-being.

   1.2.1.4 Give to the performance of our duties the most earnest effort and thought, seeking to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of completing assigned tasks.

   1.2.1.5 Avoid any actual or possible conflict of interest by placing the interest of our fellow members in advance of our own.
1.2.1.6 Not use our positions as representatives of GSA to receive personal enrichment or to direct such enrichment to specific others, except as specified in the GSA Codes.

1.2.1.7 Honor our responsibility to all members of GSA by not allowing our personal beliefs or interests to interfere with the fair representation of the aims and interests of GSA and its members.

1.2.1.8 Make no private financial promises of any kind binding upon the duties of the office, since no member has private word which has binding power.

1.2.1.9 Honor confidentiality of privileged information held by GSA.

1.2.1.10 The resources of GSA are the collective property of all graduate students at UCLA, and the members of GSA must act as responsible stewards of those resources.

1.2.2 Violations of the GSA Code of Ethics shall be referred to Forum for a hearing as described in Article VIII.B of the Constitution. Forum shall consider possible sanctions, including removal from office, as authorized by Article VII.A of the Constitution and reduction or removal of stipend.

1.2.3 Grievances will only be considered if alleged actions occurred within 9 months of filing.