

Legislation to Amend the MPSC Departments

Background:

Departments at UCLA are not static institutions. Some are renamed to give a new sense of branding and purpose to the same group of individuals. Interdisciplinary studies move out of the edges of two or more departments and forge a new department for themselves. A shifting academic landscape is a sign of progress and innovation.

GSA nonetheless is divided into thirteen (13) councils. Unfortunately, our governing document outlining which departments are in which councils (GSA Code §2) is woefully out of date. This makes the dispersal of funds difficult, as enrolment numbers can only be finalised when we know which departments belong to which council. Fortunately, GSA Forum decides which department belongs to which council, so we may take care of this issue presently.

Principle:

In order to keep our governing documents accurate, MSPC seeks to correct the departments associated to it. We would encourage other councils to do the same, either by amending this piece of legislation on the floor or by writing similar pieces of legislation.

Action:

Be it enacted by the Graduate Student Association here assembled, that the GSA Code §2.1.2 be amended to read:

Math and Physical Sciences: Astronomy; Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences; Mathematics; Physics; Statistics

Be it further enacted, that the GSA website be updated to reflected this change, and further that the Council Roster be updated with current information.

Be it further enacted, that other councils ensure that they are represented accurately in the GSA Code and on the GSA website.

Respectfully submitted,

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