

The Mathematics Graduate Student Council Constitution

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1 Membership

The Mathematics Graduate Student Council [MGSC] will consist of five or six members. Specifically, five members will be elected and the Lead Teaching Assistant [Lead TA] will be appointed to the council. If the Lead TA is already an elected member of the council, then the council will have only five members. If the Lead TA is not an elected member of the council, he or she will lose their appointment to the council when he or she no longer holds the position of Lead TA.

Each elected member will serve a term of two calendar years. Outgoing members can be reelected.

2 Election

Elections will be held during the spring semester of each year, after March 1 and before Dead Week. Candidates will be solicited from the populace and may nominate themselves. Candidates must be mathematics graduate students but are not required to be Teaching Assistants [TAs]. The method of voting is the instant runoff method, where candidates are ranked in order of preference. If a majority candidate does not emerge through redistribution, a runoff election will be held. At the time of nominations, an e-mail will be sent to graduate students informing them of the members continuing to serve on the council, and the departing members of the council. This information will also be placed on the ballot.

3 Duties

3.1 Vinograde award

Select a committee to determine the Vinograde Award recipient. The committee must include three representatives (non-first year students) which in sum meet the following requirements:

1. MGSC member
2. International student
3. PhD candidate [i.e., passed all written qualifying exams]
4. Terminal Master's student
5. Non-MGSC member

The committee will follow the Vinograde Award Guidelines to select the award recipient.

3.2 GPSS representatives

Select the members to represent the Mathematics Department on the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS).

3.3 Mathematics graduate committee

3.3.1 Act as a liaison

Serve as a representative for the mathematics graduate student body to the Mathematics Graduate Committee.

3.3.2 Elect a member to serve as the liaison

Select a member to represent the graduate students at Mathematics Graduate Committee meetings. The Lead TA is not allowed to serve as the representative to the Mathematics Graduate Committee.

3.3.3 Drafting of proposals

MGSC can draft proposals to send to the Graduate Committee for consideration. These proposals may concern changes in department policy. Graduate students are encouraged to bring concerns and ideas to the attention MGSC.

3.4 President selection

Select a President for MGSC during the transition meeting (with both incoming and outgoing members of the committee). Neither first year members nor the Lead TA are allowed to serve as President.

3.5 Communication with mathematics graduate student body

Inform the mathematics graduate student body as to the activities of MGSC as needed.

3.6 Graduate student colloquium

Schedule speakers for the Graduate Student Colloquium in conjunction with the DOGE.