

CONSTITUTION of the GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE of APPLIED MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS, and SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING, MATHEMATICS, & STATISTICS

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PREAMBLE

We, the graduate students of the Applied Mathematics & Statistics, and Scientific Computation (AMSC), Mathematics (MATH), and Statistics (STAT) programs, do hereby establish this Constitution in order that the purpose of the Graduate Student Committee of AMSC, MATH, & STAT be realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I. Name

This organization shall be known as the “Graduate Student Committee of AMSC, MATH, & STAT,” hereafter referred to as “GSCAMS”.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

1. The GSCAMS is a non-profit educational organization with the following goals and purposes:
 - To voice student concerns to the administration of the Graduate School, administration of the Department of Mathematics, Graduate Council, and the AMSC Graduate Committee;
 - To voice concerns of the Graduate Council, AMSC Graduate Committee, and the program directors to the AMSC, MATH, and STAT students;
 - To represent AMSC, MATH, and STAT students in the Graduate Student Government (GSG);
 - To liaise between AMSC, MATH, and STAT students and the UMD Graduate Labor Union;
 - To promote peer mentoring, social interaction, group study, and professional development, and skill development amongst AMSC, MATH, and STAT students.
2. The GSCAMS shall abide by established University of Maryland policies.

ARTICLE III. Membership

1. Membership shall be limited to five (5) to eight (8) currently registered students in the AMSC, MATH, and STAT programs. All members shall have completed the qualifying exam requirements for their program. At least one member representing the AMSC program shall have completed their oral candidacy exam.

2. The membership shall be comprised of at least one (1) member from each of the three programs (AMSC, MATH, and STAT) if possible, with no more than three (3) representatives from each program.
3. The number of members in GSCAMS from each program (AMSC, MATH, and STAT) shall be approximately proportional to the number of students currently enrolled in each program.
4. The GSCAMS openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

ARTICLE IV. Roles & Responsibilities

The GSCAMS shall have the following roles, with no role in a position of authority over any other role. All positions will be unanimously determined at the first GSCAMS meeting of the year.

1. GSG Representatives

1. The GSCAMS shall send at least one (1) member to serve on the UMD Graduate Student Government (GSG).
2. The GSCAMS can send up to one (1) member from each program to serve on the GSG.

2. Program Student Liaisons (PSLs)

1. The GSCAMS shall have one (1) member from each program (AMSC, MATH, and STAT) serve as the PSL for that program.
2. The PSL will be go-to individual for graduate student grievances in their program.
3. The PSL will serve as the Student Representative for their program on the Department of Mathematics Graduate Committee. The responsibilities of this position are determined by the Department of Mathematics.
4. The AMSC PSL will serve as the Student Representative on the AMSC Graduate Committee. The responsibilities of the AMSC Graduate Committee Student Representative are defined in the AMSC Plan of Organization.
5. The AMSC PSL must have passed their oral candidacy exam to serve in this role.
6. The PSLs will be the liaisons between students in AMSC, MATH, and STAT and the UMD Graduate Labor Union.

3. Social and Seminar Chairs

1. The GSCAMS shall have two members serve as the Social and Seminar Chairs.
2. The Social and Seminar Chairs will run the weekly Joint AMSC, MATH, & STAT Student Seminar (JAMS Student Seminar or JAMSSS). Duties include coordinating student speakers; advertising the seminar in the UMD Math Weekly Colloquium/Seminar Notices distributed by the Mathematics Department Chair's Office Coordinator; maintaining the math-jamssss listserv; sending reminder notices to interested seminar attendees at least one (1) day prior to the seminar meeting; attending each weekly seminar meeting; collecting the names and e-mail addresses of all seminar attendees when GSCAMS funds are used in relation to the JAMS Student Seminar, e.g., purchasing snacks or meals for seminar attendees.
3. The Social and Seminar Chairs will also lead the planning on social events and professional development events such as the Welcome Back BBQ, happy hours, study sessions, and career panels. They will also organize or identify organizers for the daily Department of Mathematics' Cookie Time.

4. Treasurer & Professional Society Lead

1. The GSCAMS shall have one (1) member as the Treasurer & Professional Society Lead.
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling all accounts, fundraising and grant requests, budgetary concerns, and other financial matters related to GSCAMS. This includes, e.g., maintaining invoices; promptly sending invoices and lists of event attendees to the Business Manager in the Department of Mathematics for events organized by GSCAMS;
3. The Professional Society Lead will keep track and share information to all students on events and opportunities concerning societies such as the American Mathematics Society (AMS) and the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). Such opportunities may include travel grant funding, workshops, conferences, or fellowships.

5. Chair

1. The GSCAMS will appoint one (1) member as the Chair of GSCAMS.
2. The Chair will facilitate meetings for GSCAMS.
3. The Chair will ensure other roles are being fulfilled by the designated members and serve as a back-up for the other positions.

ARTICLE V. Operations

1. Voting Eligibility

All graduate students in the AMSC, MATH, or STAT programs who are currently registered when an election takes place shall be granted voting privileges.

2. Election Process

1. All members of the GSCAMS shall be elected to serve for one (1) year during the following academic year. The election of the GSCAMS for the following year will take place during the Spring semester of the current year, if possible after the April meeting of the AMSC Graduate Committee and prior to the Last Day of Classes.
2. There is no limit to the number of terms for which a member can be elected to GSCAMS.
3. Nominations for membership will be taken during a one (1) week period before an election takes place. Any eligible voter can nominate a student for membership. Nominated students will be asked by a Program Manager (or person designated thereby) if they are willing to serve on the GSCAMS before the ballot is finalized.
4. *Electorate*: Each eligible voter shall only be allowed to vote for the students nominated for GSCAMS membership in their program. That is, only AMSC students may vote for AMSC GSCAMS members; only MATH students may vote for MATH GSCAMS members; and only STAT students may vote for STAT GSCAMS members.
5. Each eligible voter shall be allowed to vote for as many as two (2) students from a list of nominated students for GSCAMS membership in their program.
6. The eight (8) members of the GSCAMS will be elected as follows:
 - Three (3) seats will be filled by the nominees from each program who received the most votes from their electorates, with this requirement being waived for a program with no nominations on the ballot.
 - Three (3) more seats will be filled by the nominees in each program who received the second most votes from their electorates, with this requirement being waived for a program with at most one nominee on the ballot.

- The remaining two (2) seats will be filled by the nominees in each program receiving the third most votes from their electorates. The choice of programs receiving these seats will be made to ensure proportionate representation, so priority is given to AMSC and MATH nominees.
7. All voting shall be conducted and collected via electronic forms by a Program Manager (or a person designated thereby) in the AMSC or MATH/STAT Program Offices. The results of the election are verified by the outgoing GSCAMS.

3. Meetings

1. The GSCAMS shall meet at least one (1) day before the start of the Fall semester.
2. The GSCAMS shall meet at least twice each semester.
3. Meetings shall be planned, organized, and run by the GSCAMS Chair, with help and input from the members of the GSCAMS.
4. Meetings shall be scheduled such that at least three-fourths (3/4) of the GSCAMS membership can be present.
5. Detailed meeting minutes will be taken and stored in the GSCAMS Google Drive.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments

1. The constitution is binding to all members of the GSCAMS.
2. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any eligible voter and shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the GSCAMS.
3. Amendments will be proposed to all eligible voters for ratification following approval of a majority vote of the GSCAMS.
4. Eligible voters will be given at least one (1) week to review proposed amendments before a ratification vote takes place.
5. Proposed amendments will be effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all those taking place in the current voting procedure.

FIRST AMENDMENT

The role of Early Graduate Student representative is created as an additional member of GSCAMS.

Responsibilities

1. The Early Graduate Student representative shall bring the views and concerns of the first and second year graduate students in the Department of Mathematics to the attention of the council.
2. The Early Graduate Student representative does not need to have passed a qualifying exam to serve on the council.
3. The Early Graduate Student representative, as available, will attend each meeting of GSCAMS and act as an equal member of the council.

Eligibility

The Early Graduate Student representative shall be a first or second year graduate student in the AMSC, MATH, or STAT program.

Election Process

1. The Early Graduate Student representative shall be elected to serve for one (1) year during the current academic year.
2. The Early Graduate Student representative can be elected to this role for at most two (2) terms.
3. The election of the Early Graduate Student representative shall take place in the fall semester, if possible no later than the fourth week of the semester.
4. Nominations for representative will be taken during a one (1) week period before an election takes place. Any eligible voter can nominate a student for membership. Nominated students will be asked by a Program Manager (or person designated thereby) if they are willing to serve as the representative before the ballot is finalized.
5. *Electorate*: The electorate shall consist of all first and second year graduate students in the MATH, AMSC, and STAT programs. Each eligible voter shall only be allowed to vote for one (1) nominee.
6. The Early Graduate Student representative shall be the nominee who receives the most votes.
7. All voting shall be conducted and collected via electronic forms by a Program Manager (or a person designated thereby) in the AMSC or MATH/STAT Program Office. The results of the election are verified by the current GSCAMS.

SECOND AMENDMENT

Modifications of the Constitution to meet criteria for registration with the UMD Student Organization Resource Center (SORC)

Article II

1. The title of Article II shall be changed from "Purpose" to "Mission Statement".
2. Article II Item 2 shall be changed from "The GSCAMS shall abide by established University of Maryland policies." to "The GSCAMS understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Maryland, College Park policies."

Non-Discrimination

The following article shall be added to the Constitution:

The GSCAMS does not restrict membership or discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. (For definitions of "personal appearance" and "sexual orientation," see the University of Maryland's Non Discrimination Policy and Procedures, <https://policies.umd.edu/section/2240/>)