ARTICLE I: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of these Bylaws is to define procedures for annual election of Members and Co-Chairs of the PGC, special election of Members and Co-Chairs of the PGC, and interim elections of Members and Co-Chairs of the PGC.

ARTICLE II: ANNUAL ELECTION OF PGC MEMBERS

SECTION I: Date of Election

Annual election of PGC Members shall occur before the last regular PGC meeting of the Spring quarter. Newly elected positions take office after the last meeting of the Spring quarter.

SECTION II: Announcement of Annual Election

All physics department students shall be notified of the date and time of the election at least one week in advance. A notice containing this information shall also be published in any electronic media generally utilized for graduate student communication.

SECTION III: Nomination of Candidates for Membership

Nominations for elective offices shall be opened no later than one week prior to the election. Candidates for PGC membership must be nominated by a physics department student. Nominations for PGC membership shall remain open until one day prior to the vote. Current nomination lists shall be sent to physics department graduate students, and published in any electronic media generally used for graduate student communication no later than one week prior to the election. These notices shall indicate that nominations shall remain open until one week prior to the vote.
ARTICLE III: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRST-YEAR CLASS

SECTION I: Purpose

The PGC shall provide for the admission of up to two members of the first-year class after the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Fall quarter but before the beginning of the Winter quarter.

SECTION II: Nomination

Nominations of members of the first-year class to the PGC may be made at any time after the beginning of the Fall quarter and before the admission of new members. Any graduate student of the physics department may nominate an eligible member of the first-year class to the PGC. All graduate students of the physics department shall be notified of the nominations period no later than the second week of the fall quarter, by means of any electronic media generally used for graduate student communication.

SECTION III: Election Procedure

If the number of nominees among the first-year students exceeds the number of available positions, an election shall be held among the members of the first-year class. The nominees receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected, up to the number of positions available. The existing membership of the PGC shall break any tie votes. If the number of nominees does not exceed the number of available positions, each candidate shall be separately considered by the PGC, with the approval of a majority of the membership sufficient for election. Members of the first-year class so elected shall be considered to take office immediately. Elected members of the first-year class may serve following their first year as the second year representative without election.

ARTICLE IV: ANNUAL ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS

SECTION I: Election of GSAUCSD physics department representatives

All GSAUCSD representatives for the physics department will be elected according to the guidelines for departmental elections outlined in Article VI of the GSAUCSD Election Bylaws.
SECTION II: ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The chair may be nominated by any student in the physics department. The chair shall be elected by a majority vote of PGC members at the first meeting of fall quarter providing quorum is met. The nominations for chair will be asked to leave the room prior to the vote.

ARTICLE V: SPECIAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OR CHAIRS

SECTION I: Special Election Date

A special election for any vacant position shall be held no later than two regular PGC meetings after the position becomes vacant.

SECTION II: Announcement of Special Elections

All physics department students shall be notified of the date and time of the Special Election at least two weeks in advance.

SECTION III: Nominations

Special Election nominations for vacant member or chair positions shall be open no later than the regular PGC meeting prior to the election. Nominations shall remain open until immediately prior to the PGC vote for that office.

SECTION IV: Voting Procedure

Voting Procedure shall follow the same format as the annual election procedure outlined above in the Election Bylaws.

SECTION V: Installation, Rights and Responsibilities

Members and chairs elected by Special Election shall be installed in office immediately following the election. Members and chairs elected by Special Election shall be accorded the full rights and responsibilities due the office.

ARTICLE VI: Validity of Elections

In order to be valid an election must have a minimum voter turn out of 20% of the physics department graduate student body.