

GPSA Assembly Meeting  
Date: August 26, 2011  
Location: SHESC Building, Room 340

PRESENT: Ivan Zhou, Matthew Savage, Jayson Morrison, Chris MacLellan, James Alling, Eric Luster, Parth Nagarkar, Megan Lindsay, Hannah Reitzel Rivera, Heidi Adams, Jeff Boyd, Mohsin Bashir, Emily Reynolds, Paris Masek, Teresa Minarsich, Adam Monroe, RC Thornton, Kimberly Eversman, Karla Moeller, Christian Vasquez, Lacey Peters

ABSENT: Roger Carter, Ryan Polansky, Flurije Salihu, Brad Burns, Josie Burnley, Rosalie Fisher, Lisa Lacy

BY PROXY: Joseph McCammon, Toby Faber, Christy Mercer

ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Kendra Knight, Rhian Stotts, Tyler Barratt, Andre Denham, Megan Fisk, Erin Kube, Dr. Webber, Dan Ashlock

Call to Order: 2:07pm

- I. Approval of Minutes: approved
- II. Amendments to the Agenda: Moved to consider the confirmation of new assembly members before Old Business on the agenda. 1<sup>st</sup> M. Savage, 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Reitzel Rivera – motion passed
- III. Executive Reports
  - a. Matthew Savage, Assembly President- Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. In addition, Mr. Savage announced a new streamline website that will go into effect as soon as UTO (University Technology Office) redirects the URL. Introductions of Benjamin Wiedmaier as the GPSA Assembly Parliamentarian were made and he was welcomed to the assembly team.
  - b. Kelley Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stewart let the assembly know that the President's report would be online by Monday, August 29, 2011. Also, she discussed the University Spirit, Pride & Tradition initiative to "Be Bold, Go Gold" on Fridays and recognized C. McClellan for wearing gold on Friday. Ms. Stewart recognized GPSA's Executive Director, Megan Fisk. Ms. Fisk introduced the Campus Directors for the 2011-12 year. Laura Aviento, Campus Director for the West campus and Dipika Subramanian, Campus Director for the Polytechnic campus were welcomed. The Campus Director for Downtown is TBD.
  - c. Tyler Barratt, VP of Internal Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
  - d. Rhian Stotts., VP of External Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
  - e. Kendra Knight, VP of Professional Development: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. ASASU Conference Committee: no report

- b. Government Operations: Mr. Savage let the assembly know that a chair for the government operations committee is needed
- c. International Students Committee: Mr. Savage introduced the new chair of the International Students Committee as Parth Nagarkar
- d. Standing GPSA Committees: Appointments were made to fill vacancies on all GPSA standing committees. This is a responsibility of all GPSA assembly members.

V. External Reports

- a. Academic Senate: no report
- b. Graduate College: Dr. Webber spoke about the Graduate College's peer mentoring program called, "Shades". It is for graduate and undergraduate students. He suggested going to the graduate college web site for more details. The site is: <http://graduate.asu.edu/>.
- c. Undergraduate Student Government: no report
- d. Arizona Students Association: Shalayne Pillar, ASA Tempe Campus Organizer, spoke to the assembly encouraging them to visit the ASA website and become familiar with policies and issues pertaining to higher education students.

VI. New Business

a. Confirmation of:

Adam	Monroe	CLAS - Natural Science
Emily	Reynolds	College of Public Programs
Roger	Carter	College of Technology and Innovation - ABSENT
Kimberly	Eversman	Fulton Teacher's College
Lisa	Lacy	Fulton Teacher's College - ABSENT
Eric	Luster	Graduate College At-Large
Jeff	Boyd	Ira A Fulton School of Engineering
Parth	Nagarkar	Ira A Fulton School of Engineering
Rosalie	Fisher	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences - ABSENT
Brad	Burns	Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law – ABSENT
James	Alling	Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Christian	Vasquez	School of Letters and Sciences
RC	Thornton	W.P. Carey School of Business
Megan	Lindsay	Graduate College At-Large

Mr. Savage called for a state approval vote of all new assembly members that are present at the assembly meeting. Vote passed. Mr. Savage said that all tentative assembly members who are not present will be notified that their appointments have been forfeited.

b. AB#03: Amendments to GSO Funding Policy and Procedure: 1<sup>st</sup> M. Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Reitzel Rivera, discussion centered on amending the wording of line 83 & 84 to read "request for funding is recommended for approval". Bill passed.

c. AB#04: Environmental Design & Planning Funding Request: 1<sup>st</sup> P. Nagarkar, 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Reitzel Rivera, discussion centered on what budget line items GPSA would be responsible for and what items the Herberger School of the Arts & Design would accomplish. Bill passed for \$2000 funding.

- VII. Old Business
- VIII. a. AB#01: Budget Approval: 1<sup>st</sup> M. Savage, 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Reitzel Rivera, Ms. Reitzel Rivera moved to replace the old budget with a currently revised GPSA Budget for 2011-2012. Motion passed. The discussion centered on making sure the assembly understood the budget line items and was comfortable with the current budget. Bill passed.
- IX. Graduate Student Forum
- X. a. Committee assignments was accomplished with all assembly members present having signed up the a standing GPSA committee
- XI. b. GPSA athletic involvement: Ms. Stewart addressed the assembly reiterating that graduate students want to honor academics, as well as, athletics during events; such as recognizing an outstanding graduate student at various athletic events. She also asked for help in decorating the graduate student centers on all campuses to support the university's Spirit initiative. Ms. Stewart suggested that any "spirit, pride & tradition" type pictures that graduate students might have should be posted on face book in order to create a spirit driven graduate student effort. This type of effort is noticed and appreciated by the university. One suggested activity was a pre game tailgate party. Ms. Stewart asked members of the assembly to email her with any idea to further the initiative.
- XII. Announcements
  - a. The flyer from the graduate college was pointed out as being a good tool for workshops, etc.
  - b. Mr. Savage let the assembly know that this year the Centennial Professorship Awards were to be run by graduate students. He asked for a volunteer to head these awards.
  - c. Mr. Savage reminded the assembly that all bills are due by 3:30pm on the Wednesday before the assembly meets and any amendments needed to be in writing and submitted before the assembly meetings. He also commented that all executive reports must be in writing and submitted by the Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. before an assembly meeting, noting that failure to do so would result in censure by the assembly.
  - d. Ms. Knight asked the assembly to go online and fill out the GPSA survey and ask other graduate students to do the same.
  - e. Reminder to attend the GPSA Interdisciplinary Social being held at Hula's (Downtown) on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.
  - f. Ms. Stotts let the assembly know that as of the end of the assembly meeting, over 300 students have taken the survey.
- XIII. Adjournment : 4:37pm

