

Report from the Assembly President
October 21, 2011

Assembly Members, Executive Officers, Directors, and GPSA affiliates,

As you will see from today's October meeting, the ninth legislative session of Arizona State University's Graduate and Professional Student Association is a productive one.

We entered this session with 5 open assembly seats, and we welcome one new member today. Also, two other assembly members are slated to be appointed in November. This leaves two open seats: CLAS – Natural Sciences and the School of Journalism. I will be soliciting applications for these positions over the next month.

The GSO funding program has been very active and the Assembly Operations Committee will introduce AB #08 today that summarizes the October funding recommendations. I encourage the assembly to visit the Assembly Operations Committee meeting if they would like to be involved in funding recommendations.

Three important updates are necessary this month. First, please join me in congratulating ASA for hosting the Conference of Arizona Student Leaders this month at Northern Arizona University. Several GPSA executives, including myself, were able to lead sessions for undergraduate student leaders from ASU, NAU, and UA. Second, I have appointed Emily Reynolds as chair of the Centennial Professor program. Please welcome her into her role and support her as she manages the ASASU program for GPSA. Third, Kelley Stewart and I have appointed James Alling to the student government constitution review committee. Please support his work as the GPSA representative to this body of student leaders.

I am looking forward to a productive and successful remainder of the semester in student advocacy and appreciate the commitment that each of you continue to make to improve graduate student life here at Arizona State.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Savage