

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU  
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7 ASSEMBLY BILL # 33

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16 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PRIVATIZATION OF  
17 THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW

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19 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

21 WHEREAS a public university system is mandated by the letter and spirit of the Arizona  
22 Constitution and is crucial to the advancement of society, and

24 WHEREAS public university colleges, including graduate and professional colleges, are  
25 essential to ensure the opportunity of all qualified students to access the programs and  
26 areas of studies they seek to pursue, and

28 WHEREAS the Arizona Board of Regents' (ABOR) "Strategic Realignment 2010  
29 Forward" plan would shift ABOR policy towards "privatization" and "away from public  
30 support for segments of the universities", and

32 NOTING THAT ASU has targeted the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law as the first  
33 program to be privatized, and

35 FURTHER NOTING THAT privatizing the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
36 would result in rapid and unprecedented tuition increases for current students, a  
37 precipitous loss in funding, and a potential decrease in quality and stature of the program,

39 THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT the Graduate and Professional Student  
40 Association (GPSA) hereby resolves to take a public stance against the aforementioned  
41 plan to privatize graduate and professional programs in general and the Sandra Day  
42 O'Connor College of Law specifically, and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly directs the GPSA President, Vice  
45 President of External Affairs, and any other official that speaks on behalf of GPSA to use  
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47 available resources to engage in activities that work to prevent the privatization of  
48 graduate and professional programs in general and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of  
49 Law specifically. Such activities include, but are not limited to, speaking in front of  
50 ABOR's public meetings, speaking with university administrators in public and private  
51 meetings, sending a press release to the ASU State Press, and any other activities that the  
52 aforementioned officers may deem necessary.