ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
GPSA ASSEMBLY
EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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ASSEMBLY BILL # 33

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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PRIVATIZATION OF
THE SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

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

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

WHEREAS the Arizona Board of Regents’ (ABOR) “Strategic Realignment 2010
Forward” plan would shift ABOR policy towards “privatization” and “away from public
support for segments of the universities”, and

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

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

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

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