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ASSEMBLY BILL # 22

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ COMMITTEE

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS GPSA strives to serve the needs of the diverse community of graduate and professional students at Arizona State University, and

NOTING THAT there are 3,856 international students from 127 countries at Arizona State University, the majority (2,324) of which are graduate students¹, comprising 17.7% of the graduate and professional student population. Although a number of international student clubs exist on campus, they are typically aimed at undergraduates and organized in a fractured, single-origin nature, inhibiting the ability of international students to jointly organize to voice international student concerns, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an International Students’ Committee is hereby convened for the remainder of the Eighth Legislative Session. The committee will be tasked with researching international student concerns, identifying and proposing potential solutions, and taking other reasonable actions to benefit the international student community. The committee will be staffed with a minimum of three Assembly Members from whom a Chair will be elected by the committee’s membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Assembly, at the last meeting of the Eighth Legislative Session, evaluate the committee’s effectiveness in accomplishing its goals and make a recommendation to install the committee permanently by means of an amendment to the Bylaws, to maintain the committee on an ad-hoc basis, or to disestablish the committee altogether.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Assembly vote to install the committee permanently, an amendment be made to Title IV of the GPSA Bylaws to clearly define the committee’s role and relevant policies.

¹ “ASU has record international students.” Arizona Republic. November 17, 2010.