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REVIEW OF 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 students, comprising 17.7% of the graduate and professional student population, and, 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, and

FURTHER NOTING THAT the GPSA has, during its 2010-2011 legislative year, implemented an ad-hoc International Students’ Committee (the “Committee”) to research international student concerns, identify and propose potential solutions, and take other reasonable actions to benefit the international student community, and

FURTHER NOTING THAT the Committee has demonstrated its initial effectiveness by engaging the International Students and Scholars Office and its key administration, including the Director, Dr. James Brailer, who has agreed to participate in discussions with the Committee on ways to enhance international students’ academic experience, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Students’ Committee is hereby indefinitely maintained as an ad-hoc committee of the GPSA under its existing policies and directives, until a later determination is made, through passage of an Assembly Bill, to permanently implement the committee into GPSA operations or to disband the committee in favor of an alternative method for advocating on behalf of international students.

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