

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
2 GPSA ASSEMBLY
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6 ASSEMBLY BILL # 53
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15 REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' COMMITTEE
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18 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,
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20 WHEREAS GPSA strives to serve the needs of the diverse community of graduate and
21 professional students at Arizona State University, and
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23 NOTING THAT there are 3,856 international students from 127 countries at Arizona
24 State University, the majority (2,324) of which are graduate students¹, comprising 17.7%
25 of the graduate and professional student population, and, although a number of
26 international student clubs exist on campus, they are typically aimed at undergraduates
27 and organized in a fractured, single-origin nature, inhibiting the ability of international
28 students to jointly organize to voice international student concerns, and
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30 FURTHER NOTING THAT the GPSA has, during its 2010-2011 legislative year,
31 implemented an ad-hoc International Students' Committee (the "Committee") to research
32 international student concerns, identify and propose potential solutions, and take other
33 reasonable actions to benefit the international student community, and
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35 FURTHER NOTING THAT the Committee has demonstrated its initial effectiveness by
36 engaging the International Students and Scholars Office and its key administration, including
37 the Director, Dr. James Brailer, who has agreed to participate in discussions with the
38 Committee on ways to enhance international students' academic experience, therefore
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40 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the International Students' Committee is hereby indefinitely
41 maintained as an ad-hoc committee of the GPSA under its existing policies and
42 directives, until a later determination is made, through passage of an Assembly Bill, to
43 permanently implement the committee into GPSA operations or to disband the committee
44 in favor of an alternative method for advocating on behalf of international students.

¹ "ASU has record international students." *Arizona Republic*. November 17, 2010.