

GPSA Assembly Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2011

PRESENT: Ackman, Bashir, Boyd, Bradley, Burnley, Carter, Coplan, Estevez, Firestone, Hermes, Hertzog, Jain, Kumar, MacLellan, Monroe, Nagarkar, Nogueron, Peters, Polansky, Reitzel-Rivera, Rutkowski, Salihu, Stahl, Tsai, Tucker

ABSENT: Lei, Savage

BY PROXY: Dhara Kothavala for Mercer, Julieta Cruz for Calloway, Russ Lindsay for Richardson, Megan Lindsay for Adams

ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Tyler Barratt, Rhian Stotts, Kendra Knight, Jen Marmo, Liz Cantu, Annette Jecker, Dr. Andrew Webber, Dean Allison, Dr. Josephine Marsh

- I. Call to Order : 3:12pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: R. Polansky 1st and M. Rutkowski 2nd Minutes passed.
- III. Amendments to the Agenda: R. Polansky 1st and A. Monroe 2nd moved to amend agenda moving program disestablishments to external reports – Amended agenda passed.
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. Ryan Polansky, Assembly President- Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
 - b. Kelley Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stewart introduced Regent Jennifer Ginther and reminded the assembly that the ABOR meetings can be reviewed through the ABOR website but some topics discussed were the tuition revision policy, disestablishment of programs and the privatization of the Law School.
 - c. Tyler Barratt, VP of Internal Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
 - d. Conrad W. Ottey, Jr., VP of External Affairs: Effective immediately, Conrad W. Ottey, Jr. has tendered his resignation to Kelley Stewart, President and Ryan Polansky, Assembly President as GPSA's VP of External Affairs. Electing a new VP of External Affairs will be conducted in New Business. Rhian Stotts, Director of Student Advocacy, reported 27 graduate programs are being considered for disestablishment and one great concern of graduate students is the lack of communication and graduate student input of those students directly involved with disestablishment.
 - e. Kendra Knight, VP of Professional Development: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Knight referred to her published monthly report for the assembly to review the professional development travel numbers and PD calendar of upcoming events. She then asked for volunteers for the March 25th Graduate Appreciation Picnic and received 15 volunteers for the project.
 - f. Elizabeth Cantu, Executive Director of Communications and Campus Relations: Ms. Cantu introduced the 3 new Graduate Student Center, Campus Directors Vania Guevara, GSC Campus Director – Downtown Saurabh Chatterjee, GSC Campus Director – Polytechnic Laura Adviento, GSC Campus Director - West
- V. External Reports
 - a. Academic Senate: none
 - b. Graduate College- Dean Maria Allison addressed the topic of program disestablishments. As an overview, Dean Allison reported that ABOR asks each university to list new programs and what programs could be disestablished. It is a vetting process. There is a low productivity report that deans and department heads are asked to provide. They look at budget, head count, enrollment, etc to

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come up with this list for the report. For example, programs that were established 20 years ago and no longer are relevant today would go. Also, redundant programs that can be combined because there is no economic need for both programs to exist. She pointed out that students already enrolled in any program are always protected, however. The Provost makes the decision which programs move forward.

Dean Allison reassured the assembly that quality financial support will continue. Dr. Josephina Marsh, Teachers College, reported that by combining some programs, it has been proven to actually strengthen graduate student support and funding. Questions concerning the lack of communication with graduate students before and during the disestablishment program process were addressed by Dean Allison. She reported that, in fact, no official discussion with students has happened because the programs are just being recommended to ABOR and until everything is reviewed and colleges are on the same page through a review process, no notifications can officially go out to students. Dean Allison said that once all are in agreement, these decisions move quickly. She did say department chairs could talk with faculty and students sooner and that would create quicker communications. Dean Allison concluded with saying that it should be a goal to keep departments in the loop during the strategic planning stage, but, she also reiterated the students are always protected.

Dr. Marsh also concluded with saying the process does not affect accreditation and rules, such as grading requirements, are the same for all students no matter if programs are combined.

Dr. Webber spoke on the topic of graduate student appeals. He said the academic appeals process is that each unit has guidelines for degrees on their website. Each varies by unit. Dr. Webber said that Dr. Joan Brett is taking over the process and working with units to make the appeals process clearer for all students on their websites. Appeals always go through departments/colleges where a committee meets to make a decision. This decision is final.

- c. Undergraduate Student Government: none
- d. Arizona Students Association: Be sure to read all ASA reports on the website, www.azstudents.org

VI. Committee Reports

- a. ASASU Conference Committee: Mr. Polansky reported the committee is monitoring the elections department's progress and preparing for its annual review of the joint graduate-undergraduate sections of the ASASU constitution.
- b. Government Operations: Mr. Rutkowski said that discussion of Gov Ops committee will be held during graduate student forum.
- c. International Students Committee: Ms. Tsai reported that a survey was being constructed to obtain an understanding of the needs of international students.

VII. Old Business – none.

VIII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of Roger Carter to CTI Assembly Seat – 1st Mr. Rutkowski, 2nd Ms. Reitzel Rivera – passed.
- b. Confirmation of Chris MacLellan to At-Large Assembly Seat – 1st Mr. Rutkowski, 2nd Ms. Coplan – passed.
- c. Confirmation of Vice President of External Affairs: Voting for Rhian Stotts as the VP of External Affairs was 1st Ms. Reitzel Rivera, 2nd Ms. Ackman – passed.
- d. Confirmation of GPSA Judiciaries: 1. Rick Cleva, Judiciary 1st Ms. Reitzel Rivera, 2nd Mr. Firestone – passed and 2. Ethan Papailiou, Judiciary 1st Mr. Boyd, 2nd Ms. Coplan- passed.
- e. AB #27: Student Bar Association: Barristers Ball 1st Ms. Hertzog, 2nd Mr. Monroe – bill passed \$2000

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- f. AB#28: Spanish Graduate Association: 14th Annual Spanish Graduate Conference 1st Ms. Estevez, 2nd Mr. Rutkowski-bill passed \$2000
 - g. AB#29: Local to Global Justice: Local to Global Justice 10th Annual Teach-In 1st Ms. Reitzel Rivera, 2nd Ms. Lacey- bill passed \$2000
 - h. AB#30: American Indian Graduate Student Association: AIGSA American Indian Student Research Symposium 1st Ms. Hertzog, 2nd Ms. Reitzel Rivera – bill passed \$2000
 - i. AB #31 American Indian Graduate Student Association: AIGSA American Indian Art and Fashion Show 1st Ms. Reitzel Rivera, 2nd Mr. Monroe –motion was made to table to March 11th Assembly Meeting – motion passed.
 - j. AB#32 Sports and Entertainment Law Association: Teenage Paparazzo – after passing 3 amendments to change where the \$2000 funded amount would spent (1400.00 speaker fees from Range Life Entertainment and HBO and \$600.00 for educational DVD Course Packets) bill passed \$2000.
 - k. AB#33 A Resolution Opposing the Privatization of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law: 1st Ms. Hertzog, 2nd Mr. Rutkowski – After much discussion:
 - 1. Ms. Hertzog reporting having discussions with the dean and researching 2 other law schools that have gone the way of privatization and getting no state funds, she concluded that these schools were huge fund raising institutions and the difference would be that the law school’s funding at ASU would fall on the backs of the students totally. She also suggested that this would be a mistake because Alumni contribute to an Alma Mater, not to a separate entity.
 - 2. Ms. Stewart and Ms. Stotts had concerns about what their specific roles would be if this bill passed. They were concerned it put them in an untenable position with GPSA. Ms. Stewart motioned to table the bill to committee –motion denied.
 - 3. Motion to amend bill by altering the language was 1st Mr. MacLellan and 2nd Mr. Rutkowski – change line 45 to say “requests” instead of directs, change line 46 to “Affairs, or any other official that speaks on behalf of GPSA...” - amended bill #33 passed.
 - l. At this point quorum failed and Bills #34 - #39 were automatically tabled until the next general Assembly meeting.
- IX. Graduate Student Forum
- a. Gov Ops: Special Sessions & Campus Directors – tabled because of time restrictions
 - b. Program Disestablishments – discussed during External Reports
 - c. University Appeals Process – discussed with Dr. Webber during External Reports, Graduate College
- X. Announcements: none
- XI. Adjournment: 6:24pm

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Last Name	First Name	Assembly Seat	Table													
			AB 27	AB 28	AB 29	AB 30	Table AB 31	Amend AB 32	Amend AB 32 (2)	Amend AB 32 (3)	Extend AB 32	AB 32	Table AB 33 to EA	Extend AB 33	Amend AB 33	AB 33
Ackman	Emily	Education 4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	3	3	1	1
Adams	Heidi	Public Programs 2	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
Bashir	Mohsin	Public Programs 1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boyd	Jeff	Engineering 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Bradley	Jamin	Business 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
Burnley	Josie	Nursing Health 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Calloway	David	Public Programs 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
Carter	Roger	CTI 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Coplan	Becky	New College 1	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estevez	Dulce	CLAS Humanities 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Firestone	Jonah	Education 1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Hermes	Ed	Law 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Hertzog	Erin	Law 1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Jain	Vishant	Business 2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2
Kumar	Shamanth	Engineering 4	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lei	Nyomi	Engineering 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MacLellan	Chris	At Large 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Mercer	Christy	Sustainability 1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	3	-	1	2	1	1	1
Monroe	Adam	CLAS Natural 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Nagarkar	Parth	Engineering 2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nogueron	Silvia	Education 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Peters	Lacey	Education 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	2	-	-
Polansky	Ryan	Business 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	2	1
Reitzel Rivera	Hannah	CLAS Social 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Richardson	Justin	At Large 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Rutkowski	Michael	CLAS Natural 2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Salihu	Flurije	CLAS Humanities 1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Savage	Matthew	CLAS Social 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stahl	Jessica	Letters Sciences 1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Tsai	YiRen	Arts 2	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Tucker	Ebony	Arts 1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-