ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU
GPSA ASSEMBLY
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ASSEMBLY BILL # 23

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RENEWING A GPSA STANCE AGAINST GUNS ON CAMPUS

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS in recent legislative sessions, legislation has been proposed to override Arizona Board of Regents and University policies regarding the prohibition of firearms on campus; and,

WHEREAS University Presidents and administrators and the Arizona Board of Regents are in opposition to legislation that would allow concealed or unconcealed firearms carried by students, faculty, staff, or visitors on University campuses, except by University authorized law enforcement personnel; and,

WHEREAS Arizona law already allows people to store firearms in their locked vehicles on campus and Universities already provide monitored gun storage with the campus Police Departments; and,

WHEREAS the 130,000 University students in Arizona, in addition to the thousands of K-12 students who regularly visit our campuses, should have access to an educational environment that is free from distractions and open to challenging ideas and dialogue,

WHEREAS the majority of students have not demanded changes to existing university policy regarding weapons on campus,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association supports the right of the Arizona Board of Regents and Universities to establish and monitor rules that are appropriate to our dynamic environment, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association opposes SB1474 and HB2254 of the Second Regular
Session of the Fiftieth Legislature, as well as any future legislation that would override the authority of the Arizona Board of Regents and Universities to set rules deemed appropriate for our institutions.