

GPSA
Office of Professional Development
Report to the Assembly
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1. Welcomes and Department Orientations

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Welcomes and Department Orientations! This year we were able to speak with over 1,900 incoming graduate and professional students at their department orientations. Last year we spoke with just over 700 students. We also switched all of our promotional material on to flash drives to be more cost effective. The folder cost totaled \$3.60 each and the flash drives were only \$3.38 each. Also we did not have to spend the 20 or more hours stuffing the folders. I would definitely recommend the flash drives for future events.

Folders	1.55
Paper (.8 X 10)	0.8
Cutting Paper	0.75
Pen	0.46
Facebook Sticker	0.04
Total	3.6

2. Sun Devil Coalition

a. Description

This coalition serves the ASU community in a cooperative effort to further promote Sun Devil Spirit, Pride, & Tradition in all aspects of ASU student life. Bi-weekly local board meetings occur at each campus and are facilitated by the GPSA Campus Director (Downtown, Polytechnic, and West) and the GPSA Director of Events (Tempe) as well as the Undergraduate Student Governments' Vice-President of Services. In attendance at the local

board meetings are representatives from all student organizations. There are also bi-weekly Universal Board Meetings with the USG VPS, the coalition facilitator, and myself. The local board meetings are a time for the student organizations to share their events with the group and collaborate on joint events. The universal board meetings will be used to collaborate across campuses.

b. Devils On Mill

The Sun Devil Coalition has been working on the newest Sun Devil tradition - Devils on Mill. Devils on Mill is the result of the evolution in Spirit, Pride, and Tradition at ASU. This re-imagined Pre-Game Experience for home football game will be hosted in 6th Street Park on the corner of 6th Street and Mill Avenue in Downtown Tempe four (4) hours prior to kick-off. This event is for the ASU community. There will be free food and giveaways!

c. SunDevilsCount

ASASU partnered with ASU's University Technology Office to create an ASU smartphone application that promotes student engagement. Students will be able to use this app to find about all events going on at ASU that are hosted by our student clubs and organizations. If you attend an event and are within the GPS radius of the event during the time of the event, you will be able to check in to receive points. There will also be the option to swipe into events with your suncard if you do not have a smartphone. Points will be used to redeem prizes such as ASU shirts, flags, etc... Each month we will be raffling off grand prizes such as Flat Screen TVs and Ipads based on the points you have accumulated. What you are looking at right now is just an old prototype. SunDevilsCount will launch in late September.



3. *Survey Launch*

Amanda and I have been working hard on changes to the Graduate and Professional Student Needs Assessment survey that will launch September 3. Please make sure to forward the announcement on to your constituents, as this is how we know what they want from us! They can also win an iPod shuffle for participating.

4. *Graduate College Professional Development Seminars*

I will be meeting with the Graduate College throughout the year to help with the professional development seminars, the preparing future faculty program and the teaching assistant development. Please let me know if you have any thoughts about these programs.

5. *Upcoming Events*

More information will be made available about the upcoming socials and other events in September.

Research Networking Event

October 10 from 4 to 6
MU Ventana C

This new event will provide both undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to network with one another on interdisciplinary projects.

Community Service Event

TBD

Social

TBD

Homecoming Event

TBD