

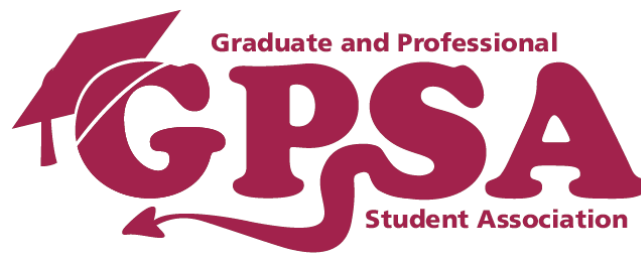
Vice President of External Affairs January 2014 Report

- Currently working with EA Directors and other GPSA leaders to develop the first-ever GPSA Student Advocacy Awards. \$2000 will be given away in two or three awards to graduate students who are outstanding in their advocacy efforts. Graduate students can apply themselves and will be nominated. These awards will be the central project undertaken by the EA Committee this semester. Awards are to be given at the GPSA Awards Banquet.
- Communicating with a group assembled by the ASU Libraries to plan Open Access Week in March.
- GPSA will join NAGPS's national day of action on student debt, which will take place in March. More details to come.
- Working with NAGPS's Director of Legislative Affairs to plan the immigration component of the Legislative Days of Action in March.
- Will be conferencing with a representative from FWD.us to plan an advocacy action for immigration reform that involves graduate student participation.
- Currently collaborating with a group of student advocates and professor from the law school who have volunteered their time to help GPSA develop position papers and other advocacy materials.
- First Gradvocracy Update of the semester will be delivered on January 31st.

Director Reports:

Director of Legislative Affairs

- Arizona Students' Association (ASA)
 - ASA has hired student vote registration organizers and continues to recruit student volunteers to help meet its registration quotas.
 - ASA is beginning to receive funding for its successful voter registration (this means its new funding model is picking up speed!).
 - Final discussions on the new structure of ASU take place this weekend, and the current model is very much like USSA and NAGPS rather than a more traditional non-profit. There will still be a board of directors.
 - 4-year tuition freeze update (ASA's call to discuss this happened after the submission deadline for this report).
- Sun Devil Advocates breakfast
 - Attended to hear Michael Crow speak about the state of ASU and his opposition to the 4 year tuition freeze program.
 - This freeze option was mentioned by Gov. Brewer in her state of the state address on Monday and included in an Arizona House of Representatives bill that did not make it to the floor last year but is expected to return this legislative session.
- Two-tier voter system in Arizona Update
 - If/when this becomes actionable, we will send out an action alert to mobilize the students.
 - Remind concerned constituents that they can always check their statuses at recorder.maricopa.gov.



- Voter Registration
 - Please continue to refer anyone who needs to register to our [GPSA/EA voter registration page](#).

Director of Student Advocacy

Currently working on the following initiatives:

1. Comprehensive Mental Health training for TAs - working with the ASU Counseling Center and TA Development
2. Suicide Prevention Week - working with HCSAC
3. Forum uniting all health and wellness student organizations - working with the Well Devils
4. The Well Juice Bar is up and running and the CSA-type boxes have already been given out. I have a picture of the first graduate student picking his up which can go in the first Gradvocracy Update when we're back!

Sincerely,
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