

**Assembly President's Report**  
**September 2013**

Members of the Assembly:

Welcome to the Second General Session of the Assembly. I will speak to the operations of the Assembly since our last meeting and address the business we are considering today.

**New Member Confirmation**

As of right now, the Assembly has 36 seats and 18 of them are filled. We distribute these seats amongst the various colleges of ASU to best enable representation of *all* graduate and professional students.

To fill a vacancy, a candidate must first be eligible for student government service with ASU and then must be nominated by the Assembly Operations Committee. After this, they must be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Assembly.

In cases where there are more applicants than seats, the Assembly Operations Committee will occasionally nominate a plurality. In this case, the Assembly will elect the nominee and then will confirm the winner of the election in two separate votes.

The following qualified candidates have been nominated *with a recommendation to confirm* for the following positions (with committee votes):

1. Shawna Morris – Assembly Member Candidate College of Public Programs | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0] [Yes – No – Abstain – No Response]
2. Jennifer Jermaine – Assembly Member Candidate College of Public Programs | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0]
3. Carolina Coronel – Assembly Member Candidate College of Public Programs | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0]
4. Jillian Childress – Assembly Member Candidate College of Public Programs | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0]
5. Heather Kropp – Assembly Member Candidate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Life Sciences | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0]
6. Amelia Topper – Assembly Member Candidate – Mary Lou Fulton College of Education | [5 – 0 – 0 – 0]

**Joint Legislative Collaboration**

At the previous meeting, we resolved to work with the USG senates to coordinate a joint legislative session. This is a really slow process. I have not heard very many responses and this may take much more time.

I will keep you posted, but at this juncture I am going to strongly recommend that we assign Assembly Members to represent the Graduate Assembly at USG Senate Meetings. Please let me know if you are interested.

### **Committee Assignments**

Committees offer opportunities for members to have direct access and role in the executive departments of the GPSA. All assembly members must join a standing committee and all standing committees are required by our rules to have a minimum number of Assembly Members on them. There are additionally ad hoc committees. GPSA's rules afford the Assembly President the right to appoint any graduate student to executive of legislative committees. Additionally the GPSA President has the right to create and fill executive committees.

The document "Committee Assignments" represents—what I feel—is an effective distribution of skills and perspectives in these roles.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am always here to help.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/  
James Alling