

Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

Date: August 22, 2014



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
 - August 22, 2014: Wrigley Hall, L1-04
 - September 19, 2014: Memorial Union, Mohave
 - October 24, 2014: Memorial Union, Mohave
 - November 21, 2014: Location TBD
 - December 12, 2014: Location TBD
 - January 23, 2015: Location TBD
 - February 20, 2015: Location TBD
 - March 20, 2015: Location TBD
 - April 17, 2015: Location TBD
- All meetings start at 2:00 pm.

Action Required

- Complete the Assembly Member Action Checklist
- Committee Request Form: Please fill this out by Saturday morning. If you do not, I will guess. (See your email for an active link as well)
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1REEN_3Weh6NtyweL-2JSRncjfSnI3yUOOUIT9ovO6ao/viewform?usp=send_form
- GPSA Volunteer form: This will connect you with the VPs working with different social events and committees. It also is your way into doing any kind of review for travel and Jump Start grants, observing for the Teaching program, etc. Scroll to the bottom and click continue.
 - <http://gpsa.asu.edu/volunteer/>

Summer Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 6/27/14, 7/28/14, 8/12/14

Members Present: Andy Waldron, Parth Nagarkar, Emily McIvor, Bobby Abdallah, Mustafa Demir, Katie A. Brown, and Yashu Chen.

Members Absent: Varied, based on the date, as well as travel plans. Parth Nagarkar shifted to Director of International Student Concerns after the June meeting.

Minutes of Summer Assembly Operations Committee Meetings

- Budget: Presented a draft of the final budget and discussed some of the Assembly specific items. We then crafted a bill.
- Incentive Program: Discussed various ways to reward excellence in Assembly membership, both on the individual level and the group level.
- Assembly Leadership Duties: Discussed and clarified the duties of the Assembly President Pro-Tempore and the Assembly Parliamentarian/Secretary. Based on these discussions we crafted a bill for the initial changes.
- Appointing New Members: Reviewed application materials for new Assembly members and crafted the bill.
- Committee Requirements: Discussed the two committee rule structure.
- GSO Funding Rules: Reviewed the current state of the GSO funding website, discussed changes that needed to be made, and crafted a resolution to adjust policies to actual practice and University requirements.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting:

- Summer Assembly Operations is disbanded for the remainder of the academic year.
- Assembly Operations will begin soon.

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- Staffing Changes & the Affordable Care Act (ACA): So the ACA has rules about how much work an employee can do before he/she is required to receive benefits from the employer. TA/RA appointments with a .50 FTE position have the potential to cross that threshold when taking on a leadership position in GPSA. In order to avoid this problem, GPSA stipends have shifted to GPSA scholarships. In order to create a more consistent level of scholarships, the Directors and Assembly President Pro-Tempore & Assembly Parliamentarian/Secretary were all set to the same scholarship amount. This made us re-evaluate and adjust the leadership responsibilities of these two Assembly positions. Frankly, we want to make sure that the Assembly & our constituents get the most bang for the buck.
- Resignation: This summer, Jason Striker resigned from his position as Vice President of Internal Affairs. Thank you for your patience during the process, your discussions over the Google Doc, your electronic voting diligence, and your attention to this matter. This is not a process that is served best by electronic discussion and voting, but in order to deal with the massive amount of work to get the GPSA year started off right, we simply could not wait until today's meeting to

vote in a replacement. Kerrie Wilkins has been doing an amazing job and I am confident she will serve GPSA well.

- Budget: We vote on the Budget today. Please examine it closely and ask questions. We will be working with the allocation for the entire fiscal year. Please note the influx of new money from the Student fee increase and it's direct connection to an increase in Travel Grant funding. Also note the funds for new programs in development.
- Recruitment: We are working hard to recruit more members for the Assembly. There are programs that are particularly hard to fill. Reach out to friends, colleagues, and share your experience with the Assembly. Have them contact me for more information or for details about how to apply to be an Assembly Member.
 - Current Challenging Vacancies
 - Nursing (1 seat)
 - Teachers College (4 seats)
 - WP Carey Business (4 seats)
 - Sustainability (1 seat)
 - Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (1 seat)
 - Health Solutions (1 seat)
 - Cronkite Journalism & Mass Comm (1 seat)
- Committee Requirements: Currently Assembly Members are required to sit on two GPSA committees. In order to increase the participation of GPSA members on university committees, I'd like to start a discussion about allowing one of the two committee assignments to be a university committee. These are appointed positions by the GPSA President.
- GSO Funding Rules: This summer, we reviewed the current state of the GSO funding website. It is pretty out of date, contains documents that were not being used and procedures that simple are not relevant any more. Representative Mclvor took the lead, investigated, and then updated the language for the website. One large change is the limit on clothing purchases. Summer Assembly Operations decided to start with a \$250 limit per semester for clothing purchases. The cost can certainly be more, but that is the limit one the amount a GSO will receive from GPSA for that particular line item.
 - In order to get a better idea of the costs, here are the past two years of clothing requests. I do not have easy data on which were passed or rejected by the Assembly.
 - Social Work Student Organization (2012): \$585 for 22 shirts
 - Social Work Student Organization (2013): \$673.43 for 21 sweatshirts
 - Latino Grad Student Alliance (2012): \$326.16 for 36 shirts

- Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (2013): \$414.33 for shirts (Qty ?)
 - Incoze Student Division (2013): \$800 for 40 shirts
 - Bio Medical Engineering Adventure Movement(2013): \$247.75 for 25 shirts
 - Iranian Student Association (2013): \$200 for shirts (Qty ?)
 - Iranian Student Association (2014): \$300 for shirts (Qty ?)
 - Parkour (2013): \$249.99 for 15-20 shirts
 - WP Carey Volunteer Council (2014): \$1200 for (Qty ?)
- Assembly Member Expectations
 - Attend the Assembly Meetings: If you are unable to attend you need to send a proxy (substitute Assembly member). Ideally, this would be someone from your program. Have that person introduce him/herself at the before the meeting begins. You have a limited quantity of absences before you are removed from the Assembly. We only have 9 meetings.
 - Participate in Two Committees: This means once a month meetings and being an active member of the committee. Keep in contact with your committee chair and have fun.
 - Attend GPSA Social & Advocacy Events: Please attend and spread the word to your peers. We need to represent, mingle, learn, and meet our constituents.
 - Distribute information to and from the Assembly from your entire constituency. Consider the various smaller departments and degrees within your school. Find ways to reach out to those that are outside of your immediate area.
 - Respect, Listen, Enjoy, and Serve.