

Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

Date: September 19



### Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
  - September 19, 2014: Memorial Union, Mohave 236
  - October 24, 2014: Memorial Union, Mohave 236
  - November 21, 2014: **West Campus**, Specific Location TBD
  - December 12, 2014: Memorial Union, Cochise 228
  - January 23, 2015: **Polytechnic Campus**, Location TBD
  - February 20, 2015: Tempe Campus, Location TBD
  - March 20, 2015: **Downtown Campus**, Location TBD
  - April 17, 2015: Tempe Campus, Location TBD
- All meetings start at 2:00 pm.

### Action Required

- Attend your committee meetings
- Review the available University Boards and Committees and consider participating. Contact German Cadenas with questions and to move the process forward.
- Attend the October 3rd GPSA social! (See the VP of Prof. Dev. report for more details)

### Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 9/15/14

Members Present: Emily McIvor, Katie Brown, Andy Waldron

Members Absent: Jillian Childress, Bobby Abdallah, Peter Krehbiel, David Bakardiev

### Minutes of Summer Assembly Operations Committee Meetings

- Discussed the GSO events with each of the representatives and asked questions about the various programs.
- Conferred with Stacy about some unique funding request line items to confirm they were appropriate and reimbursable by the University.
- The committee then discussed the need to monitor the overall GSO funding levels so that we make sure we are financially pacing ourselves over the upcoming year.

- Shared ideas about how the Assembly Meetings might run more smoothly in the future including reinforcing the speaker's list, focusing questions to individuals instead of the whole group, reducing the meeting packet size, adding in break times, layering in the Constitution/By-law time limits
- Reviewed the Assembly candidates' application materials and sent them all onto the Assembly for a vote.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: TBD. We are working to find a day of the week that works better for the committee members. A Doodle poll will be sent out to the committee to get a better sense of availability. In terms of the date, it will be after October 7, 2014.

### Government Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 9/12/14

Members Present: Daniel Burillo, Emily Mclvor, Owen McKenna, Bryson Jones, David Bakardjiev

Members Absent: None

### Minutes of Summer Assembly Operations Committee Meetings

The meeting consisted of:

1. Lunch
2. Team introductions
3. Discussion of role of Government Operations and current issues with GPSA processes (Travel funding)
4. Recap of previous years' Government Ops committee work (no meetings)
5. Agreement of general team logistics:
  1. Group email thread for general non-urgent communications
  2. Standing meeting or conference call time if needed will be noon Fridays (with notice)
  3. A Google doc workbook will be maintained with team member contact info, action items, and responsibilities
6. Next actions: list responsibilities and timings as defined in Assembly constitution and bylaws (<1pg) by next assembly meeting.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: Fridays at Noon. Date is TBD.

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- Homecoming Parade: The annual parade is on the morning of Saturday, November 1, 2014. Last year we rented a fun trolley, had special GPSA Homecoming t-shirts...and around 10-15 people showed up. We had a blast walking around before and seeing all the ASU spirit, interacting with undergrad groups, and then goofing around on the float. I feel that we can do more and get more of the graduate student community involved...Time to gauge interest.
- 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 Vacancies (Predicted after Assembly Vote)
    - Nursing (1 seat)
    - College of Public Programs (2 seats)
    - Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (1 seat)
    - WP Carey Business (2 seats)
    - Sustainability (1 seat)
    - Cronkite School of Journalism (1 seat)
- Committee Requirements Clarification: Once you have been confirmed as a University Board and Committee member, talk to me and we can drop one of your GPSA committee assignments. In order to keep balance, I may decide which committee you are dropping.
- Rule Clarification from the last meeting: There was some question about if a new graduate student needed to have one term of graduate experience before serving on the Assembly. During the debate I had mentioned that I remember Dan talking about that rule specifically last year. I remembered the details. The rule is in place, and in the elections section, so that graduating undergraduate students who will be graduate students in the fall cannot be put on the ballot. It seems like the rule is trying to insure that graduate students are voting for current graduate students, and not those who may or may not be graduate students in the near future. In the discussions between Dan and I, it was clear this did not pertain to new graduate students seeking to fill empty seats in the fall.
  - The text reads as follows (the underlined portion is the section in question):
    - A. Nominations Procedure
      - a. Potential Assembly Members and Executive Officers shall be nominated during a Nominations Period.
      - b. All candidates must be members of the GPSA at the time of election, with the following restrictions:

i. candidates for [GPSA] executive positions may serve on the staff of the Arizona Students' Association (ASA) before the close of the elections but may not serve as an ASASU staff member after the election if the candidate is awarded an executive position.

ii. Candidates for GPSA Assembly positions must have completed one semester of enrollment at the graduate or professional level prior to the close of nominations.

- If this is language you think needs further clarification, we can certainly work to add more specific language to the Bylaws. I'm sure the Government Ops committee would love to hear your ideas as well. You can contact me or Daniel Burillo with your thoughts.
- Assembly Member Expectations Reminder
  - Attend the Assembly Meetings: If you are unable to attend you need to send a proxy (substitute Assembly member). 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.
  - 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.