

Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

Date: November 21, 2014



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
 - November 21, 2014: **Polytechnic Campus, 2:30 pm, SU Cooley Ballroom A**
 - December 12, 2014: Memorial Union, Cochise 228
 - January 23, 2015: Downtown or Tempe Campus, Location TBD*
 - February 20, 2015: Downtown or Tempe Campus, Location TBD*
 - March 20, 2015: **West Campus, 2:30 pm, UCB 265/266**
 - April 17, 2015: Tempe Campus, Location TBD
- All meetings on Tempe campus start at 2:00 pm. Meetings at Poly, West, & Downtown will start at 2:30 pm.
- I'd like to have some Assembly members who have experience in Poly/West/Downtown to talk to the Assembly about challenges, successes, and campus information on each location.

Action Required

- Attend your committee meetings
- Requested (but not required): Last Home Football Game of the Season
 - Tomorrow, Saturday, 22, 11:00 am game
 - Wristbands are distributed starting at 1:30 am...how about we gather in the morning at 9:00? 9:30? Thoughts? We could walk over as a group and get tickets.
 - Let's fill the grad student section...and hang out.

Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 11/11/14

Members Present: Emily McIvor, Michael Bernstein, Andrew Waldron

Members Absent: Jillian Childress, Katie Brown, Bobby Abdallah, Peter Krehbiel, David Bakardjiev

The Assembly Operations Committee met on November 11 to review GSO funding applications and new GPSA Assembly member applications. We have allocated just over half of the year's budget for GSO funding (including the November cycle GSO funding to be approved), but the actual amount spent is much less. We are continuing to discuss the GSO funding application and whether it's as effective as we'd like it to be.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 9 at 5:00 pm.

Government Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: Has not met since the last General Assembly meeting

Members Present: Meeting Soon

The Committee has received documentation from the Assembly President for previous year's Bills not implemented and Judicial Code

Will be meeting next on 11/25 to:

- Review GPSA Judicial Code
- Review policy and precedent on external communications and speaking to the press
- Review previous years bills not implemented
- Review previous internal Review report
- Prepare a response to the Assembly President with suggestions for next actions, and
- Draft clarifications to Constitution or Bylaws accordingly
- Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 9 at 5:00 pm.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: November 25. See Daniel Burillo for details.

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- Homecoming Parade: Thank you for your replies to the post-event email. I'm not one to talk about my feelings, so I really respect your openness and honesty. The general consensus seemed to be that things came up...some avoidable and others not. The problem really arose with everyone having other places to be, and no one being where I hoped they would be. Let's talk about this more at the meeting. Here are the suggestions from the emails.
 - Digital Sign-Up: We need a way to get people to commit to the event, easily remind them of the event, and get a secured list with contact information.
 - A Google Doc that each Assembly Member must fill out either indicating attending/not attending the event.
 - Keeping in mind the difference between a hard commitment and a soft commitment.
 - A Facebook event to serve as a reminder and an RSVP
 - Encouraging friends to attend an event as well.
 - Phone calling the night before to remind/confirm attendance
 - Get a commitment on numbers before organizing and paying for an event
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Committee: CLAS representatives, please speak to me about interest in forming the CLAS committee to meet with your dean. If so, let's get this up and running for late October/early November.
- 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 (1 seat)
 - Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (1 seat)
 - WP Carey Business (2 seats)
 - 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. Let's check in at Friday's meeting about who has already been assigned to a University Board/Committee.
- Service Awards: This year we will be trying something different. Each year, monetary awards are given to Assembly members who shone in service to GPSA and the graduate students we serve. Award recipients will be chosen by the heads of the various committees.
- Upcoming Travel to Washington DC: Each year, GPSA sends a group of graduate student leaders to attend an event in Washington DC to speak with lawmakers about issues that are important to graduate students. Jesus will be organizing a similar event in the spring of 2015. The Assembly and Execs have funding available to help support this travel. Look for more upcoming details.
- Assembly Seats: At our December meeting, we will be converting any remaining open seats to At-Large positions for the remainder of the year. Please let your friends and colleagues know about the At-Large positions so at the January meeting, we can fill those seats. Each area/institute/school is only allowed a maximum of 7 seats total.

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.
- Respect, Listen, Enjoy, and Serve.