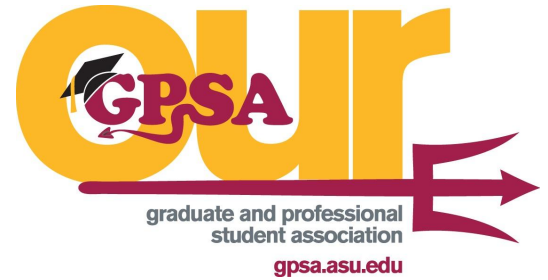


## Executive Report

From the Office of *the VP of Professional Development*

Date: 10-17-14



### Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes

TOTAL # of Members: 20

Members Present:

Assembly Members: Andy Waldron, Jillian Childress

Graduate Students: Sagar Pipada, Vivek Reddy Vanapalli, Dinesh Allam, Rajat Aggarwal, Sushrut Dabir

Members Absent:

Director: Chris Reina

Assembly Members: Amelia Topper, Yanqin Liu, Yashu Chen, Irfan Kula;

\*\*Christian Sandoval and Evelyn Baca added AFTER last meeting

Graduate students: Piper Ruiz, Manish Jadhav, Varun Reddy Pulluru, Naga Abhishek Bollapragada, Victor Sanjai Vincent, Neeraj Chinthi Reddy

### *Description/Minutes of Committee Meeting*

- Split up the team into Event and Professional Development specialties to aid in planning and executing upcoming activities
  - Each member is to suggest two activities for their specialty
- Reviewed the various moving parts of the GPSA Fall Social on 10/3 – updated members on their specific roles for the event and answered questions
  - Working meeting – packed up supplies for the event and loaded VP PD's car in preparation for the next day's event

### *Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting:*

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Tempe GSC conference room

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#### 1. *INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL GRANT*

- a. We have officially finished our third training for the fall semester – future volunteers will be viewing the video from our first training
- b. We currently have 115 reviewers for the travel package program; 11 still have various requirements to fulfill before they can begin reviewing
- c. This last round of individual travel grants we had a very busy month (131 applications); Most reviewers received 7 applications to score

#### 2. *GPSA FALL SOCIAL*

- a. What a success!!! THANK YOU THANK YOU!
    - i. True example of the ONE GPSA/OUR GPSA model
  - b. Numbers
    - i. 162 people were checked in electronically. Added to that, we had 30 volunteers/execs/assembly members, 4 performers, and about 50 additional attendees that had not RSVPed also in attendance. **In all, we had about 250 people show up.**
    - ii. We had 680 RSVPs (this is how many we reached) so at around 37% this is definitely a good start!
  - c. Assembly Members: Your Role and Responsibility
    - i. First and foremost: Attend events! If you don't, why should others?
    - ii. Second: Remember that you are GPSA Reps, not just grad students at these events. Thus, you are there to BOTH enjoy the event AND make it your personal mission to welcome/engage others
      - 1. At these events, please check in to see if something needs to be done, walk around and connect with other graduate students, and be the FACE of GPSA.
3. MENTORSHIP AWARD
- a. Award run by the PD committee in the spring semester– currently a subcommittee is being set up to fine tune eligibility requirements, market the upcoming program, develop a system for applications, review applications, and decide on award recipients
4. UPCOMING EVENTS
- a. We're going to balance social and professional development events run by GPSA (on top of the ASU-wide events we are continually promoting)
    - i. November = Professional Development
    - ii. December = Social
  - b. Stay tuned for upcoming events to attend and promote to your constituency