

Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
 - January 23, 2015: Tempe Campus, Wrigley Hall, L1-04
 - February 20, 2015: **Downtown Campus, 2:30 pm, San Carlos Room, Post Office 135**
 - March 20, 2015: **West Campus, 2:30 pm, UCB 265/266**
 - April 17, 2015: Tempe Campus, Wrigley Hall, L1-04
- All meetings on Tempe campus start at 2:00 pm. Meetings at Poly, West, & Downtown will start at 2:30 pm.

Action Required

- Committee Assignments
 - Contact your committee heads (new or old) about the new semester.
 - Those interested in the CLAS Committee, fill out the Doodle poll below
- Social Media Engagement
 - Add GPSA's Facebook page...Like it.
 - Tag #ourgpsa on photos you take at graduate student events or GPSA events.
 - Encourage colleagues & friends to do the same
- Check Polo Sign-Up List one last time. We order on Monday!
- Gnome Distribution

Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 1/21/15

Members Present: Emily McIvor, Andrew Waldron, Katie Brown, Bobby Abdallah, Michael Bernstein, Peter Krehbiel, David Bakardjiev

Members Absent: Jillian Childress

The Assembly Operations Committee has been discussing several issues. We have been working with the idea of a yearly cap on funds, and we discussed a proposal that caps the total amount a single organization can be allocated for GSO funding in a fiscal year, as well as the current limit on how much each GSO can request per event. This will help control for groups who continually ask GPSA for funds (and the Assembly's concerns about any one group being awarded too much).

Another concern is that groups can apply for funds for a regular series of events (a speaker series, for example), in one application, that could last the entire school year. This is problematic

in terms of tracking how much money is spent for that group/that event, so we are discussing limiting event series to each semester, rather than the whole school year.

We are continuing to discuss whether GSO funds can or should be used to support organizations that are fundraising, either for their own use or in support of another organization.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday in mid-February. Emily will email committee.

Government Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: December 2014

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

Committee is working on:

1. Review ByLaws & Constitution - Follow-up with Dan Ashlock to understand the history and intent of the document and any previous roles that were filled.
2. Get soft copies of Constitution & Bylaws
3. Update accordingly with language from 4 bills
4. Draft a bill to update Assembly Secretary & Parliamentarian position description to be responsible for maintaining and updating soft copies of Constitution & Bylaws and updating webmaster.

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

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- Grad Student Organization Funding Update
 - After reviewing our GSO funding finances from the Fall semester, we have approximately \$20,000 remaining for the spring semester. This is out of \$60,000 for the entire year.
 - I will be making several recommendations about GSO funding to next year's Assembly and Assembly Exec. Team. These will not affect this year's process and I would love to hear your thoughts. Hopefully, this is a start of a conversation about how to best serve graduate students.
 - Each GSO will be limited to \$3,000 (or 5% of total GSO budget) for the entire year.
 - GSO's will only be able to request funds for the semester. Currently, a GSO can put in one request for events for the entire year. All Fall receipts have an absolute deadline of January 1. All Spring receipts have an absolute deadline of May 15. This will allow us to know exactly how much money is available for spring expenditures and will prevent tracking receipts from August in April.

- We need to examine our policies on several GSO issues. This includes fundraising, ticket sales, and financial limits. In order to facilitate this process, I'd like each Assembly Member to fill out a brief questionnaire. The form will basically ask you to reflect about each issue and offer your thoughts. Instead of using meeting time to discuss abstract ideas about rules, let's put our thoughts in writing. We can use those thoughts to craft policies and then debate specific policy ideas.
 - None of our current funding policies will change during this process. We need to be consistent while reflecting on our work.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Committee: CLAS representatives, I've heard back from several members, but not all, about this committee. If you are interested please do the following.
 - Fill out this Doodle poll with your spring schedule in mind by January 30
 - <http://doodle.com/apkp62vbxvcxk79w>
 - **No one filled out the last one**
 - This will help us figure out the best time when most of you are available.
 - Then we will contact the Dean's office with several options.
- Recruitment: Today we are filling several seats, but with three Assembly members moving into Director positions, we have two more open positions. (One was already an At-Large position) These will become At-Large positions if not filled in February..
 - Current Vacancies (Predicted after Assembly Vote)
 - Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (1 seat)
 - Fulton Schools of Engineering (1 seat)
- 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.

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.