

January 2015 Report
From the Office of the GPSA President
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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- In the next month GPSA will be announcing an extension of the travel grant program to include funding for interviews (i.e., postdoc, job). This is an implementation of Brett Seymoure's GradChallenge idea. The GPSA Office of Internal Affairs is overseeing this project.

Action Required

- GPSA will be hosting the ASU Graduate Student Leadership Summit on February 13th at 11:30am, at the University Club. All ASU graduate student leaders, particularly leaders of graduate student organizations (GSOs) are welcome to attend. For details please contact mdemir@asu.edu.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: GPSA Assembly President Andrew Waldron, VP of Internal Affairs Kerrie Wilkins, VP of External Affairs Jesus Cisneros, VP of Professional Development Pauline Venieris, and President German Cadenas. Executive Committee met as needed in January. Members Absent: none.

The Executive Committee discussed a) budget spending, b) executives' roles at assembly meetings, c) advocacy strategy, d) GradWeek, e) grant management system.

Date/Time of Next Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee will meet on Fridays at 2pm at the Tempe Graduate Student Center except during assembly meetings.

New Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

This committee will meet on January 30, minutes not available yet.

The Committee, as well as the New Programs volunteers, have been supporting the promotion of the GradChallenge's public voting phase.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: The New Programs Committee will convene on January 30 to discuss Annette Jecker Award and online student networking program pilot.

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- Attended weekly meetings with ASASU Council of Presidents to discuss various university-wide initiatives <https://eoss.asu.edu/studentgov?destination=studentgov>.
- Attended several meetings with members of the [university's leadership](#) and other key stakeholders to discuss GPSA priorities and projects of relevance to ASU graduate students.
- Appointed new Director of Communications, Director of Outreach, and Director of Wellness.
- Organized strategy meeting with winner of GPSA's GradChallenge and GPSA's relevant leadership to discuss implementation of new program.
- Convened committee composed of GPSA leaders and allied staff to plan ASU Graduate Student Leadership Summit. Mustafa Demir is now lead on this project.
- Attended meetings with Outreach Directors and Office of Graduate Education about outreach strategy, partnership with Office of Graduate Education, and Graduate Student Centers' operations.
- Organized meeting with Office of Evaluation to discuss progress of GPSA's needs assessment survey reports.
- Attended meetings with Faculty Senate leadership and will be speaking at their January 26th meeting in support of [policy to establish boundaries on romantic relationships between faculty members and students](#).
- Attended Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force luncheon to report on GPSA's efforts to advance its recommendations, and to become updated on other initiatives.
- Initiated discussion with online graduate student regarding a professional development pilot program for online students that GPSA will support.
- The budget released by Arizona's governor indicates a [\\$75 million cut to the public universities](#). Despite this, ASU's President Michael Crow maintains that [tuition will not be increased for in-state undergraduate or graduate students](#). GPSA is working with stakeholders on drafting a response to this defunding of higher education.
- Will be attending Arizona Board of Regents meeting in February to advance discussions related to student loan debt and tuition for DREAMers.

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