

GPSA Assembly Meeting  
Date: September 23, 2011  
Location: Wrigley Hall, Room L1-04

- PRESENT: James Alling, Mohsin Bashir, Jeff Boyd, Kimberly Eversman, Toby Faber, Lisa Lacy, Megan Lindsay, Eric Luster, Chris MacLellan, Paris Masek, Joseph McCammon, Christy Mercer, Teresa Minarsich, Karla Moeller, Adam Monroe, Jayson Morrison, Parth Nagarkar, Lacey Peters, Ryan Polansky, Hannah Reitzel Rivera, Emily Reynolds, Matthew Savage, RC Thornton, Christian Vasquez, Jingjing Zhao, Xuan Zhong, Jingjing Zhou
- ABSENT: Heidi Adams, Josie Burnley, Brad Burns, Roger Carter, Rosalie Fisher, Flurije Salihu
- BY PROXY: None.
- ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Erin Kube, Kendra Knight, Rhian Stotts, Andre Denham, Christopher Reina, Benjamin Wiedmaier, Dr. Webber, Dan Ashlock

Call to Order: 2:16pm

- I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved
- II. Amendments to the Agenda: None
- III. Executive Reports
  - a. Matthew Savage, Assembly President- Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Savage let the assembly know that 30 of the 34 assembly seats have been filled and he will strive to fill the remaining seats. He also welcomed Christopher Reina as the new GPSA Parliamentarian. Benjamin Wiedmaier will be taking the position of Campus Director for the Downtown Graduate Student Center.
  - b. Kelley Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stewart told the assembly that the President's report will be posted shortly due to numerous university and state legislative meetings concerning subjects like students serving on various university boards and committees, student recreation complexes and suggested capital projects that hold up progress at state meetings.
  - c. Tyler Barratt, VP of Internal Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Kube reported to the assembly in Mr. Barratt's absence. She let everyone know that over 3000 graduate students have responded to the GPSA graduate student survey and the survey is still open.
  - d. Rhian Stotts., VP of External Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stotts let the assembly members know that in the future, she would ask all members to read the written report and she would address any questions that might come up during this timeframe.

- e. Kendra Knight, VP of Professional Development: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms Knight stated her concern with campuses other than Tempe not being aware of various professional development. She set up PD information sessions. The first one was on the Polytechnic campus with only 1 student in attendance. She also mentioned save the date for October 10<sup>th</sup> – Salary Negotiation Workshop/Downtown and December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the winter social. Ms. Knight expressed that there were 34 downtown students interested in peer reviewing and this number was encouraging.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- a. ASASU Conference Committee: No report.
- b. Government Operations: Mr. Allen to co-chairing this committee and discussed being in a fact finding phase to learn the budget process. Also, to explore the censorship regulations and work on other ways to do this. Mr. Allen discussed the use of executive summaries to bills and what format bills should take. A suggestion was made to discuss this at graduate student forum.
- c. International Students Committee: Parth Nagarkar is the chairman and he suggested meeting on Monday. Assembly members are encouraged to email all suggestions for the committee.
- d. IA meeting: Erin Kube reported on ways to improve Teaching Excellence Award training and get word out on all campuses.

#### V. External Reports

- a. Academic Senate: None
- b. Graduate College: Dr. Webber entertained questions from assembly members and invited them to go on the Graduate College website for all updates.
- c. Undergraduate Student Government: Brendan Pantilione spoke about voter registration competition where students are eligible to win a sky box by helping to obtain the goal of 8000 new student voter registrations. Other USG activities can be found on the USG website and include walk your wheels, sustainability and a town hall concerning residence gender neutral housing.
- d. Arizona Students Association: Brendan Pantilione spoke about an ABHOR meeting with Dr. Crow stressing ABHOR budget approval. Disparaging funds between schools must be addressed. Ms. Fisk and Ms. Stotts attended the ASA kickoff meeting for this year and it was encouraged to have more graduate students come to the ASA conference. For more information, please go to the ASA website.

#### VI. Old Business: None

#### VII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of New Assembly Members: Assembly President Savage introduced Lisa Lacy and Jingjing Zhou from the Fulton Teacher's College, and Xuan Zhong from CLAS – Natural Sciences. Kellen Bradley from the College of Law was not present and therefore did not stand for confirmation. The new Assembly Members were confirmed by 2/3 vote of present and voting Assembly Members.

- b. AB#5 – GSO Funding Approval: There was discussion on the format of GSO request bills, with some assembly members asking for more information in the future. The nine funding requests were approved *en masse* by the assembly. Note: need to change year to 2011 on the bill.
- c. AB#6 – Censure of the GPSA President: There was discussion on the potential censure of the GPSA President for failure to timely submit a written report. Assembly Member Vasquez moved to table the bill indefinitely. There was no second. Assembly Member Reitzel-Rivera motioned to table to the government operations committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> my Assembly Member Savage. During discussion on the motion Assembly Member Thornton moved the question, motion passed. The vote on Assembly Bill #6 did not pass.
- d. AB#7 – Censure of the GPSA VP of External Affairs: Discussion ensued on the potential censure of the GPSA VP of External Affairs for failure to timely submit a written report. Discussion persisted until the limit for discussion was reached. There were no motions at that time so the bill went to vote. The vote on Assembly Bill #7 did not pass.

IX. Graduate Student Forum

- a. Committee Assignments: The discussion on committee assignments was skipped.
- b. Arizona Recall Election: VP of External Affairs Rhian Stotts provided information on the upcoming Arizona Recall Elections.
- c. University Motto: Assembly Member Monroe presented background information on the University Motto and the mottos of some comparable universities.
- d. ASU Town Hall: Assembly Member Lindsey provided information on the upcoming ASU Town Hall meetings taking place on each ASU campus.
- e. Executive Summaries: Assembly Member Thornton solicited feedback on the desirability of requiring an Executive Summary to accompany each Assembly Bill, on behalf of the government operations committee.

X. Announcements

- a. Assembly President Savage provided information about the ASASU Centennial Professor program.
- b. IT Director Denham provided information about GPSA's Twitter account.
- c. Assembly Member Alling provided information about the College of Law's "Bar Review" social event.

XI. Adjournment at 4:36pm

Voting Record:

Last Name	First Name	Assembly Seat	1) Roll Call	2) Approve Minutes	3) Confirmation of Zhong, Lacy, & Zhao.	4) AB-05	5) Vote to Previous Question on AB-05 Table	6) Table AB-06 to Government Operations	7) AB-07	8) AB-06	9) AB-07
Alling	James	Law 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	2
Bashir	Mohsin	Public Programs 1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	1
Boyd	Jeff	Engineering 4	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	2
Eversman	Kimberly	Education 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1
Faber	Toby	Business 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1
Lacy	Lisa	Education 2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
Lindsay	Megan	At Large 1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	2	2
Luster	Eric	At Large 2	1	1	1	1	1	3	-	3	3
MacLellan	Chris	Engineering 3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Masek	Paris	CLAS Humanities 2	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1
McCammon	Joseph	Business 4	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	1
Mercer	Christy	Sustainability 1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Minarsich	Teresa	Arts 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	2
Moeller	Karla	Life Sciences 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	2
Monroe	Adam	CLAS Natural 1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	3	3
Morrison	Jayson	Arts 2	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	2
Nagarkar	Parth	Engineering 2	1	1	1	1	3	2	-	1	2
Peters	Lacey	Education 3	1	1	1	1	1	3	-	1	1
Polansky	Ryan	Business 3	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Reitzel Rivera	Hannah	CLAS Social 2	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	2
Reynolds	Emily	Public Programs 3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3
Savage	Matthew	CLAS Social 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	2
Thornton	RC	Business 2	1	1	1	3	1	2	-	2	2
Vasquez	Christian	SOLS 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	2
ZHAO	JINGJING	Education 4	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
Zhong	Xuan	CLAS Natural 2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	2
Zhou	jingjing	Engineering 1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1

1 = Yes, 2 = No, 3 = Abstain.