

GPSA Assembly Meeting  
Date: November 18, 2011  
Location: College of Design, North Building, Room 68

PRESENT: Teresa Minarsich, Jayson Morrison, Toby Faber, Joseph McCammon, Paris Masek, Adam Monroe, Xuan Zhong, Hannah Reitzel Rivera, Kimberly Eversman, Lisa Lacy, Lacey Peters, JingJing Zhou, Parth Nagarkar, Chris MacLellan, Jeff Boyd, James Alling, Brad Burns, Karla Moeller, Mohsin Bashir, Heidi Adams, Emily Reynolds, Christian Vasquez, Christy Mercer

ABSENT: Lindsay Megan, Eric Luster, Ryan Polansky, Flurije Salihu, Matthew Savage, Roger Carter, Rosalie Fisher, Josie Burnley

BY PROXY: Sam Wildman (For RC Thornton)

ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Erin Kube, Andre Denham, Christopher Reina, Dr. Webber, Dan Ashlock

Call to Order: 2:12pm

- I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved
- II. Amendments to the Agenda: Hannah Reitzel Rivera moved to amend agenda at 3 pm to allow for guest speaker to address assembly. Paris Masek seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Executive Reports
  - Kelley Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. A lot is happening with President's Counsel regarding the adoption of a universal constitution. There is a lot of conflict between undergraduate student governments and GPSA. Andre Denham attended a meeting regarding an increased technology fee.
  - Rhian Stotts, VP of External Affairs: Boris Lezaic reported to the assembly in Ms. Stott's absence. Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
  - Kendra Knight, VP of Professional Development: Tyler Barratt reported to the assembly in Ms. Knight's absence. Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. There likely will be a fee increase from \$50 to \$100 for technology. Please send Andre or Kendra any technology requests you have so that our needs can be met (i.e. what software packages you would like to have access to etc.).
  - Tyler Barratt, VP of Internal Affairs: Graduate research support program has concluded for year. Jumpstart just ended for submission—will be reopened in spring. September and October travel grant requests were record breaking. Grad college meetings will resume – next meeting will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The printing situation is still being worked on—we are trying to figure out how every graduate student can be given a quota. Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>.
  - Matthew Savage, Assembly President: Hannah Reitzel Rivera reported to assembly in Mr. Savage's absence. Three assembly seats have been filled. One assembly member will be appointed today and two will be appointed during the December assembly meeting. Graduate Student Organization funding program has been active. Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>

#### IV. Committee Reports

- Government Operations, James Alling: The committee did not meet and will wait to meet for the December assembly meeting. They have yet to receive much feedback from assembly members. Regarding the proposed universal USG constitution, we want GPSA to be able to continue representing graduate student interests and we do not want a universal constitution. GPSA has not been asked to ratify the USG constitution. Assembly Bill #15 deals with this issue. Code of Discipline has not been brought back to table.
- Interdisciplinary Committee, Mohsin Bashir: Looking to create a platform like Facebook in which people can share ideas and list research interests etc.
- International Students, Parth Nagarkar: Parth gave updates on the his attendance at the NAGPS conference.

#### V. External Reports

- Graduate College, Deborah Crusoe: Information on academic integrity as well as the dates for thesis and dissertation defenses are listed on Graduate College website.
- USG, Brenda Pantaleon. ASU's technology infrastructure is very outdated. Please utilize undergraduate services such as safety escort which operates from 7 pm to 2:30 am. See website for contact number: <http://www.asuusg.com/>. There is a printer survey on website which asks where on campus we need more printers. Be sure to give feedback. They are working to expand M & G options to use off campus. Whitney Court will speak on November 30 at 8pm at MU. Be sure to walk your wheels in crowds!
- ASA, Dan Sullivan: federal financial aid is being looked at for possible cuts. We need people to write letters to the editor. On December 1 there is a Board of Regents Meeting.

#### VI. Old Business: None

#### VII. New Business

- Confirmation of new assembly member Adam Arvay from the College of Technology and Innovation (CTI). Adam Arvay was confirmed by 2/3 vote of present and voting Assembly Members.
- Assembly Bill #14 – asks assembly to approve GSO funding requests. Two organizations were funded in this cycle. Bill passed.
- AB #15- GPSA recommendations for the proposed universal constitution of the undergraduate governments of ASU.
  - i. Assembly member Alling moved to extend debate. Seconded by Assembly Member Thornton (via proxy Sam Wildaman). Motion passed.
  - ii. Assembly Member Reynolds moved that lines 37-38 of the bill should be amended to read:

The proposed “Presidents Council” should be clarified as a distinct body from currently existing entity known as ASASU’s Presidents Counsel and it is further recommended a different name be established for this body.

Ms. Reitzel Rivera seconded. Amendment to AB #15 passed. AB #15 passed.

#### VIII. Guest speaker

- Dr. Alan Markus, Director of Student Health for ASU
  - i. ASU is currently reviewing student health insurance which occurs every five years. We are asking for quotes on indemnity dental, and pharmacy benefits. We are also getting quotes for the pricing that would allow to get rid of pre-existing conditions, increase the lifetime maximum from 300k to unlimited, and offering smoking, transgender, and obesity services. Dr. Markus asked that we email him

([allan.markus@asu.edu](mailto:allan.markus@asu.edu)) with concerns and/or to be a part of a forum to have your voice heard.

IX. Graduate student forum:

- Emily Reynolds: Anyone interested in helping with the Centennial Professorship Program? Help is needed to draft application. Goal is to increase number of applications from previous year (4)!
- Andre Denham: Asked that assembly members informally poll constituents based on how the increased technology fee should be used. Email Andre at [gpsait@asu.edu](mailto:gpsait@asu.edu).
- Mohsin Bashir: Legal services may be offered for ASU graduate students. Contact person from legal services is willing to come to GPSA to address assembly. Boris Lezaic to look into this further.
- Adam Monroe: Will be putting together a survey to get ideas from graduate students regarding the creation of a Graduate College motto.

X. Announcements

- Hannah acknowledged all the hard work Isabel Carreno put into decorating the GSC Tempe location to get it ready for the ASU/U of A game. Thank you Isabel!
- Next assembly meeting is on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm in Memorial Union—MU236 Mojave.

XI. Adjournment at 4:32 pm.

## Voting Record

| Device ID | Last Name      | First Name | Assembly Seat        | 1) Roll Call | 2) Approval of Mins. | 3) Amendment to the Agenda | 4) Confirmation of Assembly Member Adam Arvay | 5) AB-14 | 6) AB-15 Extend Debate Time | 7) Motion to Amend AB-15 | 8) AB-15 |
|-----------|----------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 54FFA     | Minarsich      | Teresa     | Arts 1               | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FAA     | Morrison       | Jayson     | Arts 2               | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55020     | Faber          | Toby       | Business 1           | -            | -                    | -                          | -   | -        | -                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55030     | Thornton       | RC         | Business 2           | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 5502E     | McCammon       | Joseph     | Business 4           | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FF9     | Masek          | Paris      | CLAS Humanities 2    | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55019     | Monroe         | Adam       | CLAS Natural 1       | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55409     | Zhong          | Xuan       | CLAS Natural 2       | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FDA     | Reitzel Rivera | Hannah     | CLAS Social 2        | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55056     | Eversman       | Kimberly   | Education 1          | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 5503A     | Lacy           | Lisa       | Education 2          | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | -   | -        | 1                           | -                        | -        |
| 55433     | Peters         | Lacey      | Education 3          | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FE9     | Zhou           | JingJing   | Education 4          | -            | -                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 3                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54F9A     | Zhou           | Ivan       | Engineering 1        | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FD5     | Nagarkar       | Parth      | Engineering 2        | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FC5     | MacLellan      | Chris      | Engineering 3        | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FEE     | Boyd           | Jeff       | Engineering 4        | -            | -                    | -                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FCC     | Alling         | James      | Law 1                | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FFD     | Burns          | Brad       | Law 2                | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 2                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 5505C     | Moeller        | Karla      | Life Sciences 1      | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FF1     | Bashir         | Mohsin     | Public Programs 1    | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 54FE2     | Adams          | Heidi      | Public Programs 2    | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | -                           | -                        | -        |
| 54FF2     | Reynolds       | Emily      | Public Programs 3    | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55415     | Vasquez        | Christian  | SOLS 1               | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| 55015     | Mercer         | Christy    | Sustainability 1     | 1            | 1                    | 1                          | 1   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |
| N/A       | Arvay          | Adam       | Col. of Tech & Innov |              |                      |                            |   | 1        | 1                           | 1                        | 1        |

1 = yes, 2 = no, 3 = abstain.