

## **GPSA Assembly Meeting Minutes November 19, 2010**

PRESENT: Ackman, Adams, Boyd, Bradley, Coplan, Firestone, Hermes, Hertzog, Jain, Kumar, Nagarkar, Reitzel-Rivera, Rutkowski, Savage, Tsai, Tucker

ABSENT: Burnley, Estevez, Lei, Mercer, Monroe, Polansky, Salazar, Salihu, Stahl

BY PROXY: Andrea Mayo for Bashir, Vania Guevara for Calloway, Vineet Mehrotra for Kanchan, Susanna Steeg for Nogueron, Sarah Newcomer for Peters, Jason Davenport for Richardson

ATTENDING: Kelley Stewart, Tyler Barratt, Kendra Knight, Annette Jecker, Dan Ashloc

- I. Call to Order at 3:19pm- called for attendance count = 21 voting assembly members present
- II. Approvals of the Minutes–Minutes were approved with an amendment to add the name of the proxy who represented Ms. Coplan at the October assembly meeting.
- III. Amendments to the Agenda: None
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. Ryan Polansky, Assembly President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Savage reported there are 2 open assembly seats and encouraged assembly members who might know anyone interested in becoming assembly members that could fill these positions to apply for them with Assembly President, Ryan Polansky.
  - b. Kelly Stewart, President: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Stewart also reported that both football and basketball tickets were available and suggested looking on the website for game day information. She spoke of the student regent selection committee meeting being held on November 29<sup>th</sup> and the board applications can be found on the website. She said Mr. Hermes is the Student Regent Chairman and applications went out for the student regent position. This position comes available once every 3 years and is a 2 year appointment. It was encouraged to apply because the deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Information about applications can be found on the GPSA website. Ms. Stewart also reported the student health center improvements has been delayed by the State of Arizona because they need to approve the plans. Ms. Stewart talked about meetings with Dr. Rund and Dr. Crow suggested that the AZ budget is possibly looking at higher education budget cuts totaling up to 200-400 million dollars.
  - c. Tyler Barratt, VP of Internal Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Mr. Barratt reported that the JumpStart reviews were due on November 19<sup>th</sup> with decisions for JumpStart being made by December 6<sup>th</sup>. He also said the TEA awards were finished for the fall semester and the Gallery Art Show in the Graduate Student Center-Tempe will conclude on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Barratt reported the NAGPS conference in Boston proved to emphasize that ASU's GPSA stood out as being on the leading edge of peer institutions with administration/faculty support being one of the best in the country. Mr. Barratt also expressed a need for an assessment survey and said a brief description of this survey will be included in the next report.
  - d. Conrad W. Ottey, Jr., VP of External Affairs: Please see the published report on the GPSA website located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/assembly>. Ms. Hannah Reitzel Rivera reported that the EA committee was currently working on the current AZ budget issues and reiterated that the Boston NAGPS conference showed how far the ASU GPSA was from most of the higher education institutions in the nation

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- V. 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 invited all assembly members to join the Graduate Research Grant award winners in a celebration reception on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tempe Mission Palms Resort. She also reported the professional development workshop entitled “Creating a Personal Workshop-part 2” will be held on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and is headed by Andre Denham. Ms. Knight said a survey went out to 14000 graduate students asking for strategies for success programs. The responses will be reported on next month but the data looked good for professional development ideas.
- VI. External Reports:
- a. Academic Senate: No report
  - b. Graduate College: Dr Webber reported nominations for outstanding mentor awards were currently running and that the information on the January fellowships can be found on the Graduate College website: <http://graduate.asu.edu> as well as becoming acquainted with many other fellowships, grants, fellowship programs etc. that are available through the Graduate College.
  - c. Undergraduate Student Government: No report
  - d. Arizona Students Association: Reported an updated legislative website. Also reported was Lobby Day on February 16<sup>th</sup>, the progress on the Make Textbooks Affordable campaign and that starting this year, there will be a graduate committee within ASA.
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
- a. AB #15: GELSS 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Firestone – event date 4-1/11 – bill passed. \$2000.
  - b. AB #16: Women Law Students’ Association Symposium-1st Mr. Hermes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Nagarkar –an amendment to change the total funding costs needed from \$2000.00 to \$1868.99 passed. The event date is 2/11/11. Bill passed \$1868.99.
  - c. AB #17: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual ASU Language & Literacy Conference-1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Steeg – event date 2/11/11- Bill passed \$2000.
  - d. AB #18: Duties of the Director of Information Technology- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Rutkowski and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Coplan - Amendment to include in the duties of IT Director the maintenance of a database of the post-funding event reports- Mr. Rutkowski to give Andre Denham the reports to be posted. Also, an amendment of line 36 to change “replace with “viii” with “replace with “IX”. Bill passed.
  - e. AB #19: A Bill to Revise the Duties of the Executive Directors of Internal and External Affairs – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Rutkowski and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Reitzel Rivera – Changes to bylaws changing professional development to events and professional development and combining conference and professional development travel to work jointly under IA. Also to amend line 18 from “Internal and External Affairs” to read “Internal Affairs and Professional Development” Bill passed
  - f. AB #20: The Formation of the Special Initiatives Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Rutkowski and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Reitzel Rivera- this bill was tabled upon the recommendation of the President because the bill appears to be too broad and needs to be reworded. The motion to

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table bill #20 to a later date was 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Hermes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Reitzel Rivera- tabling motion passed.

IX. Graduate Student Forum

- a. Mr. Savage let the assembly know that no topics were emailed to be put on the agenda for graduate student forum
- b. Mr. Rutkowski questioned what was happening with the new affirmative action proposition 107. What has been the impact? The consensus was that the University was looking into it and no changes have been made at this time. Mr. Ashlock reported that the university was in a fact finding mode concerning finding local funding sources that could replace state monies.
- c. Announcements: Ms. Stewart asked if every assembly member had a GO GOLD GPSA T-Shirt and encouraged those who didn't to come to the GPSA office and pick up a shirt. Also Ms. Stewart said that free basketball tickets for Saturday's game are available.

Mr. Savage extended an invitation for all assembly members to join GPSA at the Tempe Mission Palms Graduate Research Grant reception tonight.

Mr. Savage also encouraged all assembly members to continue to attend GPSA assembly meetings. He reported that action will be taken for members who do not participate.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Reitzel Rivera and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Rutkowski – Meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

