

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU  
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7 ASSEMBLY BILL # 21

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14 BILL IN OPPOSITION TO ARIZONA HB 2675

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16 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

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18 WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student Association of Arizona State  
19 University exists to represent and protect the interests of graduate students,

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21 NOTING THAT HB 2675 is a current Arizona House of Representatives bill that would  
22 impose a mandatory \$2000 annual tuition payment by students in the Arizona university  
23 system,

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25 FURTHER NOTING THAT this payment would not be able to be covered by loans,  
26 grants, tuition waivers or other sources than the students' personal finances,

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28 RECOGNIZING THAT this bill does not take into account the total cost of attendance  
29 for university education in Arizona, which is typically very high for graduate students  
30 and is not covered completely by tuition waivers, nor often fully covered by student loans  
31 or grants,

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33 NOTING THAT the 2011-2012 GPSA Policy Directive, Affordability section, calls for  
34 zero tuition hikes in the absence of further cuts to education, and that this bill might be  
35 considered against the spirit of this policy,

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37 FURTHER NOTING THAT the 2011-2012 GPSA Policy Directive, Outreach section,  
38 calls for greater awareness of state budgets and their effects of total cost of attendance,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPSA formally oppose HB 2675 and enact this  
41 opposition by encouraging student advocacy against it, through direct GPSA advocacy to  
42 ASA and the Arizona State Legislature, and through a press release from the GPSA to the  
43 various ASU and Valley newspapers stating its opposition to this measure.