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What's happening with the ASASU Presidents Council – notes from 2/15/2012

- Programming and Activities Board Presidents presented a proposal to the ASASU Presidents Council asking for a unification of the PAB budget to be allocated off the top of the student fee prior to any monies being distributed to USG/GPSA. This included a 20% increase in funds.
- The Spirit Club structure was reviewed and the Council supported the idea that the VP for Services would fill the USG role and the VP Professional Programs would fill the GPSA role.
- ASASU Presidents Council discussed FY2013 tuition and will host discussions with Senates/Assembly.
- The Pan Campus Constitution committee approved the USG Universal Constitution on February 14. The ASASU Presidents Council will at next meeting.
- The ASASU Presidents Council discussed “Sun Devil Wellness and Recreation” as a name for student recreation buildings and departments at Poly, West, Tempe. Initial response was not positive, but they asked for one week to discuss with constituents.

Current Student Advocacy Issues

- Bikes on campus incident – student reported bike/pedestrian hit and run incident that resulted in student spending time in Emergency Room for injuries. Medical costs are out of pocket for student. Although ASU PD made an incident report, this incident is a “non-reportable” incident because there are not ARS regulations regarding bicycle incidents. Current discussions in progress with ASU PD
- Student health insurance – during the “call to the audience” time for this week’s Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) meeting, I addressed ABOR to bring attention to the need for increasing the maximum benefits available to plan participants based on a GPSA member reaching the lifetime maximum of 300K.
- Inappropriate advertising on campus – student reported an offensive bus stop advertisement on campus. I contacted the advertising provider and within 48 hours of reporting issue the offensive advertisement was removed
- Firearms on campus – during the Arizona Students’ Association Lobby Day I spoke at a concurrent press conference regarding the firearms on campus debate. At the ABOR call to the audience this week, I reiterated the position of Arizona students regarding weapons free educational institutions.