

President of the Assembly  
Graduate and Professional Student Association  
Arizona State University

**Report**  
**August 2012**

Member of the Assembly, Executive Officers, and staff:

This coming meeting marks the first regular meeting of the year for the GPSA Assembly. It represents the beginning of a long journey to help serve the graduate and professional students of ASU while also building ourselves. I welcome all of you and all of your ideas. In my report I will outline some of the legislation that we will be considering at this meeting.

The first bill to be considered seeks to fund several student organizations in September. The GSO funding process typically consists of the Assembly approving recommendations by the Assembly Operations Committee. Where the hearings for the applications have not yet taken place when this report was submitted, I cannot speak to their nature. I will include details in my oral report.

The GPSA Advocacy Agenda is an annual bill that is considered by the Assembly. This year, it is AB – 02. It outlines the official public stance of the GPSA for the year. Whereas our rules require that I submit this bill to the Assembly at the first meeting, I am recommending that it be committed to the External Affairs Committee for revision. There is currently a survey that will outline and characterize graduate student opinion on many of these issues. By committing this bill to the External Affairs Committee, the results of that survey can be incorporated into the language of the bill.

Also on the Agenda is the GPSA Budget. This is a very important bill to know and understand. This bill will approve GPSA revenues for use by the executive officers and various programs. As the Assembly is the fiscal authority of the GPSA, the actions taken on AB – 03 will exercise that authority in a way that will hopefully benefit graduate and professional students. The contents are AB – 03 are the result of a proposal submitted to the Assembly by the Executive Committee and the GPSA President. I am not asking for you to vote in any particular way, but I implore you to vote knowledgeably. Do not hesitate to ask questions of myself or any of the Executive Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Alling  
GPSA Assembly President