

Office of the President

August 23, 2013 Report

1) Writing Center

For the past several months, I have been meeting with all levels of the writing center to provide graduate writing support. Because of these efforts, the writing center now offers a wide variety of writing support for graduate and professional students. There are now dedicated writing centers for graduate students on the Tempe and Downtown campuses, as well as online. Also the writing center will be organizing peer writing groups. They will continue to provide workshops and the summer dissertation writing camp. More information can be found here: <https://studentsuccess.asu.edu/graduate>

2) Outreach Directors

This year we added a Tempe Campus Outreach Director and revamped the position to include more direct outreach to students at each campus. Starting the week of August 26th, the outreach directors will be visiting classes and attending GSO meetings at each location to spread the work about GPSA and hear students' concerns. They will also be attending Sun Devil Coalition and other student I encourage the assembly to contact the outreach directors if you would like to aid their efforts.

3) Needs Assessment

Traditionally, GPSA has done its own needs assessment that is coordinated by the VP of Internal Affairs. This year the USG Presidents and I decided to conduct a needs assessment of the entire student body. The position is paid for through EOSS and Mark Generous was selected as the coordinator by the council of Presidents. He will be conducting the survey in September and analyzing the results in October. A final report will be available to the assembly by the end of October.

4) Strategic Plan

This year is our 10 year anniversary and I have been developing a mediated platform to get feedback from students on the direction of higher education and the role of student government. We will also be hosting past presidents during Homecoming weekend.

5) Arizona Students Association

I am representing GPSA on the ASA board and having been aiding in the reformation efforts. I attended the United States Students Association annual meeting in June to better understand how other state student associations function. The ASA v. ABOR lawsuit was dismissed by federal court. While I voted against appealing, the majority of the board voted in favor of appealing the law suit.

6) Teaching Assistant Development Training and Graduate Student Welcomes

Jason and I have worked diligently with Graduate Education to revamp the TAD program and put on the GSWs. The TAD and GSWs at Downtown and West were under attended. When the turn outs are projected at a such a higher rate than the actual turn out, our resources are wasted. I will be having discussions in the coming weeks about how to improve both programs and better estimated the number of expected students.

7) Changemaker

I have been working with Changemaker on their 10,000 solutions relaunch. My hope is that we will be able to use the platform as a database of ongoing graduate student research across the university and unite graduates with each other and undergraduates around similar research interests. Also, Changemaker provides an variety of awards and opportunities for all ASU students that could be better marketed to graduate and professional students.

8) Presidents' Council

This is a list of the topics I discussed with the USG presidents at each of our meetings. If you would like more details please ask ☺

May 21, 2013

- Well Devil Council
- Budget modifications
- ASASU marketing
- Boards and Committees
- Fall Welcome t-shirts

May 28, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
- Student Media
- Food Drive Competition for Sept. 14th game
- Walk only zones
- Priorities list

June 4, 2013

- Facilities Fee
- SDFC equipment fee
- Sun Devil coalition

June 11, 2013

- Immigration and Student Loan Letters from VP of EA and VPPs
- Needs Assessment
- Sun Devil Coalition
- USG Executive Pay

June 18, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
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June 25, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
- SunDevilsCount program
- Immigration and Student Loan Letters from VP of EA and VPPs
- Dance Marathon
- Boards and Committees

July 2, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition

July 16, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
- ASU Planning and Budget Office presented
- Needs Assessment
- Council reviewed University Priorities. Three theme emerged: equitable buildings/facilities across locations, ensuring high quality student services, increasing student role in athletics planning and execution.

July 30, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
- Needs Assessment
- Turnaround trip to Dallas for Notre Dame game
- Dance Marathon
- Student Regent Application
- Budget
- Student fee increase

August 13, 2013

- Sun Devil Coalition
- intergovernmental legislation
- ASU Bookstores Presentation
- Parking and Transit Services Presentation