

Graduate and Professional Students Association
Graduate Assembly Meeting
Eleventh Legislature – Second Regular Session
2:00 P.M. September 20, 2013
Discovery Hall Room #250 – Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Minutes

Present:

Katherine Brown, Jorge Mancillas, Robert Schmitz, Samantha Wildman, Deborah Ayodele, Andrew Waldron, Emily McIvor, Britney Haselwood, Bryson Jones, Alexis Farley, Kerrie-Anne Wilkins, Megan Fisk, Jason Striker, German Cadenas, Adam Monroe

Absent:

Lisa Lacy, Sharma Chhavi, James Alling, Ayfer Golkalp, Saint Ranson

By Proxy:

Kimberly Davidson (Shane Moffet), Parth Nagarkar (Jason Striker), Venu Garikapati (Ryan Alcorn)

Attending:

Bobby Abdallah, Dr. Webber, Jennifer Jermaine, Jillian Childress, Heather Kropp

- I. **Call to Order:**
Meeting called to order at approximately 2:05 PM.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:**
Approved as provided.
- III. **Amendments to the Agenda:**
Wildman offers a motion to allow any speakers who come in late the opportunity to speak regardless of where we are in the agenda. Jones seconds.
- IV. **Call to the Audience**
None.
- V. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **James Alling, Assembly President**
Please see published report on the GPSA website.
President Pro Tempore Bobby Schmitz gave Assembly President Alling's report for in his absence.
 - b. **Megan Fisk, President**
Please see published report on the GPSA website.
There was a lengthy discussion regarding the benefits of an athletics fee increase as opposed to a tuition fee increase, potential influence on such a fee, the effect on TAs and RAs, and more. Wilkins, Waldron, Wildman, Jones, Stryker, Cadenas, McIvor and others spoke; ultimately it was decided to continue the discussion during student forum.
 - c. **Lisa Lacy, Vice President of Internal Affairs**
Tej Reddy represented Lisa Lacy.
Discussed the TEA awards.

Was interrupted by Dr. Webber's arrival; he declined his opportunity to speak.

d. German Cadenas, Vice President of External Affairs

Please see published report on the GPSA website.

Reported on the advocacy trip to Washington, DC and the trainings in which GPSA officers were involved in both attending and running.

Adam Monroe spoke about his efforts on-campus; emphasized voter registration drive.

e. Jason Striker, Vice President of Professional Development

Please see published report on the GPSA website.

VI. Committee Reports

None.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

a. AB #11: AN ACT Confirming New Members

Tej Reddy appointed as sergeant-at-arms; candidates asked to leave the room for voting.

Waldron proposed a two minute speaking limit and two minute question limit, seconded by Wilkins.

Heather Kropp was invited to speak on her own behalf.

Schmitz read a statement on behalf of Shawna Morris.

Jennifer Jermaine and Jillian Childress both spoke on their own behalves.

Shane Moffet read a statement from Davidson supporting both Jermaine and Carolina Coronel.

Jason Striker moved to strike lines 35-36; tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Lines 38-39 called to question; passed by unanimous consent. Heather Kropp was appointed assembly member for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Lines 41-43 amended to include only Jennifer Jermaine and Jillian Childress who were appointed as assembly members for the College of Public Programs after a roll call vote.

Passes unanimously; the chair abstains.

b. AB #12: AN ACT to Approve the GSO October Funding Cycle

Passes unanimously; the chair abstains.

c. AB #13: AN ACT to Amend the Budget As Previously Approved to Include Roll Over Funds

Schmitz yielded to Megan Fisk to explain the bill.

Passes unanimously; the chair abstains.

d. AB #14: AN ACT to modify GPSA Bylaws, Title III, Section C and Section E, to add language for converting vacant seats to at-large seats for the remainder of a given academic/fiscal year

Nagarkar moved to send the bill to Government Operations committee; seconded.

Passes unanimously; the chair abstains.

e. AB #15: A RESOLUTION for Support of Immigration Reform

Debate regarding simple formatting was discussed. Wildman asked why this was not sent to external affairs committee but the motion was opposed. Nagarkar called to question. Jones called for a roll call vote.

The bill passed with ten in favor and six abstentions.

IX. Graduate Student Forum

Continued discussion regarding athletics fees and tuition increases. Discussion was increased by five minutes once by Wilkins and Jones and a second time by Mancillas and Wilkins. Assembly member Waldron was concerned about money being set aside for research into athletics being very limited for graduate students and that it would not be available for many students' research. Additionally, assembly members expressed concern that money would be funneled into just NCAA athletics as opposed to intramurals which serve far more graduate students.

Wilkins requested that we bring back the assembly tradition of wearing gold on Fridays and giving away prizes. Schmitz immediately changed his t-shirt. Fisk provided a raffle prize. The tradition will continue at subsequent meetings.

Waldron requested we discuss the recent walk only initiative and its shortcomings and successes.

Striker asked for assistance in moderating free printing in GPSA graduate student centers on all the campuses.

Assembly members in general expressed a need for more guidance on what they were required to do for their committees after assignments were sent out by email during the meeting by Alling who was absent and not available for questions.

X. Announcements

College of Public Policy is putting on workshops for people interested in the Presidential Management Fellowship. There is more information available on their website.

Reddy – in collaboration with the ASA Board – is recruiting students to help with organizing events and would like some grad student involvement.

Fisk reminded everyone that Oct. 18th is homecoming and the parade is on the 19th. Everyone should come out and ride in the student government trolley.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.