

Assembly President's Report
October 2013

Members of the Assembly:

Welcome to our Third General Session. In this report I will shed light on the details and effects of pending business on our docket and advise you of ongoing Assembly business.

Assembly Member Participation at Events

I'm going to be frank, the Assembly's participation at GPSA events has been lacking. Megan and Jason have indicated to me that they have been keeping all of you apprised of upcoming GPSA events, but there is limited turn out. It is important that we show support for the very programs we felt necessary to create and fund.

Though attendance is not mandatory, it is still very important. I understand that many members have legitimate reasons like being sick, academic obligations, and family. Absent that, I find it part of the duty of a representative to attend. Please consider this my plea to you.

Confirmation of New Assembly Member

There is only one member considered for confirmation for this meeting. His name is Adrian Chavez and he is from the College of Health Solutions. Adrian was nominated by the Assembly Operations Committee for the position of Assembly Member for the College of Health Solutions. He proffered an application and participated in an interview with myself. In my opinion, his leadership experience suggests he is capable of representing the students of the College of Health Solutions.

Graduate Student Organization Funding

This is the November round of GSO Funding. It is recommended that we appropriate \$7148.43. By and large, we are recommending full funding for the events. There are several exceptions. First, all organizations who either failed to deliver an application on-time or failed to show up were rejected; this is in our policy.

The Marshall-Brennenn Moot Court event was reduced to \$200.00 of funds because the Assembly Operations Committee felt there was a notable lack of benefit the event serves for graduate and professional students. We felt like it will be a great event, but we had to judge it based on the limited number of graduate students who would be participating.

I am also mindful of the remaining GSO Funds in our budget. At present, we are "slightly in surplus" of where we usually are at this point of the year for GSO Funding. There is, however, no quantitative assessment. I plan on providing a summary of remaining funds in an end-of-semester report.

ASASU Support of the Athletics Fee

The Presidents' Council has negotiated with the ASU Administration about the details of ASASU support of the Athletics Fee. The bill on our docket is the official, legislative element necessary for full ASASU support. I leave the details for the President's report as President Fisk is in the best position to articulate the underlying facts.

Please consider the implications of this bill. If passed, the resolution will serve as a statement that the graduate and professional students at ASU *support* the enactment of an Athletics Fee at a rate of \$75.00 per semester.

NAGPS Bid

We considered this bill last year. The NAGPS is the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. GPSA is a member organization. Our delegation intends to proffer a bid to host the national convention next year. In order to do so, they need a resolution of support from the Assembly.

This bill, if passed, will establish the official support of the entire GPSA in executing the bid next year and will guarantee revenues from next fiscal year to support the event if we are selected.

ASU Foundation Funds

The ASU Foundation has an account of approximately \$30K that is left over from budget surpluses from ASASUs past. It has been requested of me that we and the USG-Tempe Senate pass concurrent resolutions to liquidate the funds into our budget. The current bill would basically give half the money to the Assembly to allocate and the other half to the USG-Tempe Senate.

I have worked with Tempe Senate President Gonzales to create joint legislation on the matter. Please note, that amendments may create a strain in the approval process. President Gonzales has indicated to me that she will incorporate minor, format, of grammatical changes in a bill presented to the Senate on Tuesday.

It is not clear to me if there is an advantage to the funds remaining in the ASU Foundation account. It has been made clear that the ASU Foundation is no longer interested in managing the account.

Joint Legislative Cooperation

Last report I indicated that this has been a slow process. This has been a very slow process. There is hope though.

At present, all of the legislative leads are planning on meeting at 2:00 p.m. next Monday. We are prepared to talk about the logistics of joint legislation; best practice in regards to executive-

legislative relations; and regular meeting times. Please let me know if there are any additional discussion points or questions you would like me to put on the Agenda on behalf of the Graduate Assembly.

Please let me know if you have any questions for me. I am happy to support all of you in your efforts to be effective leaders and Assembly Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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