

## Executive Report

From the Office of *Vice President of Professional Development*

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### Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- *Social and Welcomes* - We have successfully welcome new and returning students at the Tempe, Poly, and West campuses. Tomorrow, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be doing the same at the Downtown campus. The GPSA Social Hour is in the lower level of the student center from 5-6 pm and then Devils after Dark: Sparky's Carnival will be in the Civic Space from 6-9 pm. Market this to your constituents and join us for a good time!
- We are working on having a welcome back week at the GSCs on each campus where we provide snacks and GPSA information for students while drawing them into those communal student spaces. Look out for emails soon with more information.
- We are planning an event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Phoenix Center for the Arts. This event is also on the First Friday of the month, where you can take a free self-guide tour of downtown Phoenix galleries, studios, and art spaces. We are working on providing food, live music, and some interactive art activities to make this event really special. Help spread the word to your constituents so we can make this first social of the year really successful! While marketing materials will be distributed soon, please suggest that people "save the date" from now!

### Action Required

- If you are interested in events, professional development, and even the travel grant programs (individual, group, internship) please consider joining the PD committee when you are deciding which committees to join! You can email me at [pauline.venieris@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.venieris@gmail.com) with any questions.

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- We were working diligently this summer:
  - Maintaining the travel grant program successfully despite the many transitions and learning a new system
  - Planning successful GPSA social hours at each campus in addition to the Welcome Back events
  - Organizing an internal GPSA Leadership Retreat to orient all Executive Members to ASU (mission, culture), GPSA (structure, new vision for this year), and the tentative plans for this year to ensure that this year proceeds smoothly

- Collaborating with the IA Office to restructure the individual, group, and internship travel programs in a sustainable and scalable manner given the increased budget for these programs
- Planning a year full of social events that appeal to graduate students' and provide unique opportunities unavailable to students without GPSA's involvement
- Connecting with other campus organizations, like ASU Libraries, Career Services, New Student and Family Programs to collaborate on professional development and specialized social events

While we worked hard over the summer, we know that the time spent establishing a strong foundation for this year will pay off! We are so thrilled to have you as part of the assembly and working with you all year long!