

December 2014 Report
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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- The GradChallenge's public voting phase to choose the competition' winner is to conclude on December 12th.
- Exactly 183 students had voted in the GradChallenge by the time this report was written.

Action Required

- GPSA will send recruitment announcement during winter break for several Director positions. These positions come with a \$2,500 scholarship for 5-10 hours weekly commitment in the spring 2015. Please help promote.
- Have a nice and relaxing winter break!

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: GPSA Assembly President Andrew Waldron, VP of Internal Affairs Kerrie Wilkins, VP of External Affairs Jesus Cisneros, VP of Professional Development Pauline Venieris, and President German Cadenas. Executive Committee met as needed basis throughout November and December.

Members Absent: none.

The Executive Committee discussed a) budget spending and strategies to ensure we are on track with projected spending and to increase spending in underspending areas. b) executives and directors attendance at Assembly meetings, c) communications plan, social media reach, and needs assessment next steps, d) recruitment for leadership position openings.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee will convene again in January. Date and time TBD.

New Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Assembly members Daniel Burillo, Jordan Hughes, Lusia Nurani, Sultan Kilinc, Chun tao, Christian Sandoval, Taraneh Salehpour, and President German Cadenas.

The Committee's last in person meeting took place on November 19th. The Committee has been in contact via email since then.

Members Absent: none.

The Committee, as well as the New Programs volunteers, have been supporting the promotion of the GradChallenge's public voting phase.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: The New Programs Committee will convene in January to meet with the GradChallenge's winner and discuss implementation of the winning idea.

Executive Report

- Coordinated, along with Director of Communications, a communications strategy meeting for Executive Committee.
- Attended meetings with Sun Devil Athletics and other stakeholders related to the renovation of the Sun Devil Stadium.
- Attended weekly meetings with ASASU Council of Presidents to discuss various university-wide initiatives <https://eoss.asu.edu/studentgov?destination=studentgov>. Of particular interest are a) new developments to in the content design for ASU 101 to include new topics (i.e. health and wellness, violence prevention, crisis intervention, and prosocial/civic behavior), and b) the hiring of an ASASU Elections Commissioner, c) discussion about shuttle service and Polytechnic student enrollment concerns.
- Attended several meetings with the Office of Graduate Education, Dean of Student Services, Vice President of Educational Outreach and Student Services (EOSS) as well as with the University's President to discuss GPSA priorities and projects of relevance to ASU graduate students.
- Organized winter dinner for GPSA executives and directors.
- Initiated the planning for a Graduate Student Leadership Summit to be held in February 2015.
- Initiated discussion about hosting a Master's Student Town Hall in the spring 2015. Possibility to collaborate with the Assembly.