

Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

Date: October 24, 2014



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
 - October 24, 2014: Memorial Union, Mohave 236
 - November 21, 2014: **Polytechnic Campus, 2:30 pm, SU Cooley Ballroom A**
 - December 12, 2014: Memorial Union, Cochise 228
 - January 23, 2015: Downtown or Tempe Campus, Location TBD*
 - February 20, 2015: Downtown or Tempe Campus, Location TBD*
 - March 20, 2015: **West Campus, 2:30 pm, UCB 265/266**
 - April 17, 2015: Tempe Campus, Location TBD
- All meetings on Tempe campus start at 2:00 pm. Meetings at Poly, West, & Downtown will start at 2:30 pm.
- I'd like to have some Assembly members who have experience in Poly/West/Downtown to talk to the Assembly about challenges, successes, and campus information on each location.

Action Required

- Attend your committee meetings
- Participate in Homecoming Events (especially the parade) next weekend.

Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 10/22/14

Members Present: Emily McIvor, Jillian Childress, Bobby Abdallah, Peter Krehbiel, David Bakardiev

Members Absent: Katie Brown, Andy Waldron

Minutes of Summer Assembly Operations Committee Meetings

- Discussed the need for matching funds in amounts over \$250 and the concerns for how to fund these GSOs.
- We spent some time discussing the application, what it asks for, and what we really want/need from applicants.
- We also talked about having some example itemized budget info on the website, or at least links to "how to lay out a budget", since there was a lot of discrepancy/variation in level of detail. Maybe even hold our own seminars yearly about how to do this kind of stuff.
- We looked over the new member applications and think they all look good to be presented to the Assembly.

- Assembly members will receive a spreadsheet that shows which GSOs have applied in each month, how much they were allocated, and totals. The first tab is the list, and the second tab has a running total for the year to date.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 11 at 5:00 pm.

Government Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 9/29/14

Members Present: Committee Chair: Daniel Burillo. Committee Members: Emily McIvor, David Bakardjiev, Owen McKenna, Bryson Jones

Members Absent: None

Minutes

- Conducted an internal review of the Constitution, ByLaws, and Operations Practices.
- The committee produced a report noting specific language, dates, issues, and suggestions for improvement to more accurately represent current government operations and the intended role of the Gov Ops Committee.
- Special thanks to Adam Monroe for identifying unclear language in the ByLaws.
- This report was reviewed by the Assembly President (Andrew Waldron), who provided key insights and recommendations for next actions.
- Next Actions: The Gov Ops Committee will draft bills to address all of the items identified by the January Assembly meeting.

International Students Concerns Report for October 2014 Assembly meeting

- The International Students Committee held its first event – GPSA International Students Interactive Discussion. Along with volunteers and members of the committee, about 25 people showed up for some food and discussion. They were asked to fill out a questionnaire which will be analyzed this week. Once the data has been analyzed, I will be meeting with Graduate Education and ISSO to voice international student's concerns.
- Also, the majority of the participants asked for more social events geared towards international students. I (Parth) will be meeting with Pauline to discuss this further.
- I also met with the group in charge of orientation. We discussed the International Students Spring Orientation. We are looking at hosting a separate social event for incoming international students. I will be meeting with them again this week to further these discussions.
- Even though the turnout was much lower than the RSVPs, I was glad to see new volunteers interested in helping out GPSA.

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- Two of our members resigned this past week for various personal reasons. Shikha Rawat (Engineering) and Amelia Topper (Teachers College) were both excellent

additions to the Assembly. We will certainly miss their spirited voices, energy, and dedication to GPSA & the Assembly. Thank you both for your service!

- Homecoming Parade: The annual parade is on the morning of Saturday, November 1, 2014. Let's tentatively plan on meeting at 10:30 am (same time as last year) at the corner of Tyler Street and McAllister (near the light rail stop) Wear your Inferno shirts or GPSA shirts. Spread the word to all grad students. I'll be emailing via the volunteer network about this opportunity as well. Lunch will be provided.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Committee: CLAS representatives, please speak to me about interest in forming the CLAS committee to meet with your dean. If so, let's get this up and running for late October/early November.
- Sexual Assault Resolution: There has been some interest in establishing a united front or show of support/encouragement for the university's sexual violence/assault programming. In your packets you have a copy of the USG bill. I'd like to talk about GPSA's position on this bill.
- Recruitment: We are working hard to recruit more members for the Assembly. There are programs that are particularly hard to fill. Reach out to friends, colleagues, and share your experience with the Assembly. Have them contact me for more information or for details about how to apply to be an Assembly Member.
 - Current Vacancies (Predicted after Assembly Vote)
 - Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (1 seat)
 - Nursing (1 seat)
 - College of Public Programs (2 seats)
 - Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (1 seat)
 - WP Carey Business (2 seats)
 - Cronkite School of Journalism (1 seat)
- Committee Requirements Clarification: Once you have been confirmed as a University Board and Committee member, talk to me and we can drop one of your GPSA committee assignments. In order to keep balance, I may decide which committee you are dropping. Let's check in at Friday's meeting about who has already been assigned to a University Board/Committee

Assembly Member Expectations Reminder

- Attend the Assembly Meetings: If you are unable to attend you need to send a proxy (substitute Assembly member). Have that person introduce him/herself at the before the meeting begins. You have a limited quantity of absences before you are removed from the Assembly.
- Participate in Two Committees: This means once a month meetings and being an active member of the committee. Keep in contact with your committee chair and have fun.
- Attend GPSA Social & Advocacy Events: Please attend and spread the word to your peers. We need to represent, mingle, learn, and meet our constituents.
- Distribute information to and from the Assembly from your entire constituency.
- Respect, Listen, Enjoy, and Serve.