

Executive Report

From the Office of *External Affairs*

Date: 2/20/2015



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

1. Come to the Senate lawn between 11am-1pm on Tuesday, February 17 for the ASU Day at the Capitol. Wear ASU colors!
2. Join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 1:45pm at the State Capitol room 109 to stand in solidarity while the proposed education budget is reviewed.
3. Arijit Guha Graduate Student Advocacy Awards: Application opens Sunday, March 1, 2015

Action Required

ADVOCACY ALERT: As individuals committed to attaining a graduate education, we know you understand the value of education and its connection to society's outcomes.

Unfortunately, the value of education seems to be misunderstood by some leaders in Arizona. The three public universities, including ASU, are facing severe budget cuts (>\$77.5 million) that will negatively impact our education and the future of our state. Will you join GPSA in asking our leaders to not cut education? Below are a few things you could do:

1. Contact your state representative and share with them (1) what education means to you, and (2) why they should oppose cuts to education. You can find your representative and their contact information here:
<http://www.azleg.gov/alisStaticPages/HowToContactMember.asp>
2. Contact Jesus Cisneros, GPSA VP of External Affairs, if you would like to learn more about what you can do: Jesus.Cisneros@asu.edu.

I hope you will stand in solidarity with ASU graduate and professional students, and help highlight the value of higher education!

#EducationNotIncarceration, #InvestInUs #BooksNotBars #ourGPSA

External Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Last Committee Meeting: 2/3/2015 at 5pm

Members present: Evelyn Baca, Katie Brown, Hillary Charles, Joshua Watson, Tara Swanhom, Jesus Cisneros

Members absent: Rohan Shah, Jordan Hibbs, Tara Alehpour, Bryson Jones

To Do:

- Review and score advocacy awards applications

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: TBD

The following is a list of upcoming efforts for our office:

- Director of External Affairs
 - Legislative Action Days: March 20-24
 - AZ raise the minimum wage
 - GPSA days at the capitol
- Director of Advocacy
 - Higher Education budget cuts awareness
 - Student debt
 - Student loan rates
- Director of AWAKEN
 - Knowledge mobilization: the value of education
 - AWAKEN campaign development
 - AWAKEN training