

February 2015 Report
From the Office of the GPSA President
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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- GPSA will be lobbying at the State Capitol, asking our representatives not to cut the budget for education.
- Annette Jecker Outstanding Staff Award now receiving applications.

Action Required

- Please contact VP of External Affairs Jesus Cisneros Jesus.Cisneros@asu.edu if you would like to attend legislative visits with GPSA.
- Please use this hashtags #EducationNotIncarceration, #InvestInUs, #BooksNotBars to post your answer to this question on social media: what does your education mean to you?

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 throughout the month.

The Executive Committee discussed a) GradWeek, b) budget spending and recommendations, c) child care fund for graduate students, d) advocacy strategy, e) awards' ceremonies.

Date/Time of Next Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee will meet on Fridays at 2pm at the Tempe Graduate Student Center except during assembly meetings.

New Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

This committee met on Jan 23rd and February 6th.

- The Committee worked to set up the application, review criteria, and promotional materials for the Annette Jecker Outstanding Staff Award.
- The Committee also started to collaborate with a group of online graduate students in the Global Technology and Development program to pilot an online professional development event.

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: The New Programs Committee will convene in March.

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- Attended weekly meetings with ASASU Council of Presidents to discuss various university-wide initiatives <https://eoss.asu.edu/studentgov?destination=studentgov>.
- Attended several meetings with members of the [university's leadership](#) and other key stakeholders to discuss GPSA priorities and projects of relevance to ASU graduate students.
- Spoke in support of a new policy to limit amporous relations between faculty and students at the January Faculty Senate meeting. This policy intends to prevent sexual violence. The policy was passed by the Faculty Senate.
- Attended February meeting of the Arizona Board of Regents at the University of Arizona.
- Attended several meetings regarding advocacy/legislative strategy against education budget cuts. These meetings were with GPSA external affairs team, ASU council of presidents, ABOR student regents, ABOR's advocacy team, the university's office of government relations, and student leaders from NAU and UofA.
- Hosted Graduate Student Leadership Summit on Feb 13th, which was attended by 50 ASU graduate student leaders.
- Initiated discussions with ASU Family Resources about increasing support for graduate students' childcare. Currently discussing possibility of creating financial support program to support graduate students' childcare needs.
- Contributed to the passage of a resolution in support of a lower tuition rate for Arizona DACA Dreamers by the ASASU Council of Presidents.
- Hosted social gathering for GPSA directors.
- Director of wellness is working closely with Sun Devil Movement for Violence Prevention (MVP) <https://eoss.asu.edu/mvp> to increase visibility and public information, and to increase graduate student participation in their prevention training.

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