

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

- GPSA elections taking place March 31st and April 1, please vote and raise awareness among constituents <http://asuelections.com/>.

### Action Required

- Please vote on the GPSA elections.
- Please review the GPSA 2014-2015 Year in Review presentation for a summary of GPSA's accomplishments this academic year.

### 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 met on as needed basis to discuss GradWeek, budget recommendations, public universities budget cuts, upcoming advocacy trip to Washington DC, internal and external awards, and end of year 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 will meet on Friday March 27 at 11am.

- Committee will review applications for Annette Jecker Outstanding Graduate Student Staff Award and decide on selection process.
- The Committee will meet with students from ASU Online Global Technology Development graduate program to debrief insights from online professional development program pilot.

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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.
- Helped organize rally against education budget cuts and attended State Senate and House hearings on the topic.
- Attended March meeting of the Arizona Board of Regents at the University of Arizona at NAU and addressed the Board in support of action against public university's budget cuts in new State budget and in support of tuition equity for Arizona DACA students.
- Supported External Affairs team in their planning for upcoming advocacy trip to Washington, DC by connecting them to ASU's DC office and NAGPS's western leadership in order to coordinate legislative visits with Arizona delegation.
- Hosted Master's Student Town Halls at each of the Graduate Student Centers (GSCs) and livestream. Total of 18 students in attendance, the majority attended online.
- Continued discussions with ASU Family Resources and Council of Presidents about creating financial support program for graduate students' childcare needs.
- 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. Director is also providing feedback on how to improve the survey and currently working with coalition to host sexual violence prevention event in April.
- Established contact with Office of Entrepreneurship + Innovation and will be discussing potential partnership on GPSA GradChallenge.
- Supported the students in the Global Technology and Development graduate program at ASU Online to pilot an online professional development program <https://asunews.asu.edu/20150312-pilot-global-career-program>.

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