Executive Report

From the Office of the Assembly President

Date: April 17, 2015

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

● GPSA 2014-2015 Assembly Meeting Schedule
  ○ April 17, 2015: Tempe Campus, Wrigley Hall, L1-04
  ○ All meetings on Tempe campus start at 2:00 pm.

● GPSA Awards Event
  ○ April 24, 2015: Internal & External Award Ceremonies--See IA Report for more detail
  ○ PLEASE ATTEND!!!

● ASASU Retreat: Saturday, May 2, 11:00-3:00

Action Required

● Finish the term & enjoy some much needed rest
● Summer Assembly Ops: The new Assembly President will need help this summer working on initiatives for the new year, facilitating a new GSO Funding spreadsheet system, work on budget issues, get up to speed. If you are in town and are part of the new Assembly, please consider being a part of this committee.

Assembly Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Dates: 4/14/15

Present: Emily, Bobby, Katie
Absent: Peter, David, Michael, (Andy)

We approved 3 events for $1815 in funding. The last event had applied previously and was denied, and nobody showed for the meeting or contacted me--until today. They didn't bother to get in touch with me prior to the funding meeting, and they had a whole week, so they are not getting funded

Here are our recommendations for funding policies for next year, as per the three of us in attendance. They shouldn't be too surprising--we've been bouncing these ideas around for most of the year.

● Cap on individual GSOs per year, instead of a per-event cap? (eliminates worrying about how much each group has gotten); 4000 or 4500 (contingent upon total GSO budget line)—maintaining the limit per event of up to $2000
● If the assembly sponsor hasn't actually heard from that group, that should be a red flag; require that sponsors attend the funding meetings too (so there's actual contact
happening there); can help de-mystify the funding application process for assembly members--also means that GSOs HAVE to contact the appropriate sponsor EVERY time they apply (which definitely hasn't happened this year)

- Scrutinize the approximate amount of money spent per graduate student (not necessarily total attendance)—group-only events are also a red flag (initiations for honor societies, for example); meant as an approximate means of comparison between groups/events

- Deadline for receipts: has to be in in the number of business days listed in the funding packets; if nothing is in and no contact in 2 weeks, then your funding is considered forfeit

- Applications can no longer be for the whole year—by semester instead; and all receipts have to be in by the end of that semester—if not turned in, you will not be reimbursed for that event/cost; final deadline each semester could be the last day of the finals week (can be determined by next year's Assembly Ops)

- Is there a way to automate an email reminder to applicants after their event dates? (so they get a reminder about turning in their receipts); also generating a form email thanking them for submitting an application, can be included in that email too (for new application system)

**Government Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**
Meeting Dates: April, 2015

Members Present: Daniel Burillo, Emily McIvor, Peter Krehbiel

Members Absent: Bryson Jones, Michael Bernstein, David Bakardjiev

See Attached Notes

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: See Daniel Burillo for details.

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- April Meeting Details: So basically the April meeting will be divided into two parts.
  - Part 1 is in the current Legislative session and we'll take care of all the business we need to wrap up this year.
  - Part 2 will be the next Legislative session (or 2015-2016). Part 2 is where we will add any Assembly members to vacant positions within their programs. Basically, we will have everyone who was not elected via the election be added in a bill. After we have our Assembly "seated", then we would call for nominations for the Assembly President and go through that process.
  - Part 1 will be remaining business from the 2014-2015 year.
  - Part 2 will be business for the summer and 2015-2016.

- National Graduate & Professional Student Association (NAGPS) Western Conference meeting: On April 11, I attended the regional conference in Tucson, hosted by U of A graduate students. We discussed issues presented at the Legislative Action Days,
shared best practices in marketing, learned about how other universities handled research symposia, as well as considered opportunities for collaboration in the future.

- Please do your best to attend the event on April 24. This end-of-year event will be an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments, service, and to reflect on the past year.
- Constitution & By-law Language Updates: We now have updated Bylaws & an updated Constitution. This should be done every year, moving forward.

Thank you for all your hard work, patience, open minds, and willingness to share your thoughts over the past year. It has been my privilege to be your Assembly President. This experience would not have been as successful nor as enjoyable without you.

To those moving on due to graduation or onto other paths at ASU, keep in touch.