

Graduate and Professional Students Association
Graduate Assembly Meeting
Twelfth Legislature—Ninth Regular Session
2:00 P.M. April 17, 2015
Wrigley Hall L1-04—Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Present:

Emily McIvor, Andy Waldron, Daniel Burillo, Anna Cirell, Owen McKenna, David Bakardjiev, Yanqin Liu, Bryson Jones, Ashley Laverty, Rajat Aggarwal, Peter Krehbiel, Bobby Abdallah, Evelyn Baca, Pauline Venieris, Chun Tao, Tara Salehpour, Rohan Shah, Hilary Charles, Stacy Porche, Jessie Green, German Cadenas, Katie Brown, Parth Nagarkar, Christian Sandoval, Kerem Demirtas

By Proxy:

Absent:

Yashwanth Kumar, Irfan Kula, Lusia Nurani, Yashu Chen, Sultan Kilinc, Jordan Hibbs, Greg May, Michael Bernstein, Jillian Childress

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Called to order at 2:12 pm.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Amendments to the Agenda
- IV. Call to the Audience
- V. Executive Reports
 - a. Andrew Waldron, GPSA Assembly President:
-Thank you for a great year; please see his report
 - b. German Cadenas, GPSA President:
-Thanks for a wonderful year
-There is a tuition hearing on April 20, 5-7—proposed tuition surcharge (in-state), 4% increase (out-state), 11% increase (international)
-WellFest—film, sexual violence prevention, food, etc.—tonight, 407, Sun Devil Fitness Center
-Whatever money is left over at the end of the year will go toward the new program for child care for graduate students
 - c. Kerrie Wilkins, Vice President-Internal Affairs:
(out of town; see Pauline’s comments and the VP-IA report)
 - d. Pauline Venieris, Vice President-Professional Development:
-April 24, GPSA internal social/year-end event—there is an RSVP, please do that for an accurate head count—6-8:30, ASU Art Museum patio on the roof—you can bring a +1, and there will be alcohol!
-Review the excellence awards (teaching excellence, continuing excellence)
-See report

- e. Jesus Cisneros, Vice President-External Affairs:
(out of town; see report)

- VI. External Reports
 - Sarah Muench: master's student in CLAS, Global Technology and Development—created Global Development Connect; their program was lacking means of exploring career options, so she created a pilot program, all online (program is online)—meant to connect students with people in the development world (i.e., networking); to be used as a model for other disciplines, and GPSA can consider funding it/organizing it for next year; GPSA's role being helping get people together to make it happen; genius of this is that it made participants actually meet and talk, even if by Skype or phone; make sure it won't duplicate services already available; probable partnership between GPSA, GradEd, and Career Services; should be marketed to online students first

- VII. USG Report

- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Government Operations:
 - Supreme Court update bill on the agenda today; spent most of the year working on these updates so our judiciary arm functions as well as the legislative and executive branches

 - b. Assembly Operations:
 - Committee met April 14 to meet with funding applicants and determine funding recommendations; we will allocate virtually all of the year's GSO funding budget (final spent totals TBD after all receipts are in); been a great year in Assembly Operations!

 - c. Parth Nagarkar, Director-International Student Affairs:
 - Biggest success this year was the ASASU committee for international students—graduate and undergraduate, and several administrators; held several events specifically for international graduate students which were well attended and received; many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with these, and to German and Kerrie for support and advice; still working on internships for international students;

 - d. CLAS Committee Report, Owen McKenna and Bobby Abdallah:
 - First meeting will be in May since the dean has been on sabbatical

 - e. Awaken AZ, Tara Swanholm:
(absent)

- IX. Old Business
 - AB 24: AN ACT Updating Director Bylaw Language
 - Note: directors are appointed (not hired—applications accepted for a scholarship/leadership opportunity)
 - New director positions from this year are up to next year's assembly to be approved and added to the bylaws (these requirements in this bill would apply to them)
 - Called to question by Krehbiel; bill is passed

- X. New Business
 - AB 28: AN ACT to Amend the Bylaws to Adjust Supreme Court Language
 - To update Supreme Court language, make sure there are justices in place
 - Division vote; bill is passed

- AB 29: AN ACT to Approve the GSO April Funding Cycle
 - April funding; \$1815 total
 - Called to question by Bakardjiev; seconded, Krehbiel; division vote; bill is passed
- AB 30: AN ACT to Approve the 2015 Strategic Plan
 - Separate from the budget
 - Move to vote, Bakardjiev; seconded, Krehbiel; bill is passed

XI. Graduate Student Forum

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment 3:43 pm