

Executive Report

From the Office of *External Affairs*

Date: 4/13/2015

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Action Required

External Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time of Last Committee Meeting: N/A

Members present:

Members absent:

To Do:

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: TBD

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- Jesus Cisneros attended the ABOR meeting on April 9 and advocated for affordable access to higher education, and tuition equality for DACA recipients
- AWAKEN AZ had its first luncheon on April 8 with AZ leaders from non-profits and government positions
 - Approximately 40 people were in attendance
 - The luncheon brought attention to the challenges our state faces in Education, Community Involvement, Civic Engagement, Social Awareness, and Economic Innovation
- GPSA student leaders were in DC for Legislative Action Days: March 20-24. They met with AZ representatives and advocated on behalf of the following issues: (1) domestic revalidation of student visas, (2) open access to federally funded research, (3) higher education funding, (4) graduate student loans/ debt
 - Andy Waldorn, Jordan Hibbs, Carlo Altamirano, Kimberly Roland, Jesus Cisneros, Hilary Charles
- German Cadenas attended the March 11 ABOR meeting in Flagstaff and spoke against budget cuts to the universities and about tuition equity for DACAmented DREAMers
- GPSA leaders went to the state capital on Thursday, March 5, 2015 to protest the proposed budget cuts
 - Despite our best efforts, higher education took a \$99 million cut

