Affordability

GPSA supports:

- Improved research funding opportunities for graduate students.
- Competitive pay and fair working conditions.
- Affordable loan rates for graduate and professional students.
- Increased access to affordable childcare for children of graduate students on all ASU campuses.
- Increased options for affordable on-campus and near-campus housing for graduate students with and without families.

GPSA opposes:

- Reductions to graduate student funding without first consulting GPSA and the graduate and professional students at-large.
- Reductions to the quality of graduate student programs and resources.
- University efforts to add, amend, or remove fees without first consulting GPSA and the graduate and professional students at-large.

GPSA will collaborate with ASU Administration & the Arizona Board of Regents to:

- Develop better ways to communicate the policies and procedures regarding financial aid, including but not limited to fee structures and financial aid appeals.
- Increase graduate and professional students’ access to financial aid.
- Encourage increases in student services, particularly when tuition is increased.

Access

GPSA supports:

- Initiatives and legislation regarding open access to research and educational resources.
- New programs that support research and professional development opportunities for graduate students.
- Inclusive environments where diversity and social justice initiatives, such as legal representation, are welcomed and encouraged.
- Increased access to student services, and other components of the ASU student experience to students of all cultural groups on and off campus.
- Comprehensive immigration reform and other legislation to improve efficacy of immigrations system for international students.
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- Legislation that improves visa renewal for international students.
- Improved support services for international students including student visa process education, mentoring, campus-based employment, fellowship and grant availability, and professional development and training.

**Awareness**

GPSA will:

- Register and educate student voters.
- Increase awareness of the impact of state/national budget cuts to higher education and the total cost of attendance for individual students.
- Increase awareness of policy issues that impact educational and professional development.
- Support efforts to provide a safe campus for ASU students.
- Encourage graduate students’ mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health, and direct them to resources for achieving this.
- Create opportunities to recognize the interests, talents, and achievements of graduate students from all campuses.
- Establish effective communication among graduate and professional students.
- Promote engagement of students in community service and involvement.
- Serve on University Boards and Committees, voice student concerns, and work to find solutions for issues that affect students.
- Develop and promote sustainability programs to increase awareness of environmental and climate issues.

GPSA will collaborate with:

- Graduate and undergraduate student governments at other universities in Arizona and across the nation.
- External advocacy groups that support students in Arizona.
- Student-based organizations that support graduate and professional students.