

**Graduate and Professional Students Association**  
**Graduate Assembly Meeting**  
Fifteenth Legislature – Seventh Regular Session  
2:00 P.M. January 20, 2017  
Memorial Union 242 (Lapaz) – Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Agenda

- I. Call to Order @ 2:03pm
  - Roll Call – Quorum Achieved
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - Motion to approve minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.
- III. Amendments to the Agenda
  - None.
- IV. Call to the Audience
  - None.
- V. Executive Reports

*Note: Per GPSA Bylaws, limited to 3 minutes per report with no extension currently*

  - **Assembly President** – Reminder of February meeting on Poly campus. Room TBD. Attend committee meetings. Changing to At-Large seats within the Assembly. Hoping to fill all seats (only 14 seats left to fill!). For more see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9CeKoiH8dEJLXBSNFh5RHBKQ0U/view?usp=sharing>
  - **President** – Attend ABOR meetings on Tempe campus 2/1-2/3. Discusses Day at Capitol 2/21 (11AM-1PM—RSVP by 2/1). Will email out GPSA budget updates. For more see <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9CeKoiH8dEJcnJhQmFLSW1JYms/view?usp=sharing>
  - **VP Internal Affairs** – Discusses Spring Research applications received. Fall GRSP= 55, Spring GRSP= 76. Fall JumpStart= 20, Spring JumpStart= 21. Spring Athletic Research grant only received 8 applications, so deadline extended to 2/1. For more, see here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9CeKoiH8dEJbFowLVcyVE1Obms/view?usp=sharing>

- **VP Professional Development** – TEA and Mentorship/Research nominations/application deadlines finalized. Nomination deadline is 2/15. Application deadline is 3/1. For Centennial Professorship Award and Staff Award, nomination deadline is 3/1, application deadline is 3/15. Bowling event at MU. Local Research Pitch in March. State Research Pitch in April. For more, see the full report:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9CeKoiH8dEJV0JsVExHd25rcmc/view?usp=sharing>
- **VP of External Affairs** – “Her”story events coming in March. Legislative Action Days where fly to D.C. to meeting state reps coming in March (3/11-3/14). Food shelf started at ASU for grad students with food security issues. Spring cycle of child care funding (deadline 2/10). For the full report, see:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9CeKoiH8dEJTWxTeXITWkc5Yjg/view?usp=sharing>

#### VI. External Reports

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- Student Health Insurance—Michelle Sullivan talked of meeting where 2 reps from Aetna and United Health came to present lowest bids for 2-year contract for ASU, NAU, and U of A student health insurance. Her and Aaron are looking through bids and presenting summary at next meeting. If interested, please contact Michelle about attending this next meeting. Michelle voiced all GPSA wants (dependents, dental and vision, child care), but all issues on table are much bigger than just GPSA.

#### VII. USG Report

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None

#### VIII. Committee Reports

- International Students—Kevin Rutherford talked about meeting up to brainstorm events for Culture Fest.
- External Affairs—Kevin Rutherford spoke of Sexual Misconduct Awareness Month activities and how to get involved. See link for more information:  
<https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/>
- Internal Affairs—Guy Harrison says that their committee hasn’t yet met. Let him know if you wish to join the IA committee.
- Gov. Ops—Sarah Geren reviewed how to make changes to the Constitution and how to change policy regarding Supreme Court nominations. Need Supreme Court Justices. Need Assembly members on Gov. Ops committee. See Calendar to see when committee meets.

- Assembly Ops—discussed breakdown of funding cycles thus far. Doing well and have spent \$15,655 thus far out of a \$70,000 budget. This is typical nature of GSO funding, though (according to GPSA Pres. Andy).
- CLAS— Claire Crowthers talks of meeting with Career Services to discuss professional development for non-academic job market. Meeting with deans and looking into summer funding.
- Professional Development— Mohsen Garshasby says that their committee hasn't yet met. Let him know if you wish to join the PD committee.

IX. Old Business

- None

X. New Business

A. AB #26: AN ACT to Renumber AB #24

- Passes by super majority

B. AB #27: AN ACT to confirm new members to the GPSA assembly

- Bill amended to include one more member and improve accuracy of language by super majority
- Amended Act passes by super majority
- Discussion need for more online students representing GPSA. Also discuss whether the transformation of seats to “At-Large” status maxes out any College’s max to over 8. Assembly Pres. George clarifies that if accept all new members, still need 2 more Engineering students until we reach max in that College. All other Colleges are safe.
- Passes by super majority

C. AB #28: APPROVAL of GSO funding for the December

- Passes by super majority

D. AB #29: AN ACT to confirm new Supreme Court Member

- Passes by super majority

*Note: Per GPSA Bylaws, limited to 15 minutes per item with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes available*

XI. Graduate Student Forum

*Note: Per GPSA Bylaws, limited to 3 minutes per speaker with an extension of 5 minutes available*

- Anna Montana Cirell mentions how Tempe voters can meet Kyrsten Sinema (if that is their Congresswoman) without going to Washington D.C., by emailing Kate Gonzalez at [Kate.Gonzales@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kate.Gonzales@mail.house.gov) to know when the next Kyrsten in Your Community (KIYC) events take place. In these events, Kyrsten will be available to meet her constituents and listen to our issues. These Kyrsten in Your Community (KIYC) events take place every month at the Pecos Community Center, 17010 South 48th Street., Phoenix, AZ 85048.
- We must be better about placing all GPSA events on our shared public calendar.
- We must complete the GPSA online application for the Assembly seat by 2/24 and also attend a mandatory session to become a GPSA Executive officer (TBD)
- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be at ASU on 2/23. See <https://asunow.asu.edu/20170111-asu-feature-conversation-us-supreme-court-associate-justice-sonia-sotomayor>

## XII. Announcements

- Committees need more people.
- New members sign up for polos and name badges.
- February GPSA Assembly meeting will take place within the Poly dorms. Exact dorm location TBD.

## XIII. Adjournment @ 3:34pm