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2019-2020 Report Associated Students of Arizona State University Council of Presidents

USG Downtown President: Yasmin Alvarado

USG Poly President: Dan Pasco

USG Tempe President: Hanna Salem

USG West President: Tony Camisi

GPSA President: Leah Jones

The Council of Presidents (COP) is the leadership of the Associated Students of Arizona State University. It consists of the five presidents from the four campus Undergraduate Student Governments (USG) and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA). Each year, COP works to create our priorities, which are student-driven goals and initiatives that we work to achieve collaboratively with the ASU administration. Below are many of our accomplishments this year in completing these priorities.

Sustainability

- Receipts have been mostly eliminated for dining halls and on campus restaurants.
- Plastic straw elimination at on-campus Starbucks locations by Fall 2020.
- Transportation Demand Management taskforce created to identify sustainable transportation options for the ASU community.
- New and more secure bike registration for Fall 2020, to encourage students to utilize bicycles on campus.
- Another 30+ water bottle refilling stations added FY20.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Health Services implemented a post-appointment survey to understand how to best serve our diverse student body
- Counseling Services recruited multilingual counselors and now offers a larger diversity of languages, racial identities, ethnic backgrounds, and LGBTQIA+ identities
- All EOSS staff will have completed cultural competency training by May 31, 2020
- ASU Family was launched to support both student parents and the families of students
- COP increased communication with the Council of Coalitions through various collaborative meetings throughout the year
- The *Together We Rise* fundraising dinner to raise scholarship funds for

DACA/undocumented students was improved through partnership with the ASU Foundation

- The significance of “A” mountain was recognized by changing the name of our paint the A tradition to “Echo from the Buttes”

Civic Engagement

- Working with County Recorder’s office to have ballot drop off bins for mail-in ballots
- Quality video was created regarding voter registration and voting to be embedded in new student orientation
- No punitive measures on election day (in progress)
- Voter registration update on myASU
- Deputy Vice President of Student Services is the professional staff position taking the lead on university wide, long term civic engagement initiatives
- Provide resources and information about the census such as forums, marketing, and a call to action to activate volunteers
- ASASU elections push on myASU app

Academics

- Pre-law advising is being designed to address standardization of per-professional programs advising across all ASU campuses
- To improve the advising process, UTO is creating a service survey within the ASU app for students to give feedback
- Personalized Career Milestones is being created for upperclassmen to showcase various services and resources (research, study abroad, etc);
- Waive graduate entry exam program; USG Tempe has successful pilot program; USG Downtown will be piloting in 2020-2021
- Expansion of study spaces during midterms and final exams season across all ASU campuses

Student Services

- Expansion of the Bridging Success scholarship geared towards helping at-risk, ASU student veterans, and in-need students.
- Increased the number of public safety walks that occur on each campus.
- Provided funding for ASU student parents through the ASASU Child Care Subsidy.
- Strengthened the menstrual equity initiative by providing easier, no-cost access to menstrual products.
- Increased the number of technology charger stations on campus.
- Implemented the Graduate Career Navigator for enticing graduate students to connect with alumni in affiliated fields.
- Helped promote self-defense training classes for students through the RAD Program in Spring.



2019-2020 Report Undergraduate Student Government Downtown

Office of the President: Yasmin Alvarado

Department of Policy: Kylie Cochran

Department of Services: Michelle Ailport

Office of the Chief of Staff: Grace Ramsey

Senate: Renuka Vemuri

Office of the President

Executive Officer: Yasmin Alvarado

Career Clothing Closet

Originally a physical space, USGD collected hundreds of clothing items ranging from blouses, slacks, ties, etc. As professional clothing items can be expensive, this initiative was to reduce the barrier between students. Due to the lack of space available on campus, USGD planned to host a sustainable clothing exchange event. The event would provide students with a free headshot and a chance to choose clothing items for them to keep. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event was cancelled. Reimagining what this service looks like, USGD will be offering a \$50 reimbursement per student per school year. Students will be able to buy professional clothing items from various stores and be reimbursed for their purchase.

Presentations

USGD will be offering a \$50 reimbursement per student per semester to alleviate any financial burden that comes with presentations. Students can use this service to fund their conference presentations, research fair presentation, Change the World presentation, and Barrett Honors Thesis presentation.

Graduate Exam Pilot Program

Similar to USG-Tempe, USGD will be piloting a graduate exam reimbursement program. Students will be able to receive a 25% reimbursement for their total cost of a graduate exam.

Department of Policy

Executive Officer: Kylie Cochrane

Government Affairs

National Voter Registration Day

In support of the COP priority of civic engagement, the policy department conducted a day-long voter registration drive on National Voter Registration Day. On that day, over 50 students successfully registered to vote or updated their voter registration. Through partnership with ASU’s Pastor Center, USGD offered “VOTE Taylor Place” stickers to students, serving as an ongoing reminder of their civic duty.



ASU Day At The Capitol

USGD joined the rest of the policy teams of ASASU for an exciting day at the capitol celebrating investment in higher education. ASASU networked on the lawn and engaged with lawmakers, ASU leaders and ASU alumni encouraging legislative support for the university.

Bill Tracking

Despite a short legislative session, the Director tracked state legislative activity, advising the Government Operations committee to ensure the collection of student feedback on legislation of interest to the student population. As a result of local government tracking, the Senate passed a resolution standing in opposition to proposed changes to jaywalking policy in the City of Phoenix.



Census Initiatives

Throughout the year, the Director of Government Affairs continued to issue information about voter registration, elections, and the 2020 Census via digital channels. The Director supported the Office of Government Affairs by communicating with students the importance of participating in the 2020 Census and the need for a full count. The Census virtual campaign impacted close to 750 students virtually via Instagram.

Safety, Health, and Wellness

Donuts With Dutch

USGD hosted their first Donuts With Dutch in collaboration with the Arizona State University Department. We were able to start a conversation between students and ASU PD, especially students of color and had a great turn out of over 60 people.



Sun Devil Leadership Open Forum

In collaboration with the leaders of Sun Devil Leadership; One Team, Sun Devil Fitness Center, Changemaker Central and Sun Devil Movement for Violence Prevention, we came together for a virtual forum. During this call Undergraduate leaders shared resources still available for constituents, provided tips and tricks to working from home and answered questions from the audience.



Health Services Tabling

In support of the work from ASU Health Services the Director of Safety Health and Wellness tabled three times with the department. During the months of October and November USG and Health Services joined together to promote flu shots and its importance during an aggressive flu season.

Expanded Menstrual Products

As part of USGD, the Director of Safety Health and Wellness continued to help expand the menstrual equity agenda by offering the service of free pads and tampons to the Pitchfork Pantry and is in great shape to be expanded to at least the first floor of every building in the ASU Downtown campus.

COVID-19 Support Posts

Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported at ASU, the Director of Safety Health and Wellness teamed up with fellow senators to release information regarding the COVID-19 through our social media. With the transition to a virtual world the Director of Safety Health and Wellness spent time compiling health and personal concerns from students. We then turned that information into actionable resources students could utilize. We promoted organizations such as ASU Health Services, the SDFC, Counseling services along with other pieces of helpful information to advocate for a safer environment and increase awareness of the resources they are still able to access as students. The COVID-19 campaign made over 3,000 impressions on social media.



Diversity and Inclusion

Moonlight Screening

The Director of Diversity and Inclusion held a screening of the Academy Award winning film Moonlight for Black History month with the support of the Programming and Activities Board, Black Student Union and Confetti.



COVID-19 Community Support Posts

The Director of Diversity and Inclusion shared crucial information over Instagram related to how COVID-19 is impacting communities. These posts provided recommendations on how to be a good neighbor, volunteer and support local businesses during this time. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion also worked with the Asian American Association of



Arizona State University to issue a statement on Anti-Asian Discrimination caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Department of Services

Executive Officer: Michelle Ailport

Student Outreach

The Director of Student Outreach collaborated with SDLC on Downtown Phoenix campus. The Director helped with bi-weekly tabling to increase student output through surveys. Taylor Fest and Sparky’s Carnival had its highest student attendees for the academic year. The Director helped with online student outreach during COVID-19 with the help of the External Affairs Committee. With the help of the Director of Student Outreach, USGD began their Caught Wearing Gold Initiative.

Communications

Originally being monthly, USGD expanded their newsletters on a weekly basis. Due to COVID-19, USGD transitioned their office hours on Instagram Live.

Appropriations

The Director of Appropriations began meeting with their counterparts on the other ASU campuses. New policies were implemented into the USGD bylaws to help streamline the funding process.

Senate

Executive Officer: Renuka Vemuri

Barrett, the Honors College

Barrett Senators hosted a Grad Fair to promote resources, scholarships, and services available to undergraduate students. Senators aided the college during Town Halls to collect student’s questions and concerns. Senator increased Barrett Honors College Council interaction and involvement. They also helped the college in brainstorming ideas to help bring more students into the new Barrett suite.

Walter Cronkite, School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Cronkite Senators contributed to student outreach/engagement efforts during the shift to online due to COVID-19.

Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

Watts Senators began an initiative called Watts Wednesdays, alongside the Watts College Council. Senators advocated for better transfer student events and resources. With this work, they began a transfer taskforce to help with orientations, alongside the Transfer Student Alliance. Senators also helped with improving communication between the Watts College Council and USGD and a better working relationship with Watts administration.

Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Edson Senators built a long-lasting relationship with Edson faculty. They assisted with Family Weekend, the Health Career Expo, and the Health Innovation Expo. They participated in a “Meet your Senators Scavenger Hunt” and advocated for an Edson College Council.

College of Health Solutions

CHS Senators began a college council and hosted a Health Internship Fair.

Legislation

The Government Operations Committee wrote notable pieces of legislation that advocated for student’s needs and concerns. One resolution advocated for students not to receive penalty for assignments or absences during religious holidays. Another resolution was in favor of accommodating students by recording classes and temporarily modifying attendance policies. A Senate Bill written allocated funding towards the Student Advocacy Center to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Medical Amnesty Resolution was written in response to the student deaths this school year and to advocate for the safety of students.

2019-2020 Report Undergraduate Student Government Poly

Office of the President: Dan Pasco
Department of Policy: Troy Anderson
Department of Services: Espie Sanchez-Apodaca
Senate: Brandon Dixon

New Programs and Services

Scantrons and Green Books

USG Poly provided over 500 Scantrons and Green Books to students for their academic testing needs.

SDFC Fitness Assessment/Personal Training Sessions

USG Poly subsidized 100% of the cost of the \$22+ wellness sessions listed above for close to 100 students.

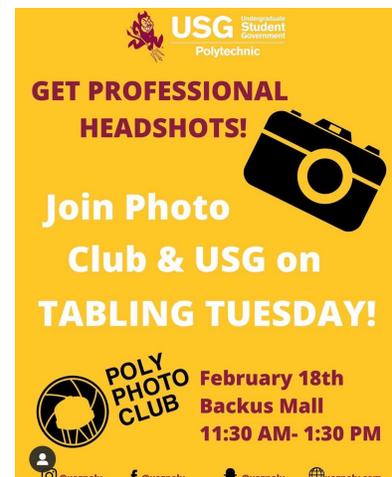


Poly Photo Club Partnership

USG Poly offered free professional headshots to students. Our organization partnered with the Photo Club this year to provide headshots to students during our Tabling Tuesday events.

Local Business Discounts

USG Poly partnered with several local businesses to offer student discounts. This included discounts to businesses such as Jimmy Johns and Lyft.





Student Organization Success

Fall/Spring Welcome Dinners for Student Organization Leaders

This year, we began hosting formal dinners to kick off the semesters with our student organization leaders, in an effort to better gauge campus interests and inform our students how we aim to support them.

Spring 2020 Community Service Award

This spring, we began recognizing student organizations who go above and beyond and fulfill ASU's responsibility to the communities we serve. Our first winner is Women in Aviation!



Tabling Tuesday's

Our twice a month Tabling Tuesday events have continued to be fruitful this year, engaging with hundreds of students each iteration.

Appropriations 2019-2020

This year proved to be another successful year for our student organizations. Many were able to compete at the national or international level in their disciplines and Student Government aided in critical funding for our organizations to self-actualize.



2019-2020 Report Undergraduate Student Government-Tempe

Office of the President: Hanna Salem

Department of Policy: Trey Leveque

Department of Services: Nikki Tran

Senate: Dominic Frattura

Office of the President

Executive Officer: Hanna Salem



Diversity and Inclusion

Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Emily Rubio, has been working diligently to improve diversity and inclusion efforts internally by hosting trainings for USGT members--such as SafeZone and DreamZone training--to improve our leadership and ensure we are serving a diverse student body to the best of our abilities. Additionally, Emily has partnered with all of the Coalitions that hosted Heritage Months during the Fall 2019 to host a USG event during those months. Lastly, USGT, Women's Basketball, Women's Coalition and 942 partnered to host a Women Empowerment and

Infinity basketball game to celebrate 100 years of suffrage. Through the "Like a Woman" campaign, these organizations have been able to highlight strong women leaders on campus and share their Sun Devil stories.

Internal Operations

The Undergraduate Student Government gained 30 new members in September thanks to the intern program. Through this program interns are able to shadow Directors and Senators, learn more about the functions and internal workings of USG, and complete a capstone project by the end of the school year. During the fall semester, interns worked in each department for two weeks prior to getting their permanent assignments. During the spring semester, interns will be working with the department executives to create a

project or initiative that pertains to the goals of the university, Council of Presidents, and Undergraduate Student Government-Tempe.

Finance

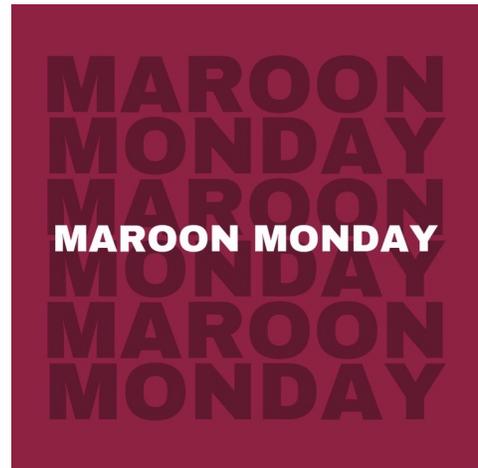
An area that the executive team this year wanted to improve was the appropriations process internally and externally. The addition of the Director of Finance to the team has helped the process be more efficient and centralized. Justin Fink, Director of



Finance, has led over 20 appropriations training throughout the semester to assist club leaders with the appropriations application and has been helping the Senate Appropriations Committee analyze all budget requests. There has been a noticeable difference of less students coming to the USGT office and asking questions about the appropriations process.

Outreach and Public Relations

Maroon Mondays: USGT has been tabling weekly outside the Memorial Union to engage with the student body more and encourage students to wear maroon on Mondays. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions about what we do and the services we provide. Additionally, this has been a great way to advertise initiatives, events, and Senate meetings and also collect questions for Dr. Crow Forums. Maroon Mondays have increased our presence on campus as well as helped double our social media following.



Campus Intern Project

The USGT interns this year were tasked with promoting and educating students about the census. Interns engaged with students by creating marketing posts and videos to answer questions and inform students the importance of being counted in the state of Arizona. Interns

have been tabling every 'Maroon Monday' on the lawn to engage with students and help answer any questions they may have.

Custom Hydro Flask Giveaway

Due to the online transition the last half of the spring semester, the Public Relations team was staying engaged with students through the custom Hydro Flask giveaway during the month of April. In order to promote a sustainable item and raise awareness for Earth Month, the two Public Relations Directors did an online giveaway each week. In total, 8 students received a new, custom Hydro Flask and the USGT Instagram page gained over 200 followers due to this engagement.



Department of Policy

Executive Officer: Trey Leveque



Civic Engagement

National Voter Registration Day: On September 24th, 2019 USG-T hosted National Voter Registration Day. The day began with Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes, with a speech on the importance of the youth vote. In collaboration with Next Gen Arizona, we hosted a carnival filled with games and food (pizza, cotton candy, and popcorn). Students also had the chance to learn from 18 various political organizations and community groups about how to get involved outside of simply voting. Groups included the U.S. Census, Maricopa County Recorder's Office, Clean Elections, College

Republicans, College Libertarians, Young Democrats, and many more. Approximately 200-300 students attended. Two camera crews from local news stations as well as the State Press were in attendance to help inform students how to register to vote.

Civic Engagement Week: USG-T partnered with 942 Crew to help students register to vote at a volleyball rivalry game against ASU. We designed 350 “Sun Devils Vote” t-shirts and gave them away at the game. Additionally, we registered students to vote at both entrances to the game. During halftime at the game, we advertised the ASU TurboVote link and helped students register while in the stands by bringing around two iPads where they could register to vote online.

PPE Roundtable with Maricopa County Recorder: On November 25th USGT Policy Department hosted a roundtable with the Maricopa County Recorder to discuss the Presidential Preference Election. Recorder Fontes gave a presentation about the PPE and gave updates on what the Maricopa County Recorder’s office is planning to do over the next few years. We also had a facilitated conversations about the PPE which were centered around the following questions:



- What barriers to participation do you think students may encounter in the Presidential Preference Election?
- What resources do you think are necessary to overcome the barriers from question 1?
- What would you consider a successful election?
- What are some measurements you could use to determine a successful election?

We the Voters Conferences with Clean Elections: On October 19th, Justin Heywood, Director of Civic Engagement, attended Clean Elections’ “We the Voters” conference. USG-T hosted a table that gave away student voter information as well as free civic engagement swag like pocket constitutions and stickers. Justin listened and learned from to a speech by the panels by the chair



Voter Registration Training by Maricopa County Recorder's Office: This past semester our Civic Engagement Director, Justin Heywood, planned several voter registration trainings with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office to be able to help students be as prepared as possible to be able to register students to vote at Arizona State University. These training sessions gave students the opportunity to be certified as official Deputy Registrars and give them the most up-to-date voter registration information.

ASU Day at the Capitol: When the Arizona Legislature is in session during the spring semester, student leaders travel to the AZ Capitol. During the 34th annual ASU Day at the Capitol, students from various ASU schools and colleges showcased their work for legislators at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, across from the Arizona Capitol building. The event gave students, professors, and lawmakers an opportunity to connect with each other about the work being done within their districts.

Maricopa County Recorder's Office Town Hall: On February 15, the USGT Policy Department also hosted a Presidential Preference Election Town Hall with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office. This gave ASU students the opportunity to come talk with the County Recorder, Adrian Fontes, about voting on campus and the PPE election that occurred in March! Additionally, students were able to test out the new voting equipment that will be used in the 2020 elections in March and November. This was a great opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with the new tabulation system before they head to the polls later this year.



Voter Registration Videos at New Student Orientations: As one of our steps to increase voter education and registration at ASU we worked with EOSS early on this semester to shoot a video explaining the importance of registering to vote that was implemented in the ASU orientations. Through our conversations, our hope is to continue to film content



on more specific civic engagement and voting topics as the 2020 Presidential Election gets closer.

ASU ALL IN Action Plan: This past semester, with the collaboration with Changemaker Central and the Ed Pastor Center/Andrew Goodman Foundation we worked to finalize ASU's 2020 ALL IN Action Plan. This document describes our institution's strategy to increase student voting rates to help students form the habits of active and engaged citizenship. Our plan also includes ASU's data from our participation in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). This will guide the work across the university as it relates to preparing our student body for the 2020 elections.

TurboVote Report: TurboVote is an online service to help students vote in every election—local, state, and national—and is developed by Democracy Works, a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that works to simplify the voting process. This past year USGT has used TurboVote more to be able to increase voter registration at ASU and with the collaboration of a lot of other groups on campus like Changemaker Central and the Ed Pastor Center we were able to register 1,080 students, some of which used the service to change their voting address.

Sustainability

Sustainability Advocacy Committee: Building a bigger and stronger partnership between the sustainability advocacy committee by delegating specific goals and responsibilities to help further push sustainable initiatives at ASU. Also working closely to ensure that sustainable goals aren't just enacted on the Tempe campus, but also West, Downtown, and Poly.

Borderlands x USG Partnership: Collaborating closely with Changemaker, to strengthen the partnership with borderlands and USG.

Sustainability Action Fund: Using initiatives/projects that Arizona State's peer universities, and other competitive universities when it comes to sustainable practices on college campuses. have fulfilled the use of a "green fund". Researching student concerns and sustainability goals and determining how these could be achieved through a sustainability action fund.



University Affairs

Community Welcome Walk: USGT collaborated with the City of Tempe, ASU & Tempe Policy Departments, Tempe Fire Department, and Fraternity & Sorority Life on September 5, 2019 for a Community Welcome Walk that visited 300 homes in Tempe to increase community at the beginning of the school year and inform Tempe residents about school starting again.

Fall Community Safety Walk:

- 10 students involved
- The purpose of the Community Safety Walks with the ASU Police Department is to track the areas on campus that aren't well-lit and that may be unsafe for students to walk through at night. Based on the notes and data we collect during these walks, we submit Service Requests to ASU Maintenance to address these issues.
- A total of 17 service requests were submitted based on the amount of details provided in our data from the walk on 10/10/2019.

Government Affairs

Census 2020 Planning: Rachel Caldwell, Director of Government Affairs, and Simone Rossi, Director of University Affairs, met with Robert Cox and Aly Perkins to go over a general 2020 Census plan. Since then, Simone has attended the Complete Count Committee - 2020 Census meetings for updates. Rachel has tabled with the US Census Bureau at the Salute to Service Tailgate in November and is working on improving marketing. They are currently trying to get a list of all dates to table at next semester and planning for Census Day.

- Census Pledge:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf23b_jRVXSL9yRoZLD-o1rWiwVQQYYTRbZZQdOG7xZ8RWx-A/viewform
- Census Video:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/5pbegrydor6my8m/Census%202020_v1.mp4?dl=0

Tempe City Council: Since starting the school year, Rachel has met with City Councilmember Chin, Councilmember Arredondo-Savage and Councilmember Keating to discuss USGT's commitment to sustainable initiatives, including continuing recycling programs and to plan a regular meeting with the Mayor and a specific department: diversity & inclusion, sustainability, etc.



CITY OF TEMPE MAYOR-ELECT
TOWN HALL WITH
MAYOR-ELECT
COREY WOODS

April 27th at 6PM MST

Mayor-Elect Corey Woods will be talking with students about his goals for the City of Tempe in the upcoming year. Students will be able to ask questions!

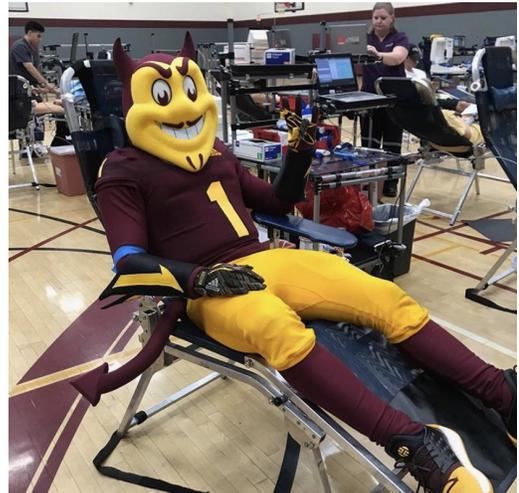
Zoom Link:

Town Hall with Mayor-Elect Corey Woods: This past year our Government Affairs Director, Rachel Caldwell, has worked with Councilmembers and the Mayor from the City of Tempe to increase communication and collaboration over the past year. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 academic school year, Rachel reached out to Tempe’s Mayor-Elect Corey Woods, who will take office July 2, to have a town hall with ASU students to be able to talk about how COVID-19 will impact the City of Tempe as well as answer questions that students had about his platforms and ideas.

Department of Services
Executive Officer: Nikki Tran

Health & Wellness

Fall semester: This year, the Director of Health and Wellness has increased access to health and wellness resources by providing a completely free flu shot clinic in the Student Pavilion and provided 280 flu shots to students. Our annual territorial blood drive achieved maximum occupancy and received 60 donations from faculty, staff, and students. To celebrate World Kindness Day, we partnered with the Sun Devil Fitness Center and distributed 600 KIND bars to students with encouraging messages of positivity. Additionally, the Director of Health & Wellness, Stephanie Gerhart, has been working with Dr. Krasnow to implement health and wellness information to the ASU app to promote the various health and wellness resources ASU offers to their students.



Spring semester: This Spring semester the Health & Wellness Director, Stephanie Gerhart, has provided an ample amount of work towards COVID-19 Aid efforts. Stephanie has been working closely with Dr. Krasnow and his management intern to increase awareness and improve resources to students regarding the Health office. Recently, Stephanie has helped our Senate build a survey to address students' concerns and needs due to the impacts of COVID-19. Our survey obtained over 1000 responses where Stephanie went through each survey response individually to properly address that students' concerns and needs, especially those who needed emergency funds. From



these responses, we concluded that there was demand to help students with certain resources to aid them with the online transition, so we allocated more money to the Childcare Subsidy Fund and donated \$65,000 to the Office of Student Advocacy to help them provide resources to students in need. Additionally, our Services interns, Max Sullivan and Rishika, have been

working with the SDFC to help create the very first e-sports intramurals and promote local businesses during the pandemic. Lastly, our Director of Health & Wellness hosted the very first series of Courageous Conversations where we partnered with various student clubs like Active Minds and Sky Meditation to host a dinner dialogue discussing mental health.



Student Affairs

Director of Student Affairs, Kajol Kapadia, has taken the lead on the USGT Higher Education Exam Reimbursement initiative. Students are were able to apply to receive 25% of the total cost of their graduate school exam in fall 2019 (MCAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.). Ten students have received this reimbursement this semester. By spring 2020, students are now able to apply to receive 50% of the total cost of their graduate school exam (MCAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.). Over 50 students have been able to

take advantage of this opportunity. Additionally, Kajol served as a committee member for the Centennial Professorship Awards to recognize faculty members throughout the university on their work.



Safety Escort

The Safety Escort team has dedicated their time this semester to improve their customer service skills, shortening wait times, and promoting the service to students to ensure they feel safe on campus.

Total rides in Fall 2019: 4,730

Total rides in Spring 2020: 2,380

Bike Co-Op

The USGT Bike Co-Op, located behind the Sun Devil Fitness Complex, has serviced many students' bikes during the 2019-2020 year. Bike Co-Op Director, Cole Dziawura, is currently working on minimizing wait times and this semester he has successfully implemented an online appointment system through Microsoft Bookings for a better customer service experience.

Spirit, Pride, and Traditions

Director of Spirit, Pride & Tradition, RJ Javangula, continued his Gold Patrol initiative to reignite the tradition of wearing gold on Fridays and encourage students to continue the tradition through media campaigns and giveaways. RJ also continued hosting multiple Athletics Forums in partnership with ASU Athletics and the 942 Crew. With our strong relationship with the 942 Crew, RJ helped USG host multiple nights where USG members attended and promoted athletics events. RJ has also worked tremendously hard on the Devilpalooza committee with the Programming and Activities Board to host a campus-wide festival experience for students.



Additionally, USGT won the fall 2019 Sparky's Spirit Competition demonstrating commitment, passion, and celebration for all ASU traditions. Although COVID-19 did not permit us to host this event, RJ has been working hard with various members of USG to plan Party at the Polls to promote our on-campus ballot center for the Primary Preference Election this past March. The event was going to be

similar to our 2018 Midterm Event Brunch n Ballots to celebrate our democracy and encourage civil dialogue.

Senate

Executive Officer: Dominic Frattura



Senate Caucus

Senate Caucus is a new initiative that was started by the Senate President to foster a culture of communication and collaboration. On Tuesday nights, Senators and Directors come together to complete training like Navigating the Rainbow and Devils4Devils Mental Health training. Additionally, the Senate has hosted guest speakers including Dr. Paul Carrese, the founding Director of the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, and Neil Guiliano, former ASU Student Body President, former Mayor of Tempe, and CEO of Phoenix Greater Leadership, to discuss the importance of leadership and civic engagement in all levels of government.

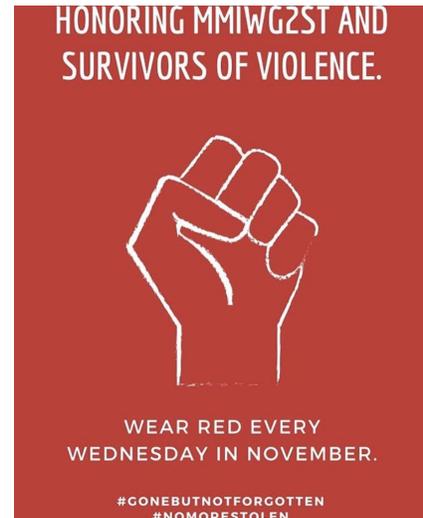
Phoenix Greater Leadership, to discuss the importance of leadership and civic engagement in all levels of government.

Senate Clerk Director

The executive team this year decided to redefine the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Senate. This position is now a Director role hosted in the Office of the President and acts as a liaison between the Directors and Senators and encourages collaboration between both entities. Our Senate Clerk Director, Jamila Rahim, has done a tremendous job assisting the Senate President in supporting Senators with their legislation and initiatives, documenting minutes for all Senate meetings, and assisting with the internal and external communication of the Senate. The Senate has seen tremendous improvement with transparency, professionalism, and support due to this critical role.

Legislation

Senator Blaine Burnette, Sebastian Patron-Soto, Benjamin Cooper, Varun Susarla, and Michael Serna sponsored Senate Resolution 5: A Resolution to recognize the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and encouraged all students, faculty, and staff to wear red every Wednesday of November to stand in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Additionally, this resolution was presented adopted Undergraduate Student Government West, Downtown Phoenix, and Polytechnic.



COVID-19 Crisis Fund

As a response to the online transition for the last half of the Spring semester, the USGT Senate was in charge of reallocating the remaining money of the USGT budget. Due to students facing economic hardship, moving back home, and new challenges that arise with working from home, the Senate allocated \$100,000 to the Student Advocacy Office to assist with any basic necessities that students may need during this transition period (i.e. rent, travel to go back home, food) and \$85,000 to the ASU office of Family Resources's Sun Devil Child Care Subsidy for students

who are parents.

2019-2020 Report Undergraduate Student Government West

Office of the President: Tony Camisi

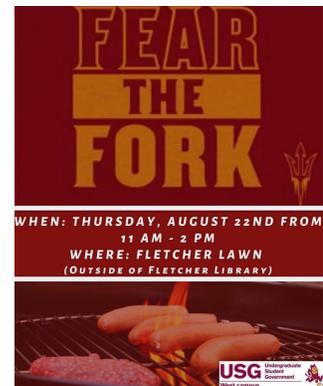
Department of Policy: Robert Romero

Department of Services: Maria Perez

Senate: Jamario Gary

Fear The Fork BBQ

USGW invested \$5000 in our annual Fear the Fork BBQ event for the purpose of having students meet their elected leaders and enjoy a welcome-back BBQ lunch. This event was held during the first day of classes with a turnout of approximately 400 ASU Students.



Rock The Rec

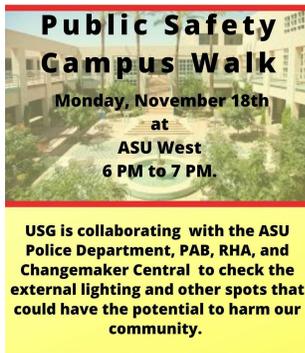
USGW helped collaborate with SDFC West, PAB, RHA, Changemaker Central, and various other organizations by showcasing a retro video game themed event where students were able to play archery, live Super Mario Kart racing, an NBA 2K/FIFA Tournament, rock climbing, and many more games. The turnout for this event exceeded 1,000 ASU students and community members.

Etiquette Dinner

USGW collaborated with Career and Professional Development Services (CPDS) with the intention of educating students on enhancing professional dining skills while maintaining proper etiquette around business professionals. The Etiquette Dinner contained an ASU Alumni guest speaker who studied within the School of Global Management. In this dinner, students had an opportunity to practice their table decorum, maintain appropriate dialogue with professionals, and wear proper business attire for the purpose of practicing dinner etiquette.

Lyft Rideshare Service

USGW has maintained a robust partnership with Lyft Inc. since 2018 with the intent of providing ancillary support for students needing rideshare services. USGW invested over \$5000 to help students needing transportation via rideshare. Furthermore, USGW was able to provide simple-to-use credit codes that would be accessible exclusively to ASU West Students.



Public Safety Walk

USGW hosted the semi-annual Public Safety Walk as an initiative to promote supplemental safety on campus. Every semester, USGW and other partners focus on reporting safety hazards to their local departments with external (outdoor) inspections occurring in the Fall and internal (indoor) inspections occurring in the Spring. USGW partnered with RHA, PAB, Changemaker Central, ASU Facilities Management, the ASU Police Department in ensuring that all light fixtures were modernized, walkways were clear of hazardous material, emergency alarms were active, handicap technology was up-to-date, and many other reporting measures for providing safety solutions. USGW was able to successfully modernize all light fixtures with energy efficient, bright LED lights as well as repair and/or update all damaged safety technology.

De-Stress Fest

USGW collaborated with various clubs and organizations for the purpose of sponsoring “de-stress” activities. The target objective for these events is to help students fight against mental health stress through activities of engagement such as painting, yoga, gaming, live musical performances, and much more. Typically, De-Stress Fest is held one week before final exams with free food and drinks offered for every participating member. USGW helped invest over \$12000 with the goal of attracting students to partake in this entertaining experience.



Finals Breakfast

Once every semester, USGW helps market the finals breakfast to provide students free breakfast served by all ASU faculty and staff members. Furthermore, finals breakfast is sponsored by various organizations who provide free giveaways for students who swipe in their ASU ID. Students are typically served bacon, eggs, pancakes, sausages, tortillas, and hash browns.

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West Fest

Every first week of the semester, all organizations and service departments within ASU West table to provide students information about their organizational initiatives. Furthermore, West Fest is geared towards students wanting to be involved within organizations as well.



University Networking Workshop

USGW collaborated with Career and Professional Development Services (CPDS) to provide students support on how to effectively network and connect with business professionals. USGW and CPDS were able to successfully recruit diverse leaders within various business sectors in helping to provide students the greatest tips for networking. Each business leader shared their advice on what they look for in all candidates who apply for vacant positions.

Cultivated Greatness Creative Arts and Music Conference

This extravagant conference contained all types of musically talented and artistic performers who came together to share their creative work. Each talented student had an opportunity to share their work in front of a vast audience. The purpose of this conference was to establish community amongst talented students as well as foster an environment that exemplified inclusivity. There were over 300 students and organizational leaders who attended this event during the first annual Cultivated Greatness Conference.



Graduate Student Panel

USGW collaborated with CPDS in providing a virtual graduate student panel for the intention of educating undergraduate students about the daily life of working as a graduate student. This virtual event contained four panelists sharing their experiences within graduate school. USGW helped sponsor an activity focused on engaging students to determine if graduate school is right for them. There were 30 total students who participated in this virtual panel.

Senate

The USG West Senate passed a total of 164 bills—98 in the fall semester and 66 in the spring semester.

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GPSA advocated for many concerns of graduate students, such as for an increased number of scholarships open to international masters' students and for enhanced resources to improve faculty mentorship. Additionally, GPSA established a crisis fund for graduate students in response to COVID-19 and set aside \$150,000 to be used for student needs, and we ensured that TA and RA stipends were increased at the rate of the Living Wage for Maricopa County. Finally, GPSA hosted a student panel of graduate students on mental wellness for over 100 graduate program directors and partnered with various departments around campus to promote mental health.

Wellness

GPSA hosted two hikes, a fall hike to South Mountain and a spring hike in Lost Dutchman State Park, with over 70 students in attendance. We also started bi-weekly "Real Talk" support circles in partnership with counseling services. This support circle provides graduate students with a safe space to destress, build community, and provide peer to peer support.



International Student Affairs

GPSA hosted an international student welcome with over 1,200 new international graduate students in attendance. We also hosted several Coffee and Conversation events in partnership with the International Students and Scholars Center and a Thanksgiving feast for international graduate students. Beyond events, GPSA held meetings with the student leaders of international Graduate Student Organizations to build relationships, partner on future events, and share resources.

Diversity and Inclusion
 GPSA hosted a fall Gradgiving event featuring a thanksgiving meal and culturally responsive programming. Students engaged in interactive roundtable discussions about their personal experiences with justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion at ASU. GPSA also participated in various panels and events, such as in partnership with TRIO and at the Local to Global Justice Forum and Festival, to highlight the diversity of graduate experiences.

Outreach

On the Downtown campus, GPSA engaged with various offices, such as the ASU Police Department and the Dean of Students' Office, to host events and connect students to resources. On the West campus, GPSA piloted a "West 2 West" mentorship program to provide peer support to incoming graduate students. On the Poly campus, GPSA hosted a fall and a spring welcome and helped host the Indian festival of colors, Holi. Regular grad chats were hosted on all four campuses.



Internal Affairs

Executive Officer: Sierra Ferguson

GPSA reviewed over 1000 applications for our various research and travel grant programs. This year, we trained 83 travel grant reviewers and 66 research grant reviewers. GPSA also hosted information sessions at each of the four campuses to share information about the application process to graduate students, organized and planned a research symposium for our research grant winners at Change the World (cancelled due to COVID-19), and planned a reviewer social to thank all of the students who helped review applications this year (cancelled due to COVID-19).

Travel Grants

GPSA funded 607 students for travel grants across our five travel grant programs: individual conference travel, group travel, career development, interview, and internship grants. In total, we awarded \$452,939 to travel grant recipients.

Research Grants

GPSA funded 96 students for research grants across our three research grant programs: the Graduate Research Support Program, the JumpStart grant, and the Athletics Research grant. In total, we awarded \$145,443 to research grant recipients.

External Affairs

Executive Officer: Hussein Mohamed

Advocacy

GPSA created an Advocacy Agenda for the year focused on the topics of accessibility and affordability, student success, diversity and inclusion, the international student experience, mental health, sexual violence prevention, and food insecurity. We advocated at the university, state, and national levels to elevate these concerns and advance student support.

Legislative Action Days

The National Association of Professional and Graduate Students (NAGPS) hosted a fall Advocacy Summit and Legislative Action Days in Washington, D.C. This four-day



conference brings graduate students together across the country to learn about the legislative process, to gain skills in advocating for graduate students at the legislature, and to have the opportunity to meet with elected Senators and Representatives. In partnership with Northern Arizona University and University of Arizona, GPSA met with both Arizona Senate offices and eight out of nine Arizona House of Representative offices to advocate for graduate student concerns at the national level.

Civic Engagement

GPSA partnered with Undergraduate Student Governments on all four campuses and with various ASU departments to civically engage students. This included promoting National Voter Registration Day, tracking bills at the state and national legislature to provide the student body with bi-weekly reports on bills relevant to higher education, and participating in the ASU Complete Counts committee to promote completion of the 2020 Census to graduate students.

Professional Development

Executive Officer: Amelia Miholca

Awards

GPSA received over 250 applications across our five award programs, which were reviewed by over 100 graduate student reviewers. We awarded 35 Teaching Excellence awards, 29 Outstanding Research awards, 11 Outstanding Mentor awards, 2 Arijit Guha Graduate Student Advocacy awards, and 2 Annette Jecker Outstanding Staff awards.



Events

At the beginning of the fall semester, GPSA hosted the largest-ever Grad Student Welcome, with over 600 students in attendance. The event featured tabling by ASU departments and Graduate Student Organizations, dance performances, giveaway items, and snacks. We also hosted professional development events throughout the year, such as a cover letter workshop in partnership with Career Services and a LinkedIn Learning and Online Social Networking workshop.

Grad Chats

Each month, GPSA hosted Grad Chats to provide discussion spaces for students on various topics around wellbeing and wellness. Topics throughout the year included personal finance and investing, mental wellbeing and supporting peers' mental health, and coping with the circumstances of COVID-19. We brought in speakers from within and outside of ASU each month to provide expertise on the topics.

Assembly

Executive Officer: Peter Crank

The Assembly finished the year with 42 out of 45 seats filled. This is the largest assembly GPSA has ever had. Assembly members served on 12 different Assembly committees.

Graduate Student Organization Support

The GPSA Assembly supported 147 funding requests from over 45 Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) to support a diversity of events such as documentary screenings, welcome back events, and invited speakers. This is the largest number of GSO funding requests GPSA has received in an academic year. GPSA also served GSOs by holding a fall GSO Leadership Summit, by attending GSO meetings to provide guidance on funding policies and procedures, and by updating the GSO funding policies to allow for event funding during summer months.

Innovation Fellows

GPSA launched the Innovation Fellows Program to encourage graduate students to conduct independent projects that help and serve the graduate community. These fellowships provide small scholarships to the students as compensation for their work and provide programming funds for events or materials. In its first year, the committee awarded five projects: the creation of a GSO Best Practices manual, analysis of data from the GPSA 2019 student survey, a Veteran's Mixer Event (planned but cancelled due to COVID-19), a Thunderbird Art Entrepreneurship Event, and an Engineering Committee mixer.

Assembly Structure & Legislation

The year, the Assembly created two new committees: the Downtown committee and the Wellness committee. Additionally, the Assembly Operations committee worked to create a justification document for each of the twelve committees to provide clarity about the goals of the committees and provide context of the ways the assembly is serving the graduate community. Furthermore, the Government Operations Committee worked with the GPSA Supreme Court to revise the GPSA Supreme Court Rules and Procedures and to create more open communication between the Assembly and the Supreme Court. Finally, 57 bills were brought to the Assembly this session, the most bills that have been reviewed in one academic year.



Referendum

GPSA held a referendum in November to bring updates to the GPSA Constitution to a vote before the entire student body. The proposed changes to the Constitution passed the vote, and these changes include the creation of a GPSA Elections Commissioner as an elected position separate from the ASASU elections commissioner. This will help to improve the GPSA elections process for upcoming years.