Memorandum of Understanding between
the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and
the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreed to by the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) establishes the partnership between the two organizations to increase communication to better the lives of all students on campus.

I. MISSION

Together, ASUA and GPSC enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to mutually promote the role of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students within the University of Arizona system. Accordingly, ASUA and GPSC, operating under this MOU agree as follows:

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

ASUA and GPSC partner because student welfare is of the utmost importance to both organizations. As the elected representatives of the two student bodies it is our responsibility to work together to achieve better results for both of our constituencies. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students will benefit from increased communications between both groups.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Each organization will appoint one person to serve as the official monitor of this MOU. Appointees will be appointed by the elected President of each organization and can be appointed by any process the organization deems appropriate. ASUA and GPSC shall meet once annually to review this document and make changes if necessary.

The ASUA President and the GPSC President should meet twice monthly to discuss common-interest issues. These meetings may include ASUA Cabinet, Policy leaders, ASUA Senators along with GPSC Executive Board, Policy Leaders, GPSC Representatives and others agreed to by ASUA and GPSC Presidents.

In addition to ASUA-GPSC Presidential meetings, ASUA and GPSC believe it is important to form a “Super Executive Cabinet Board” (SECB) made up of ASUA and GPSC leadership to hold at least two meetings per semester and one summer meeting.
ASUA and GPSC agree to the following tasks for this MOU:

**ASUA will:**

a. Ensure that GPSC is informed of ASUA agenda items that potentially affect graduate and professional students.

b. Invite one or GPSC elected official(s) or student staff to any meetings that ASUA is invited to pertaining graduate and/or professional student issues.

c. Maintain open communication with the GPSC in regards to any agreements the ASUA makes with administration regarding tuition and related fees.

**GPSC will:**

a. Maintain open communication with ASUA in regards to any agreements the GPSC makes with administration regarding tuition and related fees.

**IV. TERMS**

a. ASUA and GPSC strive to maintain a quality and professional working relationship with one another especially in regards to issues and initiatives that directly affect graduate and professional students.

b. ASUA and GPSC endeavor to partner for the betterment of all University of Arizona students.

c. ASUA shall recognize GPSC as the primary advocates for graduate and professional students.

d. All campus-wide referendums shall be included in both ASUA and GPSC general elections.

e. ASUA’s appropriations board shall include one member of GPSC.

**V. AGREEMENT TERM AND REVIEW**

The term of this MOU is for five (5) years from the effective date of this agreement and may be extended upon written mutual agreement. The effective date starts the date the Presidents of both organizations sign this agreement. This MOU shall be reviewed at least once annually in a meeting of both leadership teams that must include at least the Presidents of both organization. This annual meeting is expected to take place in addition to bi-monthly meetings outlined in Section III (Responsibilities) to ensure that it is fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions.

Either organization may propose modifications to this MOU with a 30-day notice to ensure sufficient time for deliberations within and among the organizations.

**VI. AUTHORIZATION**
The signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU. On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.

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