

August 18, 2017

We, the Associated Students of Arizona State University (ASASU), are committed: to ensuring an equitable experience for all, improving the daily lives of students, and upholding the values of ASU. As an institution that is, "measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed," it is critical we hold true to the ASU Charter and our commitments that are listed above.

As students we can empathize with the many challenges that stem from rising tuition prices. However, tuition increases provide the necessary revenue to ensure our university remains operationally functional when there is a lack of sufficient support from the state. Despite rising costs in tuition, it is important to note that the following occurred in FY16: on average a Resident Undergraduate Student paid less than **\$1,800** after gift aid, **\$1,370,826,706** was given out in Financial Aid to **87,684 students**, and ASU provided **\$337,839,450** in Institutional Aid. While the aforementioned numbers demonstrate the university's commitment to keeping ASU as affordable as possible, we as ASASU will do our part to uphold a collaborative and transparent partnership with the university administration as we work together to mitigate rising costs. To do this we will:

- 1) Continue to communicate with university administrators in an effective and professional manner.
- 2) Continue to engage in dialogues with university administrators on auxiliary, mandatory, and program fees.
- 3) Continue to hold forums that allow for students to ask questions and raise concerns with university administrators.
- 4) Continue to advocate for the reinvestment of tuition revenue to financial aid.

This is being done because, like our predecessors, we believe it is critical that ASASU and students have a voice in the decisions being made across our university. However without your feedback, we cannot accurately represent your interests. Which is why we would like to extend an invitation to the first Dr. Crow Forum of the semester, please see information below:

September 18th, 2017 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Downtown (Host Campus) San Carlos Room @ The Post Office

Polytechnic Student Union Cooley Ballroom

Tempe Student Pavilion Senita C

West Verde Dining Pavilion Multipurpose Room

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,

The 2017 - 2018 Council of Presidents Samantha Hernandez, GPSA, <u>Samantha.Hernandez.2@asu.edu</u> Jackson Dangremond, USG - Downtown, <u>jdangrem@asu.edu</u> Julia Anderson, USG - Polytechnic, <u>Jcande19@asu.edu</u> Brittany Benedict, USG - Tempe, <u>Brittany.Benedict@asu.edu</u> Tasha Snider, USG - West, <u>Natasha.Snider@asu.edu</u>