Call to order – President Michael Gordon called the meeting to order, Monday, August 5, 2013, at 10:02am

Roll Call

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<td>SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH</td>
<td>En-Chung Shih (Health Physics)</td>
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<td>SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES</td>
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<td>SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE</td>
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<td>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION</td>
<td>Nick Nardi (Educational Psychology and Higher Learning)</td>
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<td>COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING</td>
<td>Kishor Shrestha (Civil and Environmental Engineering)</td>
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<td>COLLEGE OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION</td>
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<td>COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS</td>
<td>Megan Gilliland (Journalism &amp; Media Studies)</td>
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Executive board members in attendance: President Michael Gordon, Vice President Sharon Young and Treasurer Eshani Gandhi

Others in attendance: GPSA Faculty Advisor Peter Gray, graduate student Joseph Nickelson and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton

Colleges/Schools absent: Meghan Pierce, GPSA Secretary; College of Business (vacant position); School of Dental Medicine (vacant position); College of Fine Arts (Ezra Mahurin; Law School (Christian Augustin, class conflict, unable to attend meetings); Liberal Arts (Caleb Picker); Nursing School (vacant position)

1. Information Only – Public Comment (Agenda Item #1) –
   - Graduate student Joseph Nickelson requested in the graduate student Health Insurance plan.

2. Approved – Minutes (Agenda Item #2) – President Michael Gordon called for a motion to approve the July minutes. Nick Nardi (College of Education) motioned to approve and Alison Sloat (Geoscience) seconded. Gordon asked for any corrections or additions and hearing none, he called for a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve.

3. Information Only - Speakers (Agenda Item #3) – President Gordon introduced the two speakers: Heidi Swank, State of NV Assemblywoman and member of the Higher Education Subcommittee and Luis Valera, Vice President for Government Affairs and Diversity Initiatives Assemblywoman Swank shared that she was a former UNLV Anthropology professor and is an advocate for higher education. Swank mentioned the recently adopted funding formulas change in funding allotments. The formula is based on completed hours, versus a shift from based on enrollment numbers. Swank noted that this has created a more equitable funding for all NSHE
institutions. President Gordon asked the assemblywoman ways for graduate students to be heard. Swank encouraged students to 1) vote 2) find out who their legislators are (especially on select committees) and get in touch to let them know the importance of higher education, either by letter or better yet face time.

Vice President for Government Affairs and Diversity Initiatives Luis Valera discussed the dynamics of the State’s Legislature and legislators’ attitude toward higher education. Valera stated that 78% of the state’s revenue is derived from Southern Nevada. Valera stated that NSHE and the state legislature is actively pursuing federal funding for relevant research.

4. **Approved - Budget Report (Agenda Item #4)** – Treasurer Gandhi reported the August monthly expenses. She directed the Council to the budget report. She stated that we are in the start of the Fiscal Year 14 with very little expenses to report. Student wages for the month of July were at $3,702.00. Xerox machine monthly costs were at $95.50. Student fees revenue for the month was at $11,170.32. Items sold in the Graduate Student Commons was $184.11 for the month. Gandhi concluded with stating the balance forward is at $148,533 with a balance of $75,248.93.

President Gordon asked for a motion to approve the budget, Susan Zhong (College of Hotel Administration) motioned to approve the budget report; Nick Nardi (College of Education) seconded. After a call for the vote, Council unanimously approved the budget report as presented.

5. **Information Only - Committee Reports (Agenda Item #5)** -
   - Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance: President Gordon noted that the NSA has made changes to their agenda format.
   - GPSA Activities / Community Service: President Gordon shared the GPSA calendar of events for the fall semester 2013. This document is included in the August GPSA Newsletter, The Luminary. Gordon highlighted some of the upcoming events: GPSA Brown Bags, 1st Wednesday of the month and numerous GPSA hosted workshops.
   - GPSA Publications: Secretary Meghan Pierce noted that the upcoming GPSA Newsletter, The Luminary, will be printed and distributed at the August 23rd New Graduate Student Orientation. The newsletter is also available online: http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/newsletter/
   - GPSA Sponsorship: Sharon Young, VP / Chair of the Sponsorship committee, announced that the sponsorship application will not be made available as an online submission due to UNLV still working out the policy for electronic signatures. Young noted that IT has established a committee that is working on this policy. She will keep the Council informed. Young continued stating that emergency applications have been received this past month and will be reviewed by the committee.

6. **Approved - Old Business (Agenda Item #6)** –
   - GPSA 2013 – 2014 Goals: Gordon noted the following goals listed have already been met:
     - Two of the 20 Rebel X classes will be held at 9:00pm to accommodate graduate students’ schedules: Boot Camp Class and Cycling.
     - Adding more variety of professional development workshops – the GPSA has scheduled a wider range of workshops offered this Fall semester
     - IT has formed a committee which is working on a policy for online electronic signatures to be implemented campus-wide for online submissions.
     - The GPSA will be using UNLV Calendars vs Google Calendars to promote all events.
     - Parking initiative for graduate assistants – Treasurer Gandhi is working with the Parking and Transportation Serves. The E-board met with Parking Director Tad McDowell to discuss if parking could be available for GAs. Gandhi also noted that students are able to park in all stalls after 4:00pm.

President Gordon asked for any modifications to the goals. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the GPSA 2013 – 2014 Goals, Nick Nardi (College of Education) motioned to approve the
GPSA 2013 – 2014 Goals; Alison Sloat (College of Sciences) seconded. After a call for the vote, Council unanimously approved the GPSA Goals as presented. President Gordon stated that this recommendation will be presented to the Fall GPSA Council at the September 9th meeting.

7. **Approved – New Business (Agenda Item #7)** –
   - GPSA Summer Stipends $2700: Gordon asked for a motion to approve the Council’s summer stipends at $2700, Nick Nardi (College of Education) motioned to approve; Alison Sloat (College of Sciences) seconded. After a call for the vote, Council unanimously approved the GPSA Summer stipend.
   - Hosting expense $350 for Bagels and Coffee offered in Commons 1st week of the semester: Gordon asked for a motion to approve hosting for Bagels & Coffee, Nick Nardi (College of Education) motioned to approve; Susan Zhong (College of Hotel Administration) seconded. After a call for the vote, Council unanimously approved the hosting expenditure.

8. **Information Only - Announcements (Agenda Item #8)** -
   - New Graduate Student Orientation: Friday, August 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00pm, SU Ballroom
   - GPSA/Graduate College Welcome Mixer: Friday, August 23rd from 4:30 – 6:00pm, LLB, 2141: The Goldfield Room
   - Returning representatives for the fall 2013 semester – Representative forms available at [http://gpsa.unlv.edu/council/](http://gpsa.unlv.edu/council/)
   - GPSA Mandatory Student Health Insurance Info Sessions: August 28 from 4:00 – 5:00pm and August 29th from 8:00 – 9:00am in the SWRC 1st floor conference room located in the Student Health Center. An Aetna representative will be present to answer questions and assist students with completing the online waiver application.


10. **Approved – Adjournment (Agenda Item #10)** – Gordon asked for a motion to adjourn. Nick Nardi (College of Education) motioned to adjourn, and Alison Sloat (College of Sciences) seconded. By council’s unanimous vote to adjourn, the meeting ended at 11:22 pm.