

# GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting Minutes

Student Union room 208 B & C

Monday, February 3, 2014, 2:00 – 3:30pm

### Call to order – Roll Call

#### School of Allied Health

Health Physics	✓
<i>Timothy Thatcher</i>	
Kinesiology	✓
<i>Andrew Nordin</i>	
Physical Therapy	
<i>Vacant</i>	N/A

#### College of Business

Accounting	✓
<i>Candace Corra</i>	
Business Administration	✓
<i>Malori Clarke</i>	
Economics	A
<i>Justin Lewis</i>	
Management Information Systems	✓
<i>Nacchammai Palaniappan</i>	

#### School of Community Health Sciences

Health Care Administration & Policy	A
<i>Ronald Loweke</i>	
Public Health	✓
<i>Erin Sheehy</i>	

#### School of Dental Medicine

Dental Medicine	A
<i>Thomas Kenny</i>	

#### College of Education

Educational & Clinical Studies	✓
<i>Pamela Juniel</i>	
Educational Psychology & Higher Learning	✓
<i>Nicholas Nardi</i>	
Teaching & Learning	✓
<i>Tarryn McGhie</i>	

#### College of Engineering

Civil & Environmental Eng.	✓
<i>Kishor Shrestha</i>	
Computer Science	✓
<i>Derek Williams</i>	

#### College of Engineering (cont.)

Electrical & Computer Eng.	A
<i>Stephanie Shreck</i>	
Mechanical Engineering	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Fine Arts

Architecture	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	
Art	✓
<i>Shelbi Schroeder</i>	
Film	✓
<i>M. Ezra Mahurin</i>	
Music	✓
<i>Daniel Hunter</i>	
Theatre Arts	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Hotel Administration

Hospitality Administration	✓
<i>Wen Chang</i>	

#### Law School

Law	✓
<i>Tamara Ioudina</i>	

#### College of Liberal Arts

Anthropology	✓
<i>Kathryn Baustian</i>	
English	✓
<i>Anthony Patricia</i>	
Foreign Language	A
<i>Sarah Carey</i>	
History	✓
<i>Amy Laws</i>	
Political Science	✓
<i>Rafael Oganessian</i>	
Psychology	✓
<i>R. Shane Westfall</i>	
Sociology	✓
<i>Denise Cook</i>	

#### School of Nursing

Nursing	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Science

Chemistry	✓
<i>Schetema Nealy</i>	
Geoscience	✓
<i>Erika Lomeli-Wribe</i>	
Life Sciences	✓
<i>Surbi Sharma</i>	
Mathematical Sciences	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	
Physics & Astronomy	✓
<i>William Wolfs</i>	

#### College of Urban Affairs

Communication Studies	✓
<i>Caitline Saladino</i>	
Criminal Justice	✓
<i>MiliaiKeala Heen</i>	
Environmental & Public Affairs	A
<i>Kelly Murdock</i>	
Journalism & Media Studies	✓
<i>Jason Holley</i>	
Marriage & Family Therapy	✓
<i>Joe Dentice</i>	
Social Work	A
<i>Terri Thomas</i>	

#### Executive Board

President	✓
<i>Sharon Young</i>	
Vice President	N/A
<i>Vacant</i>	
Treasurer	✓
<i>Eshani Gandhi</i>	
Secretary	✓
<i>Meghan Pierce</i>	

**Others present:** Associate Vice President of Student Wellness Dr. Jamie Davidson, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Juanita Fain, GPSA Faculty Advisor Peter Gray and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton

## **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- President Sharon Young called for a motion to approve the February minutes. Anthony Patricia (English) motioned to approve and Amy Laws (History) seconded. Young asked for any corrections or additions and hearing none, she called for a vote, which was unanimous to approve the February minutes.

## **3. SPEAKER(S)**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

- Dr. Jamie Davidson, Associate Vice President of Student Wellness: Dr. Davidson gave the council an update on the mandatory health insurance program. Current enrollment in the program for graduate students is 959 students. Dr. Davidson said that this is an increase of 441 students compared to the prior semester before the hard waiver was in place. Thirty-six students voluntarily signed up, bringing the total students enrolled to 2,785. Dr. Davidson said that out of 1,191 waivers received 1,144 were approved instantaneously. Forty-seven students appealed through the waiver site, of those 47 all but 4 were approved. In order to better serve students, the insurance committee waived the deductible criteria. Dr. Davidson thanked the council for passing resolution no. 7.
- Dr. Juanita Fain, Vice President of Student Affairs: Dr. Fain announced the new UNLV Dental Clinic open house scheduled for Friday 2/7/2014. The Dental Clinic will be open from 8:00am until 12:00pm and from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. Services will include cleanings, fillings, whitening, orthodontics screening, preventative care, and routine root canals. Individuals with more complicated dental work will be referred to the Shadow Lane campus. Dental students will be completing services under the supervision of faculty. Dr. Fain announced that a \$2.00 athletic fee increase might be brought to vote at the next Board of Regent's meeting in March. Details will be forthcoming.

## **4. BUDGET REPORT**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- Treasurer Gandhi reported the February GPSA budget. She stated hard copies are available at the sign-in table. She directed the council to the top of the report: the December and January student wages are listed at \$9,203.00. \$4,603.00 was payroll for the student staffers in the Graduate Student Commons. \$4,600.00 was for the Fall 2013 semester stipends for the GPSA Council. Treasurer Gandhi continued stating that the operating expenses for the two months (listed in the monthly expenditure column) were the following: routine monthly expenditures - Xerox maintenance agreement, payment for the NY Times subscription, postage, routine office supplies and a fuser kit was purchased for the Color Laser Printer in the Commons. Also included in the report: hosting expenses for the month are at \$1,118.23. \$162.60 was for providing pizza for the Nov. 1st Funding Workshop. \$47.54 was a meal purchased for the Sponsorship Committee's long meeting reviewing spring applications. \$563.44 was the end-of-semester Mixer held at Macayo's, \$344.65 was for the bagels and coffee provided in the Commons the last week of the fall instruction. Treasurer Gandhi concluded the report with stating that the revenue brought in for these past 2 months was \$276.27 for the sale of snacks in the Commons. \$119,702.65 in student fees was collected. This brings the revenue total for the fiscal year to \$246,500.52. The balance forward is \$146,206.35 with a balance of \$164,434.93. President Young asked for a motion to approve the budget, Denise Cook (Sociology) motioned to approve the budget report and Nicholas Nardi (Educational Psychology) seconded. After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the budget report as presented.

## **5. GPSA / CAMPUS-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

- Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance: On January 22, 2014 GPSA and CSUN hosted an open forum with Chancellor Klaich to discuss future tuition increases. Graduate student tuition will not increase for 2 years. In two years graduate tuition will increase 2% for two years.
- E-Learning Committee: No report.
- GPSA Activities / Community Service: A Pre-Valentine's Day social will be held at PT's on Tropicana and Maryland Parkway on 2/13/2014 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Appetizers will be provided.
- GPSA Awards: The Awards Committee met on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The award recipients will be announced at the Graduate Research Forum on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

- GPSA Elections: Joe Dentice, Election Committee chair, announced the upcoming [2014 -2015 GPSA E-Board elections](#). Nomination materials are located on the website. The application deadline is Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- GPSA Publications: The [February 2014 GPSA “Luminary” newsletter](#) has been posted on the website and is available in print in the Graduate Student Commons.
- GPSA Research Forum: sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers. Committee members will be notified of their volunteer duties as the date draws nearer.
- GPSA Sponsorship: Spring 2014 award amount \$65,667.93. The committee reviewed 3 emergency applications on February 3, 2014. \$1,983 was requested and \$1,350 was funded.
- Student Health Insurance Committee: The committee met to discuss quotes for part-time and full-time students. When the resolution passed last year the policy was written for graduate students being part-time at 6-credit hours and full time at 9-credits. Law students are only considered fulltime at 12-credits and part-time 11-credits or less. The council will review the resolution and add wording to specify the law student requirement of being part time at 11-credits. Changes will then be added to next month’s agenda for review and action.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- GPSA Bylaw Revisions: Article III; Section I & III; Article V; Section IV  
The Bylaws committee is working on revisions on a rolling basis. President Young called for a motion to approve revisions to Article III, Sections I and III; Article V, section IV. The motion to approve the motion was made by Erika Lomeli-Wribe (Geoscience) and seconded by William Wolfs (Physics and Astronomy). After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the Bylaw revisions as presented.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INFORMATION ONLY

- GPSA Executive Board vacancy – office of Vice President. Deadline is February 28, 2014. Declaration of Candidacy application available at: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa>
- E-Board Elections, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: <http://www.unlv.edu/news-story/gpsa-e-board-elections-2014-2015>
- GPSA Spring 2014 Workshops – [register online](#) @ <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>
- [GPSA Summer Sponsorship](#) deadline March 15, 2014
- [Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum](#) – Call for papers deadline February 28, 2014

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

### INFORMATION ONLY

Pamela Juniel (Educational and Clinical Studies) motioned to adjourn and Anthony Patricia (English) seconded. By the council’s unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 3:02 pm.

**GPSA Spring 2014 Council Meetings**  
**UNLV Student Union rooms 208 B & C; 2:00 – 3:30pm**

- Monday, March 3, 2014
- Monday, April 7, 2014
- Monday, May 5, 2014

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## GPSA BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I ORIGIN AND ORGANIZATION OF THE UNLV GPSA

#### SECTION I. Origin

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) was founded on November 6, 1980 for the purpose of furthering and enhancing the academic goals of the graduate students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). On January 30, 2003, the name was officially changed to the Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) to reflect the inclusion of the association's constituents enrolled in professional schools.

### ARTICLE III COMMITTEE RULES

#### SECTION I. Establishment of Committees

- a. Standing or ad hoc Committees shall be established by the GPSA President, in consultation with the GPSA Council, as provided for in Article III, Section II.

e. Standing committees can found in Article III, Section III.

#### SECTION III. Responsibilities of Standing Committees

- b. The Activities/Community Service Committee shall initiate activities and events of a scholarly, social and/ or service social nature. The Activities/Community Service Committee shall recommend proposed activities involving the expenditure of GPSA funds to the GPSA Council for approval.
- e. ~~The Community Service/Fundraising Committee shall initiate activities designed for the benefit of the community. The Community Service/Fundraising Committee shall implement activities following approval by majority vote of the GPSA Council.~~

#### Two new items added to Section III

- h. The Awards Committee shall be responsible for reviewing applications and determining recipients of the annual GPSA awards.
- i. The Government Relations Committee shall be responsible for interacting with university, local, state and federal agencies and/or their representatives.

### ARTICLE V GPSA SPONSORSHIP

#### SECTION IV. Funding Limitations

- a. No applicant may obtain more than two (2) GPSA grant sponsorship awards per academic year. No applicant may obtain more than one emergency sponsorship per academic year. ~~No more than one emergency grant will be considered per year.~~ Maximum awards per academic year are either two regular cycle awards OR one regular cycle and one emergency award. Applicant may submit only one application per grant cycle (Fall, Spring, and Summer).