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
Timothy Thatcher  ✓
Kinesiology  ✓
Andrew Nordin  ✓

Physical Therapy
Vacant  N/A

College of Business
Accounting  ✓
Candace Corra  ✓
Business Administration  ✓
Malori Clarke  A
Economics  A
Justin Lewis  A
Management Information Systems
Vacant  N/A

College of College of Engineering (cont.)
Health Care Administration & Policy
Ronald Loweke  A
Public Health  ✓

School of Community Health Sciences
Erin Sheehy  ✓

School of Dental Medicine
Dental Medicine
Vacant  N/A

College of Education
Educational & Clinical Studies
Pamela Juniel  ✓
Educational Psychology & Higher Learning
Nicholas Nardi  ✓
Teaching & Learning
Tarryn McGhie  ✓

College of Engineering
Civil & Environmental Eng.
Kishor Shrestha  ✓
Computer Science  ✓

College of Fine Arts
Architecture
Vacant  N/A
Art
Shelbi Schroeder  ✓
Film
M. Ezra Mahurin  ✓
Music
Vacant  N/A

Law School
Law
Vacant  N/A

College of Liberal Arts
Anthropology
Kathryn Baustian  ✓
English
Anthony Patricia  ✓
Foreign Language
Sarah Carey  A
History
Amy Laws  ✓
Political Science
Rafael Oganesyan  ✓

College of Nursing
Nursing
Vacant  N/A

College of Science
Chemistry
Schetema Nealy  ✓
Geoscience
Erika Lomeli-Wribe  ✓
Life Sciences
Surbi Sharma  ✓
Mathematical Sciences
Vacant  N/A

College of Urban Affairs
Communication Studies
Vacant  N/A
Criminal Justice
Miliaikeala Heen  ✓
Environmental & Public Affairs
Kelly Murdock  A

College of Urban Affairs
Social Work
Vacant  N/A

Executive Board
President
Sharon Young  ✓
Vice President
Vacant  N/A
Treasurer
Eshani Gandhi  ✓
Secretary
Meghan Pierce  ✓

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • 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)
   • 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
   • 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
   • 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 9th. The award recipients will be announced at the Graduate Research Forum on March 29th.
• 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 4th.
• 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 full time 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
• 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
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.

SECTION III. Responsibilities of Standing Committees
b. The Activities/Community Service Committee shall initiate activities and events of a scholarly, social and/or service nature. The Activities/Community Service Committee shall recommend proposed activities involving the expenditure of GPSA funds to the GSPA Council for approval.

c. 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).