GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141  
Monday, August 4, 2014, 10:00 – 11:30am

ROLL CALL:

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Others present: GPSA Manager, Rebecca Boulton, Graduate College Associate Dean Dr. Kendall Hartley and GPSA Faculty Advisor Dr. Peter Gray

Call to order – Roll Call

President Young called the meeting to order at: 10:01am

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the following meeting minutes: President Young called for a motion to approve the July 7, 2014 council meeting minutes. Izaac Rowe (School of Law) made the motion to approve the minutes. Laura Boscarolo (College of Hotel Administration) seconded the motion. President Young made a correction for the July 7, 2014 minutes. Under Committee Report for Government Relations, it is stated that President Young presented to the Council a position statement should be developed by the student body. This should read Treasurer Pierce made the statement. Treasurer Pierce is the Chair of Government Relations. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved unanimously with the correction.

3. SPEAKER INFORMATION ONLY

- Lisa McAllister, Program Manager, Jean Nidetch Center, spoke on Green Dot training on campus and securing a representative for graduate & professional students. Ms. McAllister discussed the cultural shift required to change from a Red Dot culture, which signifies Power Based Personal Violence, to a Green Dot culture, which signifies any choice that promotes safety and communicates intolerance for violence: by pulling a friend out of a high-risk situation, donating money to your local service provide, or putting a green dot message on your Facebook page. The Program Manager is requesting a designated represented to be trained at the upcoming Green Dot Institute. Training is October 27th thru 30th, and must be completed in its entirety. Training is 6-7 hours total. Pamela Juniel (College of Education) asked the question: Once training is completed will the additional training for students be this semester or following? Ms. McAllister responded that the training could take place the following semester. President Young asked, does the representative have to be on the council or can they be graduate or professional students? The Jean Nidetch Center would like a student that will be on campus for some time in the future. Laura Boscarolo (College of Hotel Administration) asked what other volunteer opportunities are available at the center? One can attend a training to be trained in Green Dot methodology, but the campus training is more involved. There was no further discussion.
4. BUDGET REPORT

- Secretary Talib-deen presented the budget report in the absence of Treasurer Pierce. He stated that the new Fiscal Year 2015 commenced July 1st and had very little expenses to report to-date. Student wages for the month of July were at $3,442.00. Student tuition and fees for fall 2014 revenue for the month was at $103,916.98. Items sold in the Graduate Commons were $209.00. Balance forward is $131,657.67 with a balance of $222,489.77. President Young called for a motion to approve the August budget report. Pamela Juniel (College of Education) made the motion to approve the August budget. Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs) seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. GPSA / CAMPUS –WIDE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Board of Regents (BoR) / Nevada Student Alliance – President Young remarked the next Board of Regents meeting will be held September 4-6 in Reno. President Young attended a video conference with the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) July 14, 2014. Two items of interest: the first issue being the subject of the Medical Marijuana Policy. Brooke Nielson, the BoR Vice-Chancellor for Legal Council stated that the current policy doesn’t include medical marijuana because it was illegal at the time the policy was created. The new amendment adds medical marijuana to the list of prohibited use of marijuana on campus. Although state law permits use, the federal government does not, so as an institution that receives federal funding, the university must comply with federal laws. A provision is in place for first-year students, because it is required for first-year students to live on campus. Those that have a prescription for medical marijuana will be able to opt out of their housing contract. There was public comment from a concerned member of the community, Ed Uehling, in opposition of the policy. The second issue was the idea of appointing a lobbyist for the NSA. The potential to have a lobbyist on behalf of all the students in the Nevada System of Higher Ed was discussed. A former student-body president from the College of Southern Nevada has volunteered. The former student-body president’s CV has been made available. The next NSA meeting will be held next Monday, the second Monday of every month, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, the meetings are public.

- GPSA Activities / Community Service – GPSA Manager Rebecca Boulton has put together a survey for the campus community that would highlight the interest of the graduate & professional students. Historically the turnout has been low, so we would like students’ input. Once this goes live at the end of the month, President Young asked the council to encourage their constituents to participate.

- GPSA Government Relations – (Treasurer Pierce is absent so this will be discussed in old business)

- GPSA Publications - President Young asked for the status of the Luminary Newsletter. Secretary Talib-deen expressed he received confirmation for Pam Juniel (College of Education), Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs), and Treasurer Pierce. All the articles will be forward to GPSA Manager Rebecca Boulton by August 15, 2014. Scheduled publication date is August 22nd.

- GPSA Sponsorship - Vice-President Alires stated there was no sponsorship meeting in July; however, the committee will review two applications following the present meeting. President Young stated there will be an update at the next meeting.

- UNLV President’s Search Committee President Young communicated with Juan Duhart (JD), GPSA representative on the committee. There are no new developments. The selection committee is still reviewing and receiving applications. There will be an update at the September council meeting. If there are any questions, the council is encouraged to contact JD.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- GPSA 2014 – 2015 Goals (please reference attached document) – President Young addressed the goals with the council. The goals established by the summer council focused on those that are attainable, realistic and manageable. President Young gave a brief overview of the proposed goals: Promotional/outreach efforts; Continue partnership with UNLV Care Food Pantry and investigate other possible community service opportunities (the pantry is looking for a new director); Grad College forms made available online; Parking Permits (Pam Juniel, School of Education, volunteered to sit on the Parking Advisory committee); Online GPSA Resource Page, this resource will highlight services available through the semester(s) for the graduate & professional student body; Legislative Goals and a position statement, this is a work-in-progress; Publication support, President Young stated if the GPSA moved to provide support there would have to be a bylaws change in the Sponsorship Program; Online GPSA elections, GPSA Manager Boulton has started working on this project; Drop-in childcare; Improve Safety and Police Escort Service; GA office and workspace on campus, the wording was changed to “aware for the need of more workspace for Graduate Assistants”; 24 Hour Services
expanded on campus; Workshop videotaping (Faculty Advisor Dr. Peter Gray heads this project). He asked for volunteers who may consider attending a workshop to be trained to record or serve as an editor. Isaac Rowe (School of Law) suggested using students already in the film program. The last goal: an exit survey for sponsorship recipients. We want to know how the money benefits the students, how it was used, and accountability. A survey is being drafted. President Young called for a motion to approve 2014-2015 GPSA goals. Laura Boscarolo (College of Hotel Administration) made the motion. Isaac (School of Law) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously to present to Fall Council.

- 2015 State of Nevada Legislative Session Planning Initiatives (please reference attached document) – President Young addressed ways to get students involved with the initiatives. We want to focus on the need and awareness to support graduate & professional students, research, in order to obtain UNLV’s goal to become a Tier I university. These goals need legislative support. Treasurer Pierce developed a list of ways for students to become more involved in voting (see attached document). Izzae Rowe (School of Law) recommended contacting Professor Rachel Anderson, of Boyd Law School for her input. The list suggested we have student incentives to get students involved in voting, i.e. a viewing party of a political debate, having election information available on the GPSA website.

**Tentative date:** NV Education Awareness Day: March 2, 2015 in Carson City NV – The previous Awareness Day raised Legislative awareness. The discussions were effective. Legislators were receptive to individual perspectives of graduate and professional students.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - GPSA Summer Stipends – President Young called for a motion to approve the Council’s summer stipends for $2800. Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs) made the motion. Pam Juniel (College of Education) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - Bagels & Coffee 1st week of school – GPSA offers Bagels & Coffee from the Graduate Commons at a cost of $350.00. President Young called for a motion to approve the $350.00. Timothy Thatcher (School of Allied Health) made the motion. Isaac Rowe (School of Law) seconded the motion. A discussion ensued: Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs) asked could something in the evenings take place for students that have classes later. President Young announced a motion to double the amount to $700.00 by Terri Thomas (School of Urban Affairs). Pam Juniel (School of Education) seconded the motion. There was a discussion on the times. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - Refreshments for “Meet & Greet w/ your Library Liaison” – The meet and greet will take place September 15, 2014, 1:30 pm-3:00. It will be jointly hosted with the library and GPSA. The GPSA will host $75.00. President Young called for a motion to approve the $75.00. Laura Boscarolo (School of Hotel Administration) made the motion. Isaac Rowe (School of Law) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - New Student Orientation Mixer - $500.00 hosting – The mixer will be held August 22, 2014. The GPSA will host after gathering in Graduate Commons. President Young called for a motion to approve $500 for hosting food in the commons for the mixer. Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs) made the motion to approve $500. Pam Juniel (School of Education) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **INFORMATION ONLY**
  - Dr. Kendall Hartley, Graduate College Associate Dean, spoke on Graduate College initiatives: creating a better system to communicate, recruitment efforts, Tier I initiative, GA support and stipends more competitive, formula funding, handbooks for each program by January 2015, degree audit delayed for graduate & professional students (we should have by January), scholarship/ fellowship applications will open in mid-September, GA state funding restrictions/reset (there will be a maximum of four-years), two task forces or ad-hoc committees planned, first-week of November Rebel Grad Slam event. Dr. Gray briefly spoke on workshops. They plan to solidify all information for new student orientation.
  - New Graduate Student Orientation: Friday, August 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00pm, SU Ballroom – mixer after event.
  - Volunteers needed: GPSA/Graduate College Welcome Mixer: Friday, August 22nd from 4:30 – 6:00pm, LLB, 214: The Goldfield Room
  - Returning representatives for the Fall 2014 semester – Returning representatives for fall semester, if you are returning to the council, please, follow the link in the agenda to fill out your representative form and bring to the meeting. [http://gpsa.unlv.edu/council/](http://gpsa.unlv.edu/council/)
  - Meet and Greet w/ your Library Liaison – September 15, 2014 @ 1:30 – 3:00pm in the Amargosa Room - (1st Floor). Refreshments provided.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Young called a motion to adjourn the meeting. Izaac Rowe (School of Law) made the motion to adjourn. Terri Thomas (School of Urban Affairs) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.