GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

ROLL CALL:

Executive Board
Sharon Young, President ✓
Michael Alires, Vice President □
Meghan Pierce, Treasurer ✓
Kirk Talib-Deen, Secretary ✓
Others present: GPSA Manager Rebecca Boulton

Call to order – Roll Call

President Young called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   • President Young called for a motion to approve the July 28, 2014 Executive Board Meeting minutes. Treasurer Pierce motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Talib-deen seconded the motion. President Young noted that there was an inconsistency in the font sizing throughout the 7.28.14 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. SPEAKER(S) INFORMATION ONLY
   • There was discussion with President Young and GPSA Manager Boulton on inviting Tad McDowell, Director of Parking Services, to speak at an upcoming E-Board meeting. GPSA Manager Boulton suggested Pamela Juniel, Summer GPSA Council College of Education, be present for Mr. McDowell’s. She has expressed interest in serving on the Parking Advisory Board during the 2014-2015 academic year.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT INFORMATION ONLY
   • Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance – President stated the NSA met August 11, 2014. The board could not vote because they did not have quorum. Therefore the election for a lobbyist is pending. In a previous meeting, Pam Juniel (College of Education) enquired on if multiple people wanted the lobbyist position how the selection process would take place. President Young stated the position as Nevada Lobbyist is not limited to one individual. Interested parties can just submit their qualifications, and after approved, they would be elected.
   • GPSA Activities / Community Service – GPSA Manager Boulton has launched the GPSA 2014 -2015 Activities Survey on the GPSA Website. It is scheduled to be posted on RAVE in September.
   • GPSA Executive Board – President Young addressed the scheduling of future Executive Board Meetings. Due to the time constraints and conflict in schedules, this discussion is still pending. GPSA office hours were discussed. The suggested weekly office hours for the Executive Board to hold are Fridays, 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Officers will rotate each week. President Young will hold the first Friday’s office hours each month; Treasurer Pierce the second, Secretary Talib-deen the third, and Vice-President Alires the fourth.
• GPSA Government Relations – President Young remarked the following items will be discussed pending the scheduling of the Executive Board Meetings:
  • 2014-2015 State of NV Legislative Session Planning Initiatives
    - GA competitive salaries
    - Prioritize education
    - Emphasis on Research and economic development and diversification
      Higher education, specifically graduate & professional students, can bring in profitable industries
  • NV Education Awareness Day tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2015
• GPSA Publications – President Young enquired on the status of the Luminary Newsletter. Secretary Talib-deen stated the articles planned for the Luminary publication have been submitted. We are still waiting on a response from Treasurer Pierce. There has been a verbal and email confirmation from Ms. Pierce. She will forward her article to GPSA Manager Boulton within the next day.
• GPSA Sponsorship - Two emergency applications have been received. These will be reviewed in September once the committee has been established. President Young and GPSA Manager Boulton are reviewing the current online Sponsorship applications and updating glitches in the form. Vice-President Alires has given feedback and approval. This will be up and running for the regular Spring 2015 cycle.

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
• Schedule of meetings with UNLV Administration (President Snyder, etc.) and CSUN exec board members are pending the availability of GPSA Executive Board. Phil Burns, Director of Office of Student Conduct, is scheduled to speak at the September Council meeting. President Young has a verbal confirmation from Mr. Burns. In addition to looking for volunteers for the Student Conduct Board, he will discuss the responsibility of the reporting requirements of the TA’s. Susan Thompson, Director of International Programs, will speak about scholarships for international scholars and the Fulbright Scholarship. Juan Carlos Duhart, PhD student, School of Life Sciences, will also attend the September meeting to give an update on the status of the President Search Committee.
• Set planning retreat date, location and agenda for Southern NV NSHE Institutions – Possibly the week of August 18th - contact Southern Nevada student governments
• GPSA 2014-2015 Goals – President Young stated the goals are completed and ready for 2014 -2015 Council vote. President Young asked for suggestions or comments. President Young noted that at the GPSA August 4th meeting both Dr. Peter Gray and Dr. Kendall Hartley, Associate Dean of Graduate College, were in agreement that GPSA Sponsorships should help assist graduate students with the publication fees incurred for journal article submissions. GPSA Manager Becky Boulton will make inquiries with the Controller’s Office whether this is a possibility.
• GPSA 2014-2015 Events / Activities – President Young stated there is no change to the items highlighted. GPSA will connect with Rachel J. Anderson, Professor of Law, to head voting initiatives.
  • NY Times sponsored event – tentatively scheduled Wednesday, February 11, 2015
  • Professional Development Workshops – dates have been scheduled
  • Sponsorship Workshops – confirmed for October 24th. Location TBD
  • GPSA host campus event(s): Register to Vote activity on campus – Law School Professor Rachel Anderson will collaborate in hosting voting activities

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
President Young had a discussion with Joseph Nickelson, President of UNLV Cares Food Pantry,. Joseph Nickelson is stepping down as President of the Pantry. Two undergraduate students will assume the leadership role. Mr. Nickelson will be working at the community garden on campus. Treasurer Pierce suggested that the GPSA consider having a plot in the community garden. This will be discussed with the 2014 -2015 activities committee. Mr. Nickelson also has concerns with the student health insurance and rates and coverage. President Young suggested establishing a 2014-2015 ad hoc GPSA student health committee to discuss concerns, suggestions, etc of the graduate and professional student body and then take these forward to the Student Health Insurance Committee.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   - Attendance at the New Graduate Student Orientation, August 22\textsuperscript{nd} in the Student Union Ballroom from 2:00 – 4:00. Mixer to be held immediately afterwards. Graduate Student Commons will be used as flow over for mixer – required to be there at 1:45 pm.
   - Meet and Greet w/ your Library Liaison – September 15, 2014 @ 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the Amargosa Room - (1st Floor) – not in the Amargosa Room. Refreshments will be provided.
   - Graduate College Inaugural “Rebel Grad Slam”: President Young and GPSA Manager Boulton will meet with the Graduate College on Wednesday to discuss this event with Graduate College staff. Preliminary Rounds: Monday, November 3, 2014, noon – 1pm; 5:00 – 6:00; Semi-Final Rounds: Thursday, November 6, 2014, noon – 1pm; 5:00 – 6:00; Final Rounds: Friday, November 7, 2014, 2:00 – 3:00 and reception 3:00-6:00pm: Location TBA -

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
   President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Talib-deen motioned to adjourn. Treasurer Pierce seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

   **GPSA 2014 – 2015 Executive Board Meetings**
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   - Future meetings TBD