ROLL CALL:

Executive Board
Surbhi Sharma, President
Meghan Pierce, Vice President
Terri Thomas, Treasurer
Ariel Rosen, Secretary

In attendance: President Surbhi Sharma, Vice President Meghan Pierce, Treasurer Terri Thomas, and Secretary Ariel Rosen

Absent: None

Other(s) in attendance: GPSA Manager Becky Boulton

The meeting was called to order by President Sharma at 2:03 PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Request was made for the approval of the December 9, 2015 meeting minutes. President Sharma asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vice President Pierce motioned to approve the minutes and Secretary Rosen seconded. The E-Board approved the December 9, 2015 minutes.

3. SPEAKER(S)
None

4. COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
• Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance: special meeting this Friday; NSA meeting was on the 14th, they just discussed one bill to work on in the coming months.
• GPSA Activities / Community Service
  ➢ Schedule GPSA Mixer for April: donations at the door; purple masks (color that supports domestic violence) provided; budgeted amount ($500.00) for desserts and rented backdrop for photos; music & networking concluding event. Possible venue would be at the Stan Fulton Building. Committee is also working on scheduling a charitable walk
  ➢ Committee Chair Amanda Prisbrey-Kidman has scheduled a meeting for tomorrow. The committee is deciding dates on the two events to schedule.
• GPSA Awards
  ➢ Need minutes from 1.06.16 meeting - Treasurer Thomas met with committee, she will upload minutes tonight.
  ➢ Letters sent to award winners and nominators – Manager Boulton has emailed all nominators and award recipients.
• GPSA Bylaws – suggestions:
  ➢ Article V Section V (page 10 of the Bylaws): c) Mandatory Research Exit Sponsorship Survey – required that recipients of research awards submit online progress report
  ➢ Article VI Section V (page 15 of the Bylaws): e) add agenda posted on GPSA website (http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/agendas)
  ➢ Article VIII Section V (page 18 of the Bylaws): Change UCCSN System to NSHE
Bylaws Committee Meeting scheduled for Jan. 26th. President Sharma will confirm items to be put on Feb. 1st Council agenda.

- GPSA Elections – Contact Chair for Feb. Council meeting to make announcement and create election flyers and declaration of candidacy form.

- GPSA Government Relations
  - Manager Boulton is locating a student who will videotape the Popcorn Sessions.
  - February Graduate/Professional student delegation to Carson City – waiting for response from VP Luis Vallera.

- GPSA Publications – February 2016 publication date to be released at Council meeting
  - Secretary Rosen will email the committee and see what we have for February meeting.

- GPSA Research Forum – this year’s event will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016; replace existing online registration form using Qualtrics will happen next year. Challenge Council representatives to provide a faculty/staff judge. Volunteer sign-up sheet at Feb. Council meeting.
  - Vice President Pierce will invite more judges, we will have 195 participants at the most, and she will also meet with committee.

- GPSA Sponsorship –
  - Need minutes from 12.11.15 meeting
  - March 15th deadline for Summer 2016 funding
  - Awarded $35,000 in spring, committee is meeting after Feb. 1st Council meeting to review three emergency sponsorship applications.

- Student Union Expansion Committee has been disbanded.
- Grad Ambassadors Program is on its way.
- Presidential Debate Committee is creating a volunteer’s interest form which will be sent out, and eventually a database will be created and when they are asked to provide volunteers they will be able to do so. They are ensuring that graduate students have priority.
- Provost Search Committee is almost completed.
- Grad College Top Tier Research Committee is not getting 2 million this cycle, 1 million increase per semester.
- Emergency grants, KAGI gave 50 grants to be used to support underrepresented groups at UNLV.

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Review agenda for February 1st Council meeting
  - Speakers (President Sharma will send email reminders on Wednesday)
    - Dr. Jamie Davidson, Associate Vice President for Student Wellness and Lorraine Brown, Assistant Business Manager, SWRC Budget Report
    - Vice President of Government Relations, Diversity Initiatives and Compliance Luis Valera
  - Committee Reports
  - New Business
    - Graduate Assistant Program Statement – removed. To be revisited at later date.
    - NSA Resolution - HR 3403: To approval of a resolution to encourage members of Congress to oppose passage of House Resolution 3403. Congressman Matt Salmon introduced H.R. 3403 on July 29, 2015 to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to protect victims of sexual violence. The proposed resolution opposes H.R. 3403 on the grounds that it would prevent campuses from investigating allegations of sexual assault if the alleged victim does not agree to have the allegations investigated by the local law enforcement agency. Action item on this resolution at February Council meeting.
  - Old Business item
  - Announcements

- Branding GPSA with braided cords (silver, black and red) for E-Board members – Treasurer Thomas seeking vendor
- “Campus Resource” Page submitted!

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Only two departments have links, President Sharma suggests discussing it when discussing updates to the GPSA page.
- New Student Organization: Chapter of the Textbook and Academic Author’s Association (contact person: Kathleen Ewoldt, ewoldtk@unlv.nevada.edu) – haven’t received any more information from group
Hey Reb mascot: The E-Board discussed campus inputs
• Double check new spring listing for Council representative to update emails of any new reps
• Grad/Prof Student Delegation trip to Carson City (rep selection process, date, etc.)
• GPSA Drop Box link – to be used by reps in campus-wide committees
• GA Assistant Program Statement – revisited at later date
• Reps whose UNLV Graduate / Professional Departments and/or Schools that don’t have a GPSA website link need to be listed

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   INFORMATION ONLY
• E-Board attendance at the New Graduate Student Orientation – Jan. 15th Marjorie Barrick Museum from 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - none
   INFORMATION ONLY

9. ADJOURNMENT
   FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
President Sharma called for a motion to adjourn the January 20, 2016 E-Board meeting. Treasurer Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Rosen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:32pm.

GPSA Spring 2016 Executive Board Meetings
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141 - Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm