GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Monday, July 28, 2014, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

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 3:20 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the June 30, 2014 meeting minutes – President Young called for a motion to approve the June 30, 2014 Executive Board meeting minutes. Treasurer Pierce motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Talib-deen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. There was no discussion.

Request is made for the approval of the July 18, 2014 meeting minutes – President Young called for a motion to approve the July 18, 2014 Executive Board meeting minutes. Treasurer Pierce motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Talib-deen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. There was no discussion.

3. SPEAKER(S) - none

4. COMMITTEE REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

- Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance – President Young stated there has not been a change of news with the Board of Regents. There is a meeting scheduled for the middle of August. There has been a secretary appointed to the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA), Angelo DePerez. This now completes the full board of officers.

- GPSA Activities / Community Service – Professional Develop Workshop survey has been launched by GPSA Manager Boulton. Responses are still being collected. A similar GPSA Activity/Community Service survey is in the process of being developed to identify event/activity possibilities. There is a scheduling conflict with GPSA Sponsorship workshop and the Thesis & Dissertation workshop. Because the majority of students that would be attending the Thesis/Dissertation workshop are in their final academic semester they would not be applying for sponsorship funding. Therefore the board was in agreement that there wouldn’t be a problem scheduling both workshops on the same day/time.

- GPSA Government Relations – President Young has drafted a emails to be sent out to schedule meeting with Luis Valera, VP, Diversity Initiative & Government Relation. She will be sending these out this week. Meetings also to be scheduled are with President Synder, Vice President for Student Affairs Juanita P Fain and Executive Vice President & Provost John V. White.
2014-2015 State of NV Legislative Session Planning Initiatives – President Young requested the status of Legislative Session Planning Initiatives from Government Relations Chair & Treasurer Pierce. Treasurer Pierce responded that based on the subsequent issues affecting graduate and professional students, GA competitive salaries, prioritize education, emphasis on Research and economic development and diversification, higher education, specifically graduate & professional students, can bring in profitable industries, she has compiled a list of activities to be discussed with council: Increase voting and voting initiatives, having voter registration forms available at GPSA meetings and in the Graduate Student Commons, collaborate with CSUN to combine efforts for legislator meeting, offer students an incentive, i.e. baked goods to encourage graduate & professional students to register to vote, offer graduate & professional students an election issues cheat sheet briefly outlining each legislator and their stances on relevant information, host a debate viewing parity or another type of public forum event, and have this information readily available on the GPSA website.

NV Education Awareness Day – There is not a date confirmed for NV Education Awareness Day. The date is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2015.

GPSA Publications – President Young requested the status of August 22nd publication of *The Luminary Newsletter*. Secretary and Chair Talib-deen has sent an email to Pam Juniel (College of Education) and Terri Thomas (College of Urban Affairs) requesting them to each write an article for the upcoming newsletter. He has received confirmation from both reps that they will write articles. The deadline for the articles submission is scheduled for August 15, 2014. GPSA Manager Boulton requested that Secretary Talib-deen forward the articles to her for formatting the publication.

GPSA Sponsorship - President Young announced that 2 applications have been received for Summer Emergency Awards. They will be reviewed after the council meeting scheduled for, Monday, August 4th, 2014.

2014-2015 Sponsorship budget – President Young stated that based on previous years enrollment, previous budget, and previous sponsorship request the amount of $100,000 will be a sufficient amount for the GPSA to contribute with the Graduate College giving $50,000 towards the funding program. This amount is manageable with our budget and projected enrollment. The Executive Board will propose this amount to the council at the schedule August 4th meeting. A discussion took place on implementing an exit survey for the funding recipients each semester, to get feedback on how the funds were used, how it helped the student, did it help the graduate & professional student through the program more quickly.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

For Possible Action

An email to schedule a meeting with UNLV Administration and CSUN Executive Board has been crafted. Again, appropriate names need to be inserted and emails sent.

A retreat date, location and agenda for Southern NV NSHE Institutions have been approved by NSHE. The executive board discussed possibly inviting, Rob Lang, Director of Brookings Mountain West as a guest speaker.

The GPSA 2014-2015 Goals remain the same. The executive board discussed investigating other possible projects or community service initiatives. The goals will be discussed and voted on for final approval at the August 4th council meeting.

GPSA 2014-2015 Events / Activities:

- NY Times sponsored event is tentatively scheduled for, Wednesday, February 11, 2015. GPSA Manager Boulton has sent the date to Dr. Juanita P Fain, Vice-President for Student Affairs, to keep her informed of the event planning progress.
- Professional Development Workshops – The board will meet with Dr. Peter Gray after the August 4th council meeting to discuss final confirmation of the 2014-2015 Professional Development Workshops.
- Sponsorship Workshops – A date has been confirmed for Sponsorship Workshops for October 24th. A location is to be determined. A date for a School of Dental Medicine funding workshop has yet to be determined. Vice President Alires will determine the possibility of holding a funding workshop for the Law School.
• August 4th GPSA Council agenda has sent to the Summer Council. Lisa McAllister, a guest speaker from the Jean Nidetch Center, will discuss protection and non-violent training. Her organization is searching for a graduate / professional student volunteer to serves as the coordinator in offering training to the graduate & professional students.
• President Young stated Professor Doris Watson is unable to attend the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
• GPSA host campus event(s): The GPSA plans on hosting a “Register to Vote” activity on campus. This is tentatively set for September or October. This will be an ongoing discussion with the executive board.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS INFORMATION ONLY
• Attendance at the New Graduate Student Orientation, August 22nd in the Student Union Ballroom from 2:00 – 4:00. Mixer is scheduled immediately afterwards from 4:00 – 6:30pm. Graduate Student Commons will be used as flow over for mixer.
• Meet and Greet w/ your Library Liaison is scheduled for September 15, 2014 @ 1:30 – 3:00pm in the Amargosa Room - (1st Floor)
• Graduate College Inaugural “Rebel Grad Slam”: 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. The dates have been confirmed, the times tentative, and the locations are still being discussed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

9. ADJOURNMENT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
President Young called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Talib-deen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Pierce seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.