ROLL CALL:

Executive Board
Sharon Young, President
Michael Alires, Vice President
Meghan Pierce, Treasurer
Kirk Talib-Deen, Secretary

Others Present – GPSA Manager Boulton

President Young called the meeting to order at 8:07 am

Call to order – Roll Call

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   - President Young called for a motion to approved the February 20, 2015 Executive Board meeting minutes. Treasurer Pierce seconded the motion. Meghan inquired about the lifetime transcript fee amount indicated on the February 20th E-Board meeting minutes. The February 20, 2015 E-Board minutes were approved unanimously with the amendment to the transcript fee.

3. SPEAKER(S) - none

4. COMMITTEE REPORT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   - Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance – Treasurer Pierce and Vice-President Alires reported on the activities that took place at the support rally for NV Education Awareness Day. Many of the NSHE student government associations were present for the higher education support rally (i.e. CSUN, Nevada State, etc.). Legislators, Regents and Presidents of various universities were in attendance. Both Vice-President Alires and Treasurer Pierce talked with legislators about supporting funding for higher education. President Young attended the Board of Regents meeting. The Conceal Carry Bill on NSHE campuses was a topic of discussion. The Bill was sent in mid-February. Some of the concerns with Conceal Carry Bill are:
     - The bill does not address child-care and those conditions regarding child-care facilities on university campuses.
     - How do police or others identify individuals with firearms who are in good standings with the credentials to carry firearms? The safety issue was heavily discussed by the Executive Board. President Young stated that the NSA passed a resolution against AB 148, and that she voted in support of the resolution. Vice-President Alires discussed the additional licensing that may be required to carry a firearm on NSHE campuses.
   - GPSA Activities / Community Service – The GPSA agreed to not have a social or mixer; the GPSA will serve refreshments (donuts, coffee and iced tea) in the Grad Commons for four hours—from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This is scheduled March 16th through March 20th.
   - GPSA Awards – There are no updates from GPSA Awards. The GPSA Council held March 2nd discussed the Bylaw changes for the Award program proposed by the GPSA Awards Committee. The Awards will be announced at the Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum March 21, 2015.
   - GPSA Bylaws – The proposed GPSA Bylaws were discussed at the March Council meeting. A few revisions were recommended by the Council. These Bylaw revisions will be an action item at the April 6th Council meeting.
• GPSA Elections – The online voting has been initiated. It has been suggested to bring laptops to Council meeting for online voting. Firefox is the recommended browser. The online voting process has been sent out campus-wide.

• GPSA Government Relations – The GPSA government relations web page is now active.

• GPSA Publications – Secretary Talib-deen updated the E-Board on the status of the upcoming Luminary publication. This newsletter will center on technology and highlight the 2015-2016 E-board bios. Secretary Talib-deen will send out an email to the Council calling for additional article ideas.

• GPSA Research Forum – The GPSA Research Forum is scheduled for March 21st. The Forum reception is March 20th from 4:00 pm – 6 pm. 193 students have registered.

• GPSA Sponsorship – Vice-President Alires and the GPSA Sponsorship Committee will meet on Monday, March 9th, to review applications. Eight emergency applications have been submitted.

• GPSA Ad Hoc Student Health Insurance – President Young updated the E-Board on the status of the proposed student health insurance rates for the 2015-2016 academic year. She reviewed the discussion of the March 2nd Council invited speakers: Associate Vice President of the Wellness Center Jamie Davidson and the Wells Fargo representative Brian Judy. Dr. Davidson will present to President Jessup that all students be subject to the mandatory health insurance plan. Dr. Davidson requests a recommendation from the GPSA Council for a specific plan—Aetna v. United Health Care. The Council decided to stay with Aetna, and recommend this plan to Dr. Davidson.

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

• GPSA Council invited speakers: April meeting - Dr. Juanita Fain, Vice President of Student Affairs; May meeting – James Ratigan, Executive Director of Alumni Relations

• Set agenda for April Council meeting

6. NEW BUSINESS - none FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none INFORMATION ONLY

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - none INFORMATION ONLY

9. ADJOURNMENT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

• President Young called for a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2015 Executive Board meeting. Vice-President Alires motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Talib-deen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.

GPSA Spring 2015 Executive Board Meetings
Graduate Student Commons, SU 306
Fridays 8:00 – 9:00am