GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting Minutes
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Monday, July 7, 2014, 10:00 – 11:30am

ROLL CALL:

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Others present: Graduate Student Juan Carlos Duhart, Graduate College Associate Dean Kendall Hartley, and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton

President Young called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   Request is made for approval of the June 2, 2014 meeting minutes - President Young asked for a motion to approve the June 2, 2014 GPSA Council minutes. Denise Cook (College of Liberal Arts) motioned to approve the June 2nd minutes and Timothy Thatcher (School of Allied Health) seconded. After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the June 2nd Council minutes as presented.

3. **SPEAKER** INFORMATION ONLY
   - Juan Carlos (JD) Duhart, PhD student, Department of Life Sciences – Juan Duhart was selected as the GPSA representative to hold a seat on the UNLV President Search Committee. More information on the President’s Search Committee can be found at: [http://www.unlv.edu/presidentsearch](http://www.unlv.edu/presidentsearch). Juan Duhart informed the council three meetings were held up to this point. A committee has been formed of five (5) regents to negotiate the process. At this point, Baker and Associates is the firm considered to act as a search committee. Issues discussed were the challenges expected within the position; also, the timeline for the search to fill the position. Denise Cook (College of Liberal Arts) asked the question: Why is a business background considered versus an educational background? Juan Duhart responded that the position will require the president to negotiate with all aspects of the city, student body as well as business community. Juan Duhart stated, it is still an ongoing process.

4. **BUDGET REPORT** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   Treasurer Pierce delivered the June budget. Treasurer Pierce directed the council to the top of the report. She stated that the June student wages were $8,227.50 for staffing the Graduate Student Commons and $4,662.50 of the wages were for the Spring GPSA Council stipends. She noted that the operating expenses for the month of June were the monthly Xerox maintenance charge, postage, routine office supplies and telephone costs. $60 was incurred for the last of the spring semester subscription of the NY Times and $200.00 for the Student Union for the set-up costs for the spring Council meetings. $528.82 was spent for President Young's Reno Board of Regents trip.
Treasurer Pierce also acknowledged the contributions that were given this year from three sources: the first being the UNLV Libraries for contributing a large formatting printer for use in the Commons; the Vice President of Student Affairs office contributed ($6,000) by purchasing the activity reader & Atlas.ti software and an extra partition to be used for the Research Forum; and finally special thanks to the Graduate College for the $50,000 to supplement the Sponsorship program. They will also be contributing the same amount for this upcoming academic year.

Pierce continued the reported stating the hosting expense for June was: $401.60. $235.64 was for replenishment of the snacks in the Commons. $28.10 was for pizza provided to the Sponsorship Committee’s for their meeting to review fall applications for funding, $137.86 for the bagels and coffee at the end of the semester. $192.95 was brought from the sales in the Graduate Student Commons. Bring the year’s revenue in at $257,701.84. She concluded the report stating the balance forward is $146,206.35 with a balance of $128,659.799. President Young asked for questions. Izaac Rowe (School of Law) inquired about the professional staff monthly salary. GPSA Manager Becky Boulton stated that the salary is an encumbrance and therefore the full salary is reflected for the year. President Young asked for a motion to approve the budget. Denise Cook (College of Liberal Arts) motioned to approve the budget report and Timothy Thatcher (School of Allied Health) seconded. After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the budget report as presented.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT

- Dr. Kendall Hartley, the Graduate College Associate Dean, spoke briefly on Building a Grad Rebel and the Graduate College initiatives/activities. He presented an activity chart which highlighted various ideas planned within the initiatives: the relationships between students and graduate coordinators, students’ annual review, progress towards completion.
- Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance - President Young pulled up a chart on the flat screen. This spreadsheet indicated the proposed allocations for the increase in tuition and fees that were passed at the last Board of Regents meeting held June 5-6 at the Truckee Meadows Community College (see attachment).
- GPSA Activities / Community Service – President Young stated a survey was being prepared to send out on RAVE (Rebel Announcements via E-mail). President Young conveyed the Food Pantry is available this summer. Also President Young and Manager Boulton will contact The NY Times for a speaker event.
- GPSA Government Relations – President Young presented to the council that a position statement be developed which reflects the graduate & professional student body. This action will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- GPSA Publications - Secretary Talib-deen distributed a memo to the Council proposing article ideas for the Publication committee. The newsletter, “The Luminary”, is scheduled for an August 22nd publication date. Interested representatives wishing to contribute to the upcoming newsletter should contact Secretary Talib-deen.
- GPSA Sponsorship – Vice President Alires reported that in lieu of his absence, due to a family emergency, Treasurer Pierce served as acting Chair of the Sponsorship Committee which met on Friday, June 13th. The committee awarded funding to 2 of the 3 applications in the amount of $825.00. The total amount requested was $2,391.00. The application that was not funded was determined to not meet the eligibility criteria for the emergency cycle. The remaining sponsorship budget is $5,611.56. Vice President Alires requested representatives interested in serving on this committee during the summer months should contact him.
- Student Health Insurance – President Young and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton met with Lorraine Brown to discuss the Student Health Insurance for current graduate & professional students, and for those students who have recently graduated.

6. OLD BUSINESS - none

7. NEW BUSINESS
• GPSA 2014 – 2015 Goals – President Young expressed to the GPSA summer council that they will be working on 2014-2015 goals to present to the Fall GPSA Council. The council discussed goals that may possibly be considered: Outreach Efforts, collaborating with UNLV Care Food Pantry, Graduate College Forms for voting online for E-Board election process, student support (scholarships), parking permits for graduate & professional students, increase networking between graduate & professional students, a resource list for graduate & professional students attending summer session, legislative goals, support for publication, getting elections online, child-care, public safety (concerns with students studying or taking evening classes, extending hours of POD, video-taping and archiving workshops, survey from scholarship recipients.

• 2015 State of Nevada Legislative Session Planning Initiatives
  • Tentative date: NV Education Awareness Day: March 2, 2015 in Carson City NV

• GPSA/Graduate College Workshop Survey – Please take the time to give your input for GPSA / Graduate College 2014 -2015 workshops. President Young noted that a laptop had been setup in the back of the room and encouraged those representatives that had not participated in the survey to do so before leaving. She also asked the representative to encourage their constituents to take the survey as well. Student input matters!

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

9. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

10. ADJOURNMENT
President Young asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Timothy Thatcher (School of Allied Health) motioned to approve the motion and Izaac Rowe (Law School) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

GPSA Summer 2014 Council Meetings
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141; 10:00 – 11:30am
• Monday, August 4, 2014

GPSA Fall 2014 Council Meetings
UNLV Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C; 2:00 – 3:30pm
• Monday, September 8, 2014
• Monday, October 6, 2014
• Monday, November 3, 2014
• Monday, December 1, 2014