

# GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting Minutes

Student Union room 208 B & C

Monday, April 7, 2014, 2:00 – 3:30pm

### Call to order – Roll Call

#### School of Allied Health

Health Physics	<u>✓</u>
<i>Timothy Thatcher</i>	
Kinesiology	<u>✓</u>
<i>Andrew Nordin</i>	

Physical Therapy	<u>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Business

Accounting	<u>✓</u>
<i>Candace Corra</i>	
Business Administration	<u>✓</u>
<i>Malori Clarke</i>	
Economics	<u>A</u>
<i>Justin Lewis</i>	
Management Information Systems	<u>✓</u>
<i>Nacchammai Palaniappan</i>	

#### School of Community Health Sciences

Health Care Administration & Policy	<u>A</u>
<i>Ronald Loweke</i>	
Public Health	<u>✓</u>
<i>Erin Sheehy</i>	

#### School of Dental Medicine

Dental Medicine	<u>A</u>
<i>Thomas Kenny</i>	

#### College of Education

Educational & Clinical Studies	<u>✓</u>
<i>Pamela Juniel</i>	
Educational Psychology & Higher Learning	<u>A</u>
<i>Nicholas Nardi</i>	
Teaching & Learning	<u>A</u>
<i>Tarryn McGhie</i>	

#### College of Engineering

Civil & Environmental Eng.	<u>✓</u>
<i>Kishor Shrestha</i>	
Computer Science	<u>✓</u>
<i>Derek Williams</i>	

#### College of Engineering (cont.)

Electrical & Computer Eng.	<u>✓</u>
<i>Stephanie Shreck</i>	
Mechanical Engineering	<u>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Fine Arts

Architecture	<u>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	
Art	<u>✓</u>
<i>Shelbi Schroeder</i>	
Film	<u>✓</u>
<i>M. Ezra Mahurin</i>	
Music	<u>✓</u>
<i>Daniel Hunter</i>	
Theatre Arts	<u>✓</u>
<i>Amanda Mayfield</i>	

#### College of Hotel Administration

Hospitality Administration	<u>✓</u>
<i>Wen Chang</i>	

#### Law School

Law	<u>✓</u>
<i>Tamara Ioudina</i>	

#### College of Liberal Arts

Anthropology	<u>✓</u>
<i>Kathryn Baustian</i>	
English	<u>✓</u>
<i>Anthony Patricia</i>	
Foreign Language	<u>A</u>
<i>Sarah Carey</i>	
History	<u>✓</u>
<i>Amy Laws</i>	
Political Science	<u>✓</u>
<i>Rafael Oganessian</i>	
Psychology	<u>✓</u>
<i>R. Shane Westfall</i>	
Sociology	<u>✓</u>
<i>Denise Cook</i>	

#### School of Nursing

Nursing	<u>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	

#### College of Science

Chemistry	<u>✓</u>
<i>Schetema Nealy</i>	
Geoscience	<u>✓</u>
<i>Erika Lomeli-Wribe</i>	
Life Sciences	<u>✓</u>
<i>Surbi Sharma</i>	
Mathematical Sciences	<u>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	
Physics & Astronomy	<u>✓</u>
<i>William Wolfs</i>	

#### College of Urban Affairs

Communication Studies	<u>✓</u>
<i>Caitline Saladino</i>	
Criminal Justice	<u>✓</u>
<i>MiliaiKeala Heen</i>	
Environmental & Public Affairs	<u>A</u>
<i>Kelly Murdock</i>	
Journalism & Media Studies	<u>✓</u>
<i>Jason Holley</i>	

Marriage & Family Therapy	<u>✓</u>
<i>Joe Dentice</i>	
Social Work	<u>✓</u>
<i>Terri Thomas</i>	

#### Executive Board

President	<u>✓</u>
<i>Sharon Young</i>	
Vice President	<u>✓</u>
<i>Izaac Rowe</i>	
Treasurer	<u>✓</u>
<i>Eshani Gandhi</i>	
Secretary	<u>✓</u>
<i>Meghan Pierce</i>	

**Others present:** Jim Ratigan, Associate Vice President of UNLV Alumni Relations and Executive Director of UNLV Alumni Association, Dr. Mark Fink, Director of the Office of Online Education, Dr. Kate Korgan, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate College, GPSA Faculty Advisor Peter Gray, and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton

## **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- President Sharon Young called for a motion to approve the February minutes. Pamela Juniel (Education and Clinical Studies) motioned to approve and Terri Thomas (Social Work) seconded. Young asked for any corrections or additions and hearing none. President Young called for a vote, which was unanimous to approve.

## **3. SPEAKER(S)**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

- Jim Ratigan, Associate Vice President of UNLV Alumni Relations: Mr. Ratigan discussed how the Alumni association benefits graduate students. If you graduate from UNLV you are immediately eligible to receive some alumni benefits. However, UNLV VIP members receive a higher level of benefits. UNLV VIP members can pay a yearly or lifetime fee. Part of the money collected from fees goes directly back to students in the form of scholarships. Past GPSA President Michael Gordon worked diligently to make sure that graduate / professional students were getting their fair share of the pot.
- Dr. Mark Fink, Director of the Office of Online Education: Dr. Fink discussed the NSHE Task force's three phases. The task force was charged by the Board of Regents to address the 16 categories for E-Learning. The first charge is improving remedial education, specifically, English and math. Offering remedial education courses provides students an opportunity to refresh their English and math skills before entering a higher-level course. These courses will be provided online and as hybrids. The second phase focuses on general education. The goal is to ensure that 80% of the curriculum will be the same throughout NSHE.

## **4. BUDGET REPORT**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- Treasurer Gandhi reported the March GPSA budget: she directed the Council to the hard copy report. Gandhi stated that the March student wages are listed at \$3,516.50 for the student staffers in the Graduate Student Commons. She continued the report noting that the operating expenses for the month of March, in addition to the routine monthly expenditures, \$245.40 was spent on one remaining spring 2014 GPSA Book Scholarships & NY Times monthly subscription. \$501.50 was for printing the Research Forum Abstract Booklet. Hosting expenses for the month: \$280.84 for the PT Pub Mixer held February 13th. She concluded stating that the revenue brought in for this past month was \$203.10 for the sell of snacks in the Commons and \$9,919.03 in student fees bring the revenue total for the fiscal year to \$244,724.07. The balance forward is \$146,206.35 with a balance of \$152,962.22. President Young asked for a motion to approve the budget, Joe Dentice (Marriage and Family Therapy) motioned to approve the budget report and Pamela Juniel (Education and Clinical Studies) seconded. After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the budget report as presented.

## **5. GPSA / CAMPUS-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

- Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance: Treasurer Gandhi attended the Regent's meeting on Thursday and Secretary Pierce attended on Friday. The NSA met to discuss the tuition increases. CSUN President Mark Ciavola made a motion to have tuition increase decision made during the regular school session.
- E-Learning Committee: Please see Dr. Fink's comments above.
- GPSA Activities / Community Service: Chair Kathryn Baustian announced that bagels and coffee will be provided during study week, May 5-8.
- GPSA Awards: No report.
- GPSA Publications: The Publication Committee will be meeting this afternoon, directly following the meeting.
- Research Forum: Vice President Rowe thanked the volunteers for making this year's research forum successful.

- GPSA Sponsorship: The Sponsorship Committee will be meeting this afternoon, directly following the meeting. They currently have 75 summer and 6 March emergency applications. To date, we've given out \$92,000. The Graduate College is providing an additional \$50,000 to next year's sponsorship fund.
- Student Health Insurance Committee: President Young asked the council to consider changes to next year's insurance coverage. The Student Health Insurance Committee asked that the council decide between keeping the health insurance structure the same or changing it to take the price burden off of the international students. The current structure lumps all students together, the new proposed structure will separate the different student groups. After hearing international students speak on behalf of insurance, the council decided to keep the current insurance structure.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- GPSA Summer council sign-up: applications available online, meeting dates listed below.
- UNLV Libraries subscription cancellation project 2014: further information on reviewing the list, provide feedback and the timeline for review is available here: [www.library.unlv/cd/sap2014](http://www.library.unlv/cd/sap2014).

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

- E-Board elections, April 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>: Graduate Student Commons- Concluding 5:00pm, April 11<sup>th</sup>. UNLV ID required.
- Take Back the Tap and Global Water Brigades, "Revive- Art Exhibition on Sustainability"; April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Sustainability Panel Discussion April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Moot Court Room. Live music and free food.
- GPSA Fall 2014 Sponsorship deadline April 15<sup>th</sup> - application available at: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards/sponsorship>.
- Fulbright Information and Application Workshop; Wednesday, April 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm; Graduate Student Commons Meeting Room (LLB 2141); For more information on the Fulbright program, visit: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>
- Graduating this semester?? Apply to be commencement student speaker. Competition deadline: April 14<sup>th</sup> <http://www.unlv.edu/commencement/student-speaker>
- GPSA Spring UNLV Library 2014 Workshops – <http://www.library.unlv.edu/inst/signup/>
- Volunteers needed: The Clark County Department of Family Services is looking for volunteers to help build a playground for the children at Child Haven. Contact: [dfspartnership@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:dfspartnership@clarkcountynv.gov)

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

- Dr. Kate Korgan, Interim Dean of the Graduate College: Dr. Korgan announced that all fellowship awards were announced and that scholarship awards would be announced on the upcoming Friday. She also announced the UNLV Tedx even being held on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Student Union Ballroom. This event is free to graduate/professional students.
- President Young called for a motion to adjourn, Terri Thomas (Social Work) motioned to adjourn and Daniel Hunter (Music) seconded. By the council's unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 3:35 pm.

**GPSA Spring 2014 Council Meeting**  
**UNLV Student Union rooms 208 B & C; 2:00 – 3:30pm**  
 • **Monday, May 5, 2014**

**GPSA Summer 2014 Council Meetings**  
**UNLV Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141**  
**10:00 – 11:30am**  
 • **Monday, June 2, 2014**  
 • **Monday, July 7, 2014**  
 • **Monday, August 4, 2014**