

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
(GPSA) COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 4, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. - Student Union Room 208 B & C

I. Call to Order

President Michael Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Colleges with representatives in **attendance** were:

College / School	Representative
SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH	Athena Gallardo (Health Physics)
	Sarah Horsch (Kinesiology)
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Ryan La Pier (Accounting)
	Randal Rosman (Business Administration)
	Matthew Kinzer (Economics)
SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES	Jeremiah Todd (Health Care Administration & Policy)
	Erin Sheehy (Public Health)
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Lidia Sedano (Educational & Clinical Studies)
	Elayna J. Hocking (Educational Psychology and Higher Education)
	Zaid Haddad (Teaching and Learning) - proxy
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	Kishor Shrestha (Civil & Environmental Engineering and Construction Mgmt)
	Ahmad Al Agry (Electrical & Computer Engineering)
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS	Lauren Adkins (Art)
	Matthew “Ezra” Mahurin (Film)
	Jonathan Baltera (Music)
SCHOOL OF LAW	Christian Augustin (Law)
COLLEGE OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION	Yun Ying “Susan” Zhong (Hospitality Administration)
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS	Kathryn Baustian (Anthropology)
	Anthony Patricia (English)
	Rebecca Bolen (History)
	David Snyder (Political Science)
	Caleb Picker (Psychology)
	Christopher Conner (Sociology) - proxy
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES	Eshani Ghandhi (Chemistry)
	Alison Sloat (Geoscience)
	Juan Carlos Duhart (Life Sciences)
COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS	Sara Kaplan (Communication Studies)
	Natalie Martinez (Criminal Justice)
	Jung “Vicki” Eun Song (Environmental & Public Affairs)
	Megan Gilliland (Journalism & Media Studies)
	Priscilla Lopez (Social Work) - proxy

Executive board members in attendance: President Michael Gordon, Vice President Sharon Young, Treasurer Jennifer Reed and Secretary Jennifer Liese.

Others in attendance: UNLV Take Back the Tap Coordinator Monica Garcia, Director of Student Wellness Business & Administration Services Robert Handwerker, Faculty Advisor Kate Korgan and Faculty Advisor Peter Gray

Colleges/Schools/others absent: School of Allied Health: Physical Therapy (Erin Jarrett, class conflict, unable to attend meetings); College of Business: Management Information Systems (vacant position); School of Dental Medicine (JD Westphal, class conflict, unable to attend meetings); College of Engineering: Computer Science (vacant position) and Mechanical Engineering (vacant position); College of Fine Arts: Architecture (vacant position) and Theatre Arts (vacant position); Foreign Languages (Sarah Carey); School of Nursing: (vacant position); College of Science: Mathematical Sciences (vacant position) and Physics & Astronomy (vacant position); College of Urban Affairs: Marriage & Family Therapy (Matt Nelson)

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. Approval of Minutes

President Michael Gordon called for a motion to approve the December meeting. David Snyder (Political Science), and Zaid Hadid (Teaching & Learning) seconded. Gordon asked for any corrections or additions and hearing none, he called for a vote, which was unanimous to approve.

V. Speaker

- Robert Handwerker, Director of Student Wellness Business & Administration Services – Handwerker chairs the committee looking into requiring all registering students to have health insurance. This was Handwerker's second time speaking to the GPSA Council about this issue, and he provided updates on the committee's work.

VI. Budget Report

Treasurer Reed reported the December and January monthly expenses. At the top of the report, Reed directed the Council's attention to the top of the report: December & January student wages listed for \$10,181.25. \$5,581.25 was for the staffing the Graduate Student Commons and the remaining \$4600.00 was for the Fall Council stipends. Reed continued the report outlining the operating expenses for the months of January & February: routine office supplies, postage and telephone costs, \$260.66 paid for the New York Times subscription.

Reed then detailed the hosting expenses for Dec. & Jan. \$477.63 was spent for the replenishment of the snacks and water sold in the GPSA study. \$248.58 was incurred for the bagels and coffee offered in the Graduate Student Commons during the last week of instruction for the Fall semester; \$39.85 was sandwiches purchased for the Sponsorship committee's meeting for the Spring Semester Funding Cycle; and \$1,126.90 was for the Welcome Mixer in August held at Stan Fulton Building; \$459.41 for the Murphy's Law Mixer held November 27th. Treasurer Reed concluded the report with the revenue figures brought in for the 2 months was \$542.26 for the sale of snacks and xeroxing. \$124,978.71 was brought in for the student's fees collected for the Spring semester bring the revenue total for the year thus far to \$256,864.13. The balance forward is \$157,840.87 with a balance of \$65,689.29.

President Gordon asked for a motion to approve the budget, David Snyder (Political Science) motioned to approve the budget report; Kathryn Baustian (Anthropology) seconded. After a call for the vote, Council unanimously approved the budget report as presented.

VII. Committee Reports

- Board of Regents – the Board of Regents met January 11th. The next meeting will be February 28th and March 1st. During the next scheduled meeting they will discuss the mandatory health insurance proposal.
- GPSA Activities / Community Service – this committee needs volunteers and the next GPSA social was discussed
- GPSA Awards – committee met and decisions have been made. The awards will be formally announced at the GPSA Research Forum.
- GPSA Elections – April 1st-April 5th
- GPSA Government Relations – Jennifer Reed, Treasurer, discussed how the 77th regular session started today. Monday Feb 25th is dedicated to education and our scheduled day with legislatures. Students are leaving Sunday evening, and some carpools are going. There's also the activism day here at UNLV.
- GPSA Publications – Jennifer Liese, Secretary, gave thanks to the committee for their hard work, the latest newsletter was just published
- GPSA Research Forum – reminder to the individuals serving on the committee that Saturday, March 16, 2013 is the GPSA Research Forum
- GPSA Sponsorships – VP Sharon Young announced the amounts for the following sponsorship cycles: spring semester \$46,205.00 awarded; emergency fall November 2012 \$115.00; emergency spring January 2013 \$2,395.00
- Campus-wide – Dr. Kate Korgan discussed how applications for scholarships are being processed. Also, the outstanding thesis and dissertation deadlines have been pushed back. Thesis Workshops are upcoming, Feb. 20th and Feb. 27th. Dr. Korgan mentioned the Graduate research certificate program and its benefits. Also, UNLV is going through the reaccreditation process in February.

VIII. Old Business –

- GPSA Sponsorship (bylaw revision) funding reducing award amount from 3 to 2 applications yearly and to decrease from \$1750 awarded annually to \$1250.

President Gordon asked for a motion by hand count. Caleb Picker (Psychology) motioned to not pass the bylaw revision and Juan Carlos Duhart (Life Sciences) seconded. After discussion, the council voted by hand; 8 in favor of rejecting the bylaw revision and 23 opposed, therefore rejecting the measure to not pass the bylaw revision.

President Gordon asked for a motion to approve the bylaw revision by a count of hands. David Snyder (Political Science) motioned to approve the Sponsorship bylaw revision as originally presented and Juan Carlos Duhart (Life Sciences) seconded. The motion passed with 23 in favor of the bylaw revision and 8 opposed.

- Take Back the Tap: GPSA endorsement – President Gordon asked for a motion. David Snyder (Political Science) motioned to endorse Take Back the Tap and Rebecca Bolen (History) seconded. Council voted 30 in favor with one opposed to approve the endorsement.

- Graduate & professional mandatory student health insurance – President Gordon asked for a motion by hand count. Sara Kaplan (Communication Studies) motioned to approve the mandatory health insurance and Caleb Picker (Psychology) seconded. After discussion, the council voted by hand; 3 for, 24 against with 5 abstentions.

IX. New Business – none

X. Announcements

- GPSA E-board office hours immediately following every Council meeting from 3:30 – 4:30pm in SU 306
- Graduate College Thesis & Dissertation Formatting Brown Bag – Feb. 20th noon – 1pm in Graduate Student Commons
- GPSA Social – Freakin’ Frog, Thursday, February 7th from 5 – 8pm FREE APPETIZERS!
- Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum registration deadline: February 16, 2013 – <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/forum/>
- GPSA & NY Times Campus Weapon Policy Panel Discussion: February 19, 2013 from 5:30 – 6:30pm, SU Theater
- Graduate Student Success Workshop, “Preparing for Graduate Student Success & Applying to Academic Jobs”, February 22nd from 1-3pm, Student Union room 208 B & C
- UNLV VITA – Free tax service on campus. For an appointment: 702-895-5655 / unlv.vita@gmail.com
- UNLV Cares Food Pantry - for hours and contact information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/UNLVCares> FoodPantry (no log-in necessary). Please see GPSA website for more information: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu>
- NV Education Awareness Day – February 25, 2013, Legislative Building in Carson City, NV

XI. Public Comment – none

XII. Adjournment

Sara Kaplan (Communication Studies) motioned to adjourn, and Christian Augustin (Law) seconded. By Council’s unanimous vote to adjourn, the meeting ended at 3:35pm.