

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes

Student Union room 208 B & C

Monday, March 3, 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>A</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>✓</u>
<i>Nicholas Nardi</i>	
Teaching & Learning	<u>✓</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>Vacant</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>A</u>
<i>William Wolfs</i>	

College of Urban Affairs

Communication Studies	<u>Proxy</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>N/A</u>
<i>Vacant</i>	
Treasurer	<u>✓</u>
<i>Eshani Gandhi</i>	
Secretary	<u>✓</u>
<i>Meghan Pierce</i>	

Others present: President, UNLV Cares Food Pantry Joseph Nickelson, Vice President of Research and Development Dr. Tom Piechota, Dr. Stephen Fitt, Social Science Librarian, 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. Schetema Nealy (Chemistry) motioned to approve and Amy Laws (History) seconded. Young asked for any corrections or additions and hearing none, she called for a vote, which was unanimous to approve.

3. SPEAKERS

INFORMATION ONLY

- Dr. Tom Piechota, Vice President of Research and Development: Dr. Piechota discussed the UNLV Digital Scholarship. The Digital Scholarship is an outlet for UNLV students and faculty to share their publications and presentations. This repository can be accessed by individuals in other locations. The university will provide a report compiling how many times your information is accessed. It is important to note that you should not put work into the database unless you are ready to publish the information.
- Dr. Stephen Fitt, Social Sciences Librarian: Dr. Fitt discussed ongoing workshops provided by the library. Currently, the library offers workshops that will fulfill the requirements for the Graduate College Research Certificate. The library is introducing online workshops to make participation more convenient to graduate students who are off campus. These workshops will be offered in real time.
- Dr. Kate Korgan, Interim Dean of the Graduate College: Dr. Korgan discussed DGRA Application deadlines for faculty members. A DGRA is a three-year research focused graduate assistantship. The Graduate College has 40 DGRAs available. The application process is completed by faculty members. The deadline for applying is March 21, 2014 by 5:00pm.

4. BUDGET REPORT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Treasurer Gandhi reported the February GPSA budget. Treasurer Gandhi directed the council to the top of the budget report. She detailed the following expenditures for the month: student wages are \$2,650.00 for the student staffers in the Graduate Student Commons. The operating expenses for the month of February: in addition to routine monthly expenditures, \$1052.70 was spent on the Spring 2014 GPSA Book Scholarships & NY Times monthly subscription. \$146.25 was paid out to the Student Union for expenses to rent the Philip Cohen Student Union Theater, January 22nd for the Tuition & Fee Hearing led by Chancellor Klaich. Treasure continued itemizing the hosting expenses for the month: \$378.28 was spent for the replenishment of the snacks sold in the Graduate Student Commons. \$275.72 was payment to Aramark for the bagels & coffee provided in the Commons the first week of Spring semester. She concluded stating that the revenue brought in for this past month was \$173.70 for the sell of snacks in the Commons. This brings the revenue total for the fiscal year to \$234,601.93. The balance forward is \$146,206.35 with a balance of \$147,408.88.

President Young asked for a motion to approve the budget, Shane Westfall (Psychology) motioned to approve the budget report and Pamela Juniel (Educational 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: The Board of Regents and Nevada Student Alliance will meet on March 6th and 7th from 7:00am-5:00pm at the CSN Charleston campus. They will discuss tuition and fee increases for all NSHE institutions. Graduate student tuition will not increase for 2 years. In two years tuition will increase 2% for two years. The budget will not be finalized until the 2017 legislative session, however they predict that 15% of the increase will go to student financial aid.
- E-Learning Committee: No report.
- GPSA Activities / Community Service: Coffee, iced tea, and cookies will be available in the Graduate Commons from March 10th through March 15th 12:00pm until 3:00pm.
- GPSA Awards: No report.
- GPSA Elections: Joe Dentice, Election Committee chair, announced the upcoming GPSA elections. Nomination materials are located on the website and all documents are due Friday April 4th.

- GPSA Publications: The February newsletter has been posted on the website and is available in print in the Graduate Student Commons. The publications committee will meet on April 7th from 3:30-4:30pm in SU 208.
- GPSA Research Forum: The research forum will be held on March 29th from 8:00am-2:00pm. The deadline to submit abstracts was extended until Monday March 3, 2014.
- GPSA Sponsorship: No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- GPSA Resolution no. 7 amendment: This resolution was introduced to change the insurance requirements for credit loads for part-time law students. Law students are considered part time at 11 credits (see below). President Young called for a motion to approve, Tamara Ioudina (Law) motioned and it was seconded by Erika Lomeli-Wribe (Geoscience). After a call for a vote, the council unanimously approved the amendment for resolution no. 7 as presented.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- E-Board Elections, April 7th – 11th: <http://www.unlv.edu/news-story/gpsa-e-board-elections-2014-2015>
- GPSA Spring 2014 Workshops – [register online](http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development) @ <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>
- [GPSA Summer Sponsorship](#) deadline March 15, 2014
- [Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum](#) – March 29, 2014
- UNLV School of Dental Medicine – Dental Clinic located in the SWC room 1395. Monday – Friday 8am-5pm; 702-774-7108, Walk-ins welcomed: from cleanings to crowns. Senior dental students perform all services under the supervision of experience licensed faculty.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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10. ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Ezra Mahurin (Film) motioned to adjourn and Terri Thomas (Social Work) seconded. By the council's unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 3:02 pm.

GPSA Spring 2014 Council Meetings
UNLV Student Union rooms 208 B & C; 2:00 – 3:30pm

- **Monday, April 7, 2014**
- **Monday, May 5, 2014**