Members Present: Erin Diebold (ACCOUNTING), Steven Lehr (MBA), Jared Price (ECONOMICS), Megan Wolff (MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS), Jennifer Wimmer (CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION), Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY), Danielle Howard (EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP), Joseph Morgan (SPECIAL EDUCATION), Sonya Walker (SPORTS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP), Vik Sehdev (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING), Stacy Nelson (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING), Andrew Wilkins (Architecture), Laurenn McCubbin (ART), Christopher Trevino (THEATRE), Lori Anderson (HEALTH PROMOTION), Jennifer Scharf (KINESIOLOGY), Brandon Richards (PHYSICAL THERAPY), Mackenzie Burns, PROXY (PUBLIC HEALTH), Cheryl Darby-Carlberg (NURSING), Nick Thomas (HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION), Brian Lindemuth (SPORT & LEISURE ACTIVITIES), John Piro (Law), Allison Cantor (ANTHROPOLOGY), Sam Harr (ENGLISH), Adla Earl (HISTORY), Autoosa Kojoori-Saatchi (POLITICAL SCIENCE), Veronica A. Glover (PSYCHOLOGY), Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY), Pauline Serrano (CHEMISTRY), Corinne Griffing (GEOSCIENCES), Rob Bryson (LIFE SCIENCES), Yanan Jiang (MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES), Jason Baker (PHYSICS), William Saas, (COMMUNICATION STUDIES), Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), Surbhi Sharma (ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES), Elizabeth Young (JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES), Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), Gabriella Gendarilla (SOCIAL WORK), Jessica Lucero (PRESIDENT), Kyle George (VICE PRESIDENT), Candace Griffith (TREASURER).

Members Absent: Dawid Zydek (ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING), Brian Marsh (MUSIC), Zoraida Caldera (FOREIGN LANGUAGES), Justin Smith (MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY).

Others Present:
Dr. Kate Korgan (Faculty Advisor), Dr. Adam Simon (Faculty Advisor), Dr. Susan Thompson (Director of International Programs), Carin Wallace (GPSA Manager).

I. Roll Call
The GPSA Council Meeting, held in the Student Union, Room 208 is called to order by President Lucero Monday afternoon at 2:02 p.m.
President Lucero did a verbal role call, to get to know the council and all of its new and returning members. President Lucero went on to introduce the executive board and the Faculty advisors Dr. Kate Korgan and Dr. Adam Simon.

II. Speakers
Dr. Susan Thompson talks about the deadlines for international scholarships. The Fulbright scholars application is due on October 25, 2009. It takes a while to fill out but the prestige is vast. For more information you can visit the website www.iie.org. For the Fulbright Scholar award, travel is required outside of the US. There is also a UNLV based scholarships for graduate students to conduct research abroad.
For more information, visit their office at CBC B325, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
III. Orientation
President Lucero presents a Power Point on Robert’s Rules so the council will know the proper way to make a motion and the general decorum of the meetings. President Lucero encourages the council to fill out their committee sign-up sheet so a list of the committees can be put together.

IV. Approval of Minutes
President Lucero asks the council members to look over the August 2009 GPSA Minutes and to see if there are any corrections to be made.
After hearing no corrections, a motion for approving the August 2009 minutes is made by Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY), seconded by Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE).
With no oppositions, the motion passes.

V. Budget Report
Treasurer Griffith informs the council that the budget cycle runs from July to July. Treasurer Griffith outlines the important aspects of the budget including expenditures such as, wages, fringe benefits for professional staff, general operating expenses, transfers, and the grants budget. With an increase in the budget, many of the areas have been increased and this is noted as well. The grants budget noticed a considerable increase, with an additional $50,000 being added to their budget. The revenue budget summary table is the revenue generated in the GPSA study facility and fees collected from the GPSA fee. We project that $316,340.00 will be collected for the year. Sales in the office should be approximately $4,150.00 and the transfer in is the Graduate College paying for the Research Forum winners monetary prizes.
A motion to approve the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is made by Lori Anderson (HEALTH PROMOTION) and seconded by Christopher Trevino (THEATER).
With no oppositions the budget passes unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports
• Board of Regents: Vice President George will be representing the GPSA at the Board of Regents in Elko in the middle of September.
• GPSA Activities: President Lucero announces that the previous social at the Stan Fulton Building on August 21 was attended by over 60 people. President Lucero introduces the new chair of the activities committee, William Saas, (COMMUNICATION STUDIES). It is the hope that we will expand on our social activities in the upcoming year.
• GPSA Ad Hoc Awards: President Lucero put forth whether the Ad Hoc committee was needed as it did not grant any of the awards in the last academic year. The agreement is to keep the committee and to get the word out about the awards so they can be presented this year.
• GPSA Community Service: Treasurer Griffith invites members of council to join the committee and notes that last year was very successful as the year of the child. We can do another theme this year or do individual efforts. Treasurer Griffith looks forward to serving as chair again this year.
• GPSA Grants – Vice President George says that the way we award the grants will change being that the amount of the grant will depend on the quality of the application. A discussion was had regarding the process and the new requirements and how it would change.
• President’s Advisory Council (PAC) – President Lucero said that the PAC met on June 23 with President Smatresk—the purpose of this committee is to bring forward concerns to the President as well as for him to field questions regarding the direction of campus to the various constituency groups.
Marcus Johnson (Educational Psychology) had asked President Lucero to find out if the Library would be affected by the cuts; President Smatresk said that yes, they’ve been pretty safe so far but that with the rate of inflation being 15% a year, the library will definitely take a
President Lucero adds that if there are any concerns you feel need to be addressed by President Smatresk, email President Lucero and she can have it added to the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of September or beginning of October.

A discussion is had about the importance for graduate students to attend the Board of Regents on December 8 to voice the value of graduate student research. Discussing the kind of research you are doing and the scholarship you are doing is good to speak to at the meeting.

VII. Old Business – none

VIII. New Business

GPSA 2008-09 Goals

A motion to approve the goals for the GPSA 2009-2010 with the changes to Goal 12 to reach out to the academic success center for collaboration and to strike Goal 14 is made by Corinne Griffing (GEOSCIENCE) and seconded by Allison Cantor (ANTHROPOLOGY). A discussion is had regarding the order of priority and if there is a way to make them more specific. The idea of setting up a committee to specify the goals was suggested but is noted that it is not necessary.

An amendment to the original motion to approve goals with changes to Goal 12 is made by Adla Earl (HISTORY) and seconded by Vik Sehdev (CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING).

With no opposition, the amendment passes with one abstention William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES).

Discussion is had and an amendment to the amended motion to change Goal 12 and to clarify Goal 4 is made by Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) and seconded by Danielle Howard (EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP).

With no opposition the amendment passes.

Discussion continued regarding the wording of the goals and the ambiguity in some of them. A motion to table the approval of the GPSA Goals for 2009-2010 to the next meeting is made by Vik Sehdev (CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING) and seconded by Lori Anderson (HEALTH PROMOTION).

IX. Announcements

President Lucero announces the GPSA Secretary Executive Board Position is available and those interested can submit their names to the GPSA Manager and a decision will be made by the next meeting.

X. Public Comment

Treasurer Griffith announces the Library was hit by budget cuts and over 600 journal subscriptions were not renewed. This is a cut across all disciplines with no one discipline being hit more than others.

President Lucero announces the December council meeting is being moved to room 211.
XI. Adjournment
President Lucero asks for a motion of adjournment. Crystal Jackson (SOCIIOLOGY) puts forth a motion to adjourn, Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY) seconds. Meeting adjourned at 3:22p.m.