GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, February 3, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Room 208

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 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP), Vik Sehdev (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING), Dawid Zydek (ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING), Stacy Nelson (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING), Andrea Wilkins (ARCHITECTURE), Stacey Torma (Proxy - ART), Lori Andersen (HEALTH PROMOTION), Jennifer Scharf (KINESIOLOGY), Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH), Cheryl Darby-Carlberg (NURSING), Allison Cantor (ANTHROPOLOGY), Sam Harr (ENGLISH), Zoraida Caldera (FOREIGN LANGUAGES), Adla Earl (HISTORY), Autoosa Kojoori-Saatchi (POLITICAL SCIENCE), Andrea Kayl (PSYCHOLOGY), Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLGY), Laura Eaton (Proxy - GEO SCIENCE), Rob Bryson (LIFE SCIENCES), Yanan Jiang (MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES), Jason Baker (PHYSICS), William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES), Surbhi Sharma (ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES), Elizabeth Young (JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES), Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), Nathaniel House (Proxy - SOCIAL WORK), Jessica Lucero (PRESIDENT), Kyle George (VICE PRESIDENT), Veronica Glover (SECRETARY).

Members Absent: Maggie Werning (FILM), Jeff Malecki (MUSIC), Christopher Trevino (THEATRE), Rachel Riedel (HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION), Brandon Richards (PHYSICAL THERAPY), Nick Thomas (HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION), Kathy Minkel (SPORT AND LEISURE SERVICE MGMT), John Piro (LAW), Pauline Serrano (CHEMISTRY), Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), Justin Smith (MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY), Candace Griffith (TREASURER).

Others Present: Dr. Adam Simon (Faculty Advisor), Dr. Kate Korgan (Faculty Advisor), Carin Wallace (GPSA Manager), Joseph Nickelson, Ted Peetz, D.L. Watson, Jenny Pharr, and Nicholle Booker.

I. Roll Call
President Lucero called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes
- President Lucero asked everyone to look over the December meeting notes and note any changes that need to be made. Lori Anderson (HEALTH PROMOTION) made a motion to approve the minutes. Cheryl Darby-Carlberg (NURSING) seconded the motion. The motion passed following no discussion.

III. Speakers: None

IV. Budget Report
- President Lucero went over the budget as Treasurer Griffith was absent from the meeting. After going over the totals she asked if anyone had any questions. Nathaniel House (SOCIAL WORK) asked what our projected totals will be for the year. President Lucero stated that the figures were not readily available, but Carin would pull the statement from last year and send it out to the council.

V. Committee Reports
- GPSA Activities –
i. William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES) went over the semester activities.

ii. February = Anti-VD extravaganza at Dino’s at 8pm on Thursday, February 11th. Sad sack karaoke starts at 10. Donations from the raffle will go to the Gay & Lesbian Center [http://www.thecenterlv.com/]
   1. Various prizes will be awarded and range from school supplies to gift cards.
   2. The committee is trying to incorporate more community service in the activities. Expect a service component with each planned activity.

iii. March = UTCFB rematch. Please send Billy ideas for a social component.

iv. April = Tour of the Erotic Heritage Museum. We are trying to piggy back on an event that is already taking place there.
   1. [http://www.eroticheritage.org/]

v. President Lucero thanked committee for the diversity of events.

- GPSA Ad Hoc Awards - President Lucero stated that the deadline had passed and award packages were being compiled. She will send an email to the committee members to schedule a meeting. The awards will be given out at the Research Festival.

- GPSA Community Service – President Lucero read an update from Treasurer Griffith.
   i. The community service committee will pair with the activities committee in February to help gay/lesbian teens.
   ii. The second cause of the committee is to assist animals affected by global climate change.
   iii. The committee is also collecting books to donate to help promote literacy. Any books are helpful, but a list will be given out of needed items.

- GPSA Grants – E/Fall grants November cycle $2,903.96; Spring 2010 cycle $31,139.09.
   i. Vice President George commented on the workshop that took place. It was a success and helpful to attendees. He was able to shed light on how the grants committee works and how grants are scored. He gave an overview of the bylaw changes.
   ii. This past cycle, the committee was able to service most applicants.
   iii. The Fall 2010 due date is April 15th. The Summer 2010 deadline is March 15th.
   iv. Vice President George thanked the committee and Carin for their hard work.

- GPSA Publications – Secretary Glover stated a new publication would be out by the end of the semester. If you have any ideas for stories, please pass them along.

- GPSA Government Relations – Vice President George explained that this committee was an all encompassing term for anything involving legislature. The budget cut numbers have come out. The Interim Finance Committee (IFC) will be meeting this week. Education is looking at a 22% budget cut (approximately $110 million). The Chancellor outlined several scenarios on what will happen if these cuts are approved. Among those plans is to close the medical, law, and dental
schools. Other plans include shutting down the athletics program, closing CSN, or dissolving as a university.

i. There is a need for testimony for the IFC meeting tomorrow. The purpose to show the impact these budget cuts will have on us as a student and state. This approach was successful last year for the Ways and Means Committee. Please come out if you, or someone you know, have a compelling story. Go pack the room tomorrow at 1 at the Grant Sawyer building.

- President’s Advisory Council – President Lucero stated that PAC has not meet since December so there is nothing new to report.
- NSHE Tuition and Fees Committee – President Lucero encouraged everyone to watch the Governor’s state of the state to see what he has to say about higher education. If we have any questions, someone will be able to talk with us via video conference in March. Tuition and fees for graduate students will not change over the next two years. The chancellor will be meeting with CSUN at 6pm on Monday. If you have any questions, feel free to ask him after the meeting.
  i. Tuition remains very inexpensive at UNLV. Policy recommendations are to increase the tuition to be more in line with the area. The two tiered model is off the table. The committee is still trying to achieve its goals (shared responsibility, access and affordability, predictable pricing). They are broadening their scope to other areas for competitive pricing. Grad tuition – 217.75, 2010-11 = 239.50 (10% increase).
    1. No changes will occur in 2011-12 and 2012-13.
    2. If you are not a NV resident, you may experience changes. Fill out the form and submit to the Graduate College.
  ii. Differential program fees – The Law and Dental schools set their own tuition and fees amounts. NSHE Tuition & Fees committee are contemplating differential fee structures for high cost programs like Business and Nursing; this means that fees could be charged to for upper-level classes to help pay for these programs. The language of the policy should be clear to revisit charges periodically so abuse there is no abuse. Also, this must first be approved by the Board of Regents.
  iii. If you have any questions or thoughts, email President Lucero.
- JET Committee – President Lucero explained that the JET report is now complete and recommendations have been made to the President. It is possible that another JET or similar committee will be convened.
- Faculty Senate/University Governance Committee – This is a new committee being set up with once a week meeting with President Lucero as a member. The committee is looking for duplicate efforts between the Graduate College and different governances. The goal is to promote efficiency. The committee is open and positive. President Lucero will report back with any news. Look for a survey soon.
- Board of Regents – The last meeting was all about the budget and budget cuts. The powerpoint was forwarded via Facebook. Check it out online. The BOR is considering closing several things, i.e. DRI, NSC, CSN, etc. All programs/departments are on the line now. No one is talking about how to
manage everything through this process, but the feeling is against cutting higher
education. We need to reach out to the business community as the university
supplies many of its employees. Nevada needs an educated workforce.

VI. Old Business

- GPSA Bylaws Revision—update—information
- Vice President George went over some of the proposed bylaw changes.
  i. The council will receive an updated working document 10 days before the
     March meeting. We will vote on the changes at the next meeting.
  ii. Some of the bigger changes are as follows:
      1. Applicants are eligible for up to three awards per academic year.
         a. This change will lead to more competitive grants that are
            evaluated more strongly than in the past.
         b. This change reduces the need to pick and choose which
            scholarly activities you will try to fund. The amount
            available is now $1750 an increase of $250.
             i. Applicants can apply for the entire amount all at
                once.
      2. The priority of grant funding will be changed to try and include
         those that have traditionally been excluded due to not being
         defined as traditional “research” (i.e., law, fine arts).
         a. Some of the changes will encompass performances or
            sharing scholarly work.
      3. The letter of recommendation can now be from anyone on your
         committee instead of restricted to your advisor. Applicants may
         submit additional letters (i.e., interdepartmental work).
         iii. An important point to make is that you should sell your work to the
              committee.
         iv. In the past if you did not present at the Research Forum, you were forever
             banned from receiving funding. Now you can present at a subsequent
             forum to regain your eligibility.
         v. As a reminder, failing to submit proper paperwork may result in failure to
            receive awarded funding. You must submit your items to Carin for
            payment.
         vi. A grant modification system was also proposed.
             1. This change will hopefully reduce emergency grant applications
                for conferences where notification may arrive after the grant
                deadline. Once acceptance has been received, a modification form
                should be submitted.
         vii. Emergency grants are priority for those who meet the following
             requirements:
             1. Need to participate in the activity to graduate
             2. Conference presentations

- If you try to cheat the system by submitting fraudulent documents, you will be
  forever banned. You will be referred to Office of Student Conduct and the
  Graduate College.
VII. New Business

- Supply crisis at UNLV - President Lucero asked if any departments besides English were experiencing a supply crisis.
- PROXY (POLITICAL SCIENCE) stated that they now have to ask for supplies which are kept locked up.
- If your department begins to experience issues, let President Lucero know so we can decide if supplementing is possible through GPSA.
- Vice President George stated that UNLV students were planning a walk-out on Tuesday Feb 9th at 10am. Meet in the quad and then go down to the Grant Sawyer Building.
  o Please take proper precautions if you plan to cancel your class that day or postpone a test.
  o Vik Sehdev (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING) made a motion for the GPSA to endorse the walkout. Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY) seconded the motion.
    ▪ Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY) wanted to know what it means to support this motion. Vice President George replied that we support this action and this event.
  o Andrea Wilkins (ARCHITECTURE) wanted to know if copies of the flyers were available for distribution.
  o Dr Simon cautioned against using Rebelmail to distribute this information if you were being paid as an instructor. To be safe, use gmail.
- Check Facebook for updates.
- President Lucero asked for a vote on the motion to endorse the walkout. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

- President Lucero pointed out that the meeting on May 5, 2010 due to Finals Week has been canceled and rescheduled to April 28, 2010 at 2 pm in SU 208.

IX. Public Comment – No comments

X. Adjournment

- Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Kayl (PSYCHOLOGY) seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:28.