I. Roll Call

Members Present: Erin Diebold (Proxy – ACCOUNTING), Steven Lehr (MBA), Jared Price (ECONOMICS), Megan Wolff (MGMT INFORMATION SYSTEMS), Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY), Danielle Howard (Proxy-EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP), William Garnett (SPECIAL EDUCATION), Sonya Walker (SPORTS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP), Stacy Nelson (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING), Andrea Wilkins (ARCHITECTURE), Laurenn McCubbin (ART), Jeff Malecki (MUSIC), Christopher Trevino (THEATRE), Lori Andersen (HEALTH PROMOTION), Jennifer Scharf (KINESIOLOGY), Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH), David Wedley (SPORT & LEISURE SERVICES), Allison Cantor (ANTHROPOLOGY), Autoosa Kojoori-Saatchi (POLITICAL SCIENCE), Andrea Kayl (PSYCHOLOGY), Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY), Pauline Serrano (CHEMISTRY), Corinne Griffing (GEOSCIENCE), Jason Baker (PHYSICS), William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES), Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), Surbhi Sharma (ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES), Elizabeth Young (JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES), Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), Gabriela Gandarilla/Taneasha Evans (Proxy – SOCIAL WORK), Jessica Lucero (PRESIDENT), Kyle George (VICE PRESIDENT), Candace Griffith (TREASURER), Veronica Glover (SECRETARY).

Members Absent: Jennifer Wimmer (CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION), Vik Sehdev (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING), Dawid Zydek (ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING), Maggie Werning (FILM), Rachel Riedel (HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION), Brandon Richards (PHYSICAL THERAPY), Cheryl Darby-Carlberg (NURSING), Nick Thomas (HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION), John Piro (LAW), Sam Harr (ENGLISH), Zoraida Caldera (FOREIGN LANGUAGES), Adla Earl (HISTORY), Rob Bryson (LIFE SCIENCES), Yanan Jiang (MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES), Justin Smith (MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY), and Carin Wallace (GPSA Manager).

Others Present: Mamie Peers (IT Communications Manager), Dr. Adam Simon (Faculty Advisor), Dr. Kate Korgan (Faculty Advisor).

II. Approval of Minutes

- President Lucero called to meeting to order at 2:05 pm. She asked everyone to look over the minutes for changes. Joseph Morgan is no longer the representative for Special Education. The new representative is William Garnett.
- Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY) made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE) seconded the motion. The motion passed.
III. Speakers:
  o Mamie Peers, IT Communications Manager
    - UNLV will transition from pioneer webmail to Google mail beginning March 23rd. You will need to activate your new account and reset the forwarding options that you prefer. The new accounts will not be forwarded to apps (e.g., iphone) at this time. The first goal of the process is to transfer the mail accounts over and then they will launch apps.
      - Key questions are on the flyer.
      - Please check your listserves for users who use other mails (i.e., yahoo, hotmail) and encourage them to set up their new rebelmail account and forward rebelmail to their preferred email address.
        o Use of rebelmail is an important barrier to overcome with regards to communication about various campus issues.
    - When are apps going to be available?
      o There is no firm date but expect apps to be available in Fall 2010.
    - Crystal Jackson (SOCIOLOGY): What will happen to my currently saved emails?
      o You will need to move all mail by May 31 and using Pop3 may help.
    - Autoosa Kojoori-Saatchi (POLITICAL SCIENCE): What about Louts notes?
      o At this time, changing Lotus notes to be powered by Google is not in the plans as Google servers will house emails. Currently the university must be able to search emails owned by faculty/staff which would not be possible if UNLV did not maintain the server.
    - President Lucero: if you currently forward email, you must reinstall the settings.
    - Vice President George: What about iMap?
      o This should be supported.
      o Rebelmail.unlv.edu has a lot of FAQs and comparisons between the old system and the new system.
    - At this time, resetting your password will not be available.
    - Training is available this Friday with lots of handouts/giveaways, such as T-shirts, posters, etc.
    - Please send in feedback via the Rebelmail website. They are read and forwarded to the appropriate people.
    - Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH): Does the new system cost more?
      o For employee time at UNLV there will be more cost. NSHE is saving money because they maintained the email accounts in the past.
    - Vice President George: Are most of the cost one time?
• Support is ongoing because we need IT employees.
• There is a onetime campaign cost.
• Dr. Korgan: official UNLV communications must be made through official UNLV email accounts.

Steven Lehr, GPSA MBA Representative
• He proposed a more interactive website that is used more and would cement smaller communities, such as the GPSA.
• Possible features include the following:
  o Individual profiles
  o Ability to search (e.g., collaborative opportunities)
  o Discussion boards, classifieds, events planning, etc.
• Benefits of using a more interactive site include the following:
  o Community “ownership”
  o Increasing traffic to GPSA website resulting in an increased awareness of our organization and a larger breadth of information sharing
  o Increased visibility for UNLV
  o Forums for direct conversations with the UNLV community
  o Networking opportunities with future Alumni
• Steven would like to start a positive conversation about strengthening the community
• At this time there is no firm budget, but it would cost approximately $5 – 6K to build from scratch. The upkeep would be around $200 per year.
• Please send feedback directly to Steven Lehr. He will provide an initial email soliciting feedback.
• President Lucero: This is not something we are voting on today. Please share your interest in this project and solicit feedback from your constituents.
• Marcus Johnson (EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY): What are the limitations of our current website and those of Web 2.0?
  o We do not have the individual opportunity to share information.
  o No one will record the information so it can be disseminated.
  o It is hard to steer people to the current website.
• President Lucero: How would it be different from our current Facebook group?
  o Facebook does not allow you to connect directly with an activity or group you are not directly related to.
  o Facebook does not offer anything specific to research.
  o Beyond Facebook’s immediate utility, it does not bring a positive reflection to UNLV.
• Who will maintain the site?
  o Do not have current information about maintenance at this time.
• Autoosa Kojooi-Saatchi (POLITICAL SCIENCE): Is this for all graduate students?
  o Yes it is, although the logistics have not been worked out at this time.

IV. Budget Report
Treasurer Griffith read through the budget from January 2010 and explained pertinent details.

• Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION): What is the cost for name tags about?
  o The name tags were for the executive board.

V. Committee Reports

  o GPSA Activities –
    ▪ William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES) – UTCFB redux Saturday, March 13th. Families, children, and pets are welcome.
  o GPSA Ad Hoc Awards -
    ▪ President Lucero- the committee met February 26th and selected the award recipients.
    ▪ The recipients will be honored at the GPSA Research Forum on March 20th during the luncheon.
  o GPSA Community Service
    ▪ Treasurer Griffith – The dollar amount was a little short from the last activity. The committee is seeking to raise another $40 and requested the council’s help if they were able. This month’s community service is to collect donations for the Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSPCA).
    ▪ This is a no kill shelter. The committee will collect needed items up to 4pm Monday, March 26th.
    ▪ You can also purchase gift cards for them to use (e.g., PetSmart).
      - Challenge your department to donate items.
    ▪ The activity for April will be a book drive. Bring all your old books.
  o GPSA Grants – E/Spring grants February cycle $6737.00.
    ▪ Vice President George - The deadline for summer is March 15th.
    ▪ The Fall deadline is April 15th.
  o GPSA Publications
    ▪ Secretary Glover – The Spring edition of the Luminary will be available for the next council meeting.
  o GPSA Government Relations
    ▪ Vice President George - Since last month, the Governor gave his State of the State address. Overall we have to balance the budget due to our State’s constitution. Typically this means cutting services as we don’t have many ways to increase revenue.
    ▪ The walkout took place on Feb 9th and was a successful event. President Smatresk and Chair of Board of Regents as well as the Chancellor were in the audience at Pida Plaza. Approximately 400 students went to the Grant Sawyer building for about 2 hours in the rain. CSN and NSC students also joined us in our rally. Many dignitaries came out to speak with us. Vice President George received a phone call to return to testify before the IFC.
· At the Saturday event, we had people line up according to rank of education for that state. NV had a D and came in last. We wore signs to rebuff implications that people who opposed budget cuts to education were whiners.
· The UNLV American Medical Student Association (AMSA) allowed us to show up and collect signatures at their event in support of education.
· Govern Gibbons moved to a 10% cut instead of 22% that was originally posed.
· We went to Carson City and met with legislators, and we think they listened this time due to more student input. Vice President George testified in front of the entire committee, and he officially entered several thousand names into the register as being against budget cuts. Due to pressure, the legislature settled on a 6.9% cut. This is still detrimental to UNLV and came at the expense of health and human services, among other things. In an economy that is single minded (e.g., gaming, mining) education has a real chance of diversifying incoming revenue. Health and human services need educated people to work here.
· Again, thanks to everyone for their participation and showing that you care about education.
· There are rumors about another special session to be held. We need to look at new revenue growth and finding ways of bringing in extra income to the state as we cannot afford to cut the budget any further.
· President Lucero – We all wore SOS (Save Our School) t-shirts in Carson City. Senator Bob Coffin also wore a shirt in support.
  · This battle is not over. The next step is to concentrate on the Board of Regents. Please email the BOR to minimize cuts to the university. We need to refigure the formula. UNR’s graduate programs are on the line which sets a dangerous precedent.
  · As of now, UNR and UNLV are cutting actual academic programs.
  · President Lucero sent out an email which has thus far elicited no response. BOR needs to at least go through the system to find duplication as far as programs and cut those first instead of instituting a proportionate cut across all institutions.
· Vice President George stated that the legislators have said cuts need to be equal across the board. There is a press conference tomorrow. The Governor will be at the BOR meeting. At this meeting the Governor will announce that tuition collected on campuses will stay on campuses (which is a good thing). If you want to send a message or be heard, the BOR meeting is 10:45am on CSN’s Charleston campus.
· Questions
  · Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH): Is there something we can do to assist?
    ○ President Lucero stated that she wants to make sure we are not being biased to one party and will put this on agenda for next month.
• Vice President George stated that Senator Coffin voted against the bill. He sent a personal email to explain that the vote against the bill was due to cuts to health and human services. He thought there should have been further exploration of alternative revenue lines before cutting services to the elderly.

○ President’s Advisory Council
  ▪ President Lucero: The two student presidents are on this council. The president has included three new members to ensure that diversity and active members are included.

○ Faculty Senate/University Governance Committee
  ▪ President Lucero stated that the committee meets every Tuesday and has sub groups, such as the promotion & tenure and graduate college subgroups.
    • They will conduct interviews to see how the current employees feel everything is going.
    • They will assess your experience with the graduate college.

○ Board of Regents
  ▪ President Lucero asked if there were any particular questions. She reminded everyone to come out to CSN.
    • Public comment is typically after second session.
    • There is a group of students planning to go spend the night this evening. They are making signs, etc. and will be there for public comment. These students are not CSUN or GPSA affiliated. If interested, check around to see if you want to be a part of their message.

VI. Old Business

○ GPSA Bylaws Revision—update—action
  ○ Treasurer Griffith emailed the bylaws approximately 2 weeks ago. The council will vote on the changes made to the bylaws with regards to grant structure.
  ○ As a reminder, some of the highlighted changes are as follows:
    ▪ Students are eligible for 3 awards per year; no more than 1 emergency grant
    ▪ The maximum amount allowed was changed to $1750 at one time (or can split over 3 applications)
    ▪ The letter of support must come from a member of your graduate committee
      • additional letters from other graduate faculty are accepted
    ▪ To alleviate the number of emergency grant application, we are suggesting a modification process.
      • Can submit an application before you are actually accepted to the conference. Once acceptance is gained, you would submit that letter (or denial).
    ▪ Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) made a motion to accept the changes. Christopher Trevino (THEATRE) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
VII. New Business

- Multicultural Grad Leadership Council (GPSA Org)—information/action
  - Steven Lehr (MBA) made a motion to approve the MGLC as a GPSA recognized organization. Lori Andersen (HEALTH PROMOTION) seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Redistribution of Banquet Funds—information/action
  - We originally set aside $7500 for a banquet and have since decided that it is not a good time to have a big banquet.
  - We want to move $3500 to a contingency fund so the GPSA Executive Board can help with additional funds for various campus activities, such as budget cut flyers, bus rentals. The executive board must approve the expense and report back to the council on where the money was spent as well as how much was spent.
  - We would also like $4000 to go to a university gift.
    - We would like input from the council on what lasting gift (i.e., bench, birdbath) to donate. This is a lasting memory for the campus.
  - Is there anything in the bylaws that would prevent the council from granting an after-the-fact expense?
    - Vice President George stated that he appreciated the sentiment, but it may set a bad precedent.
  - Sarah Prather (CRIMINAL JUSTICE) made a motion to approve the reallocation of funds. Andrea Wilkins (ARCHITECTURE) seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. Steven Lehr (MBA) wanted to know if we could simply hold the funds over until next year. President Lucero explained that due to auditing purposes it was best to reallocate the funds now.
  - Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH) motioned to amend the motion to vote on reallocation of $3500 to a contingency fund and table the $4k. Jeff Malecki (MUSIC) seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed without further discussion.

- President Lucero asked for a $250 reimbursement to CSUN for S.O.S. (Save Our Schools) T-shirts made for the bus trip to Carson City to lobby legislature—information/action
  - Michael Gordon (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) asked if this amount would come out of the contingency fund. President Lucero answered that yes it would come out of the newly established contingency fund.
  - Megan Wolff (MGMT INFORMATION SYSTEMS) made a motion to use contingency funds to reimburse CSUN for the cost of t-shirts. Lori Andersen (HEALTH PROMOTION) seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

VIII. Announcements

- Reminder that the May 5, 2010 meeting has been CANCELLED and RESCHEDULED to Apr 28, 2010, 2 p.m, SU 208.


- Veronica Glover, GPSA Secretary and Psychology Doctoral Student, is recruiting 2 to 12 month old babies for her research project. See attached: [Recruitment flyer.pdf](http://gpsa.unlv.edu/forms/Council/GPSAElectionPacket10-11.pdf)

- Dr. Korgan spoke about a previous question posed about the GA reallocation model.
  - The Graduate College receives stipend money. The Deans receive the money and in turn allocate it to their departments. They were asked to how to reallocate the money on campus.
  - This year’s formula emerged and the Deans received their allocations for this year and the two academic years beyond that.
    - The formula accounts for how much teaching was being done now
      - There was a guarantee to cover the same amount for next year.
    - The formula also accounted for graduation rates.
  - Some departments gained money and some lost money. The model was approved by various places on campus as well as the President and Provost.
  - On top of the GA lines, there are 50 positions called SPGRAs – being allocated back to campus based on a competitive grant proposal system.
    - About 146 proposals were submitted requesting 212 SPGRAs
    - Approximately 1 in 4 of these proposals will be funded.
    - The college deans will view the proposals first, and then they will go to the campus committee comprised of one campus rep from each college.
    - Decisions will be announce no later than mid-April. The faculty will have between 1 – however many assistants.

**IX. Public Comment**
- William Saas (COMMUNICATION STUDIES) mentioned that the food for this month’s activity will be picnic style.
- Christopher Trevino (THEATRE) announced that there is a comedy show – The Little Dog Laughed. There are free tickets for graduate students. Be advised there is strong language.

**X. Adjournment**
- Edward Wynder (PUBLIC HEALTH) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jason Baker (PHYSICS) seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:34pm.