Members Present: Gabriela Ruiz (ACCOUNTING), Cesar Valdez Hughes (MBA), Sonja Kolstoe (ECONOMICS), Megan Wolff (MGMT INFORMATION SYSTEMS), Kyle Kaalberg (C&I), Nancy Hamilton (ED PSYCH), Nathan Slife (ED LEADERSHIP), Catherine Howerter (SPECIAL ED), Sonya Walker (SPORTS ED LEADERSHIP), Ajay Kalra (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING), Bartosz Kajak (ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING), Anthony Flarisee (INFORMATICS), Laurenn McCubbin (ART), Jared Goode (FILM), Sabrina LaMonica (proxy, PUBLIC HEALTH), David Wedley (LEISURE SERVICES), Sharon Young (ANTHROPOLOGY), Kathy Anders (ENGLISH), Joshua Juvrud (PSYCHOLOGY), Kenneth Retzel (POLITICAL SCIENCE), Tyler Schafer (SOCILOGY), Thomas Bussey (CHEMISTRY), Melissa Schaar (GEO SCIENCE), Rob Bryson (LIFE SCIENCES), Jason Baker (PHYSICS), Jeffrey Lavigne (COMMUNICATION STUDIES), Mari Sakiyama (CRIMINAL JUSTICE), Yu-Ting Chien (JOURNALISM & MEDIA STUDIES), Carol Servino (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), Brenda Argueta (SOCIAL WORK), Kyle George (PRESIDENT), Diane Owen (SECRETARY), Michael Gordon (TREASURER)

Members absent: Kimberly Hammer (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING), Jeff Malecki (MUSIC), Valeria Martinez (KINESIOLOGY), Siboney Zelaya (NURSING), Nancy Amhaz (HOTEL MGMT), Richard Manhattan (LAW), Lorena Pike (FOREIGN LANGUAGES), Susan Phipps (HISTORY), Destiny Farr (WOMEN’S STUDIES), George Molnar (ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES)

Others in Attendance: Becky Boulton (GPSA BUSINESS MANAGER), Kate Korgan (FACULTY ADVISOR), Haley Etchison (NEWS EDITOR, REBEL YELL), Cindy Sullivan (VISITOR), Lauren Adkins (VISITOR), Malipsa Essex (VISITOR), Shannon Salter (VISITOR), Kelly Robertson (VISITOR), Ted Pear (VISITOR), Ron Smith (VP, RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES), Neal Smatresk (UNLV PRESIDENT)

I. Roll Call
President George called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

II. Approval of Minutes
President George asked if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes from February. Carol Servino (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) pointed out three different spelling errors. After
hearing no other corrections, Melissa Schaar (GEOSCINCE) motioned to approve the minutes. Carol Servino (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements
GPSA Executive Board Vice President vacancy
President George explained that Antonio Gutierrez has resigned as Vice President of GPSA. Pursuant to GPSA bylaws, the Vice President position is now open and there is an application on the GPSA website. The new Vice President would only be VP for a few weeks before elections begin for the 2011-12 school year.

GPSA Office Manager – Becky Boulton
The GPSA office manager position has been filled by Becky Boulton who is a 12 year veteran of the position. We are glad to have her back!

Research Forum March 26, 2011
Treasurer Gordon explained that he is currently the acting Vice President for GPSA. He asked for volunteers for the upcoming research forum. President George explained that volunteer jobs include timekeeping, chaperones, setting up, and registration. Becky Boulton (GPSA OFFICE MANAGER) stated that breakfast and lunch would be provided for all participants as well as volunteers. Treasurer Gordon passed around a sign up for volunteers.

Deadline to apply for Spring graduation March 18, 2011
Kate Korgan encouraged all students to apply for graduation ahead of time to give the Graduate College ample time to review transcripts and let the students know if they have missing paperwork or credits. There is one free extension to extend your date of graduation, but if any other extension is needed students will have to repay their graduation fee.

Graduate / Professional Student Commencement Speaker Competition
- deadline for submission, Wednesday, March 30 by 5:00 p.m.
Grad College Fellowships and Scholarships application is due March 28th

IV. Budget Report
Treasurer Gordon reviewed the current budget; pointing out expenses for the Carson City Rally including flyers to promote the rally. Ajay Kalra (CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING) motioned to approve the budget. Tyler Schafer (SOCIOLOGY) seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports
GPSA Activities
Cesar Valdez Hughes (MBA) gave the report. The activities committee was looking at the possibility of using money for a social in Carson City during the rally. After a short discussion, it was suggested that rather than doing a social or a party, to use the money to help provide boxed lunches to all the students going up to Carson City to rally.

GPSA Grants
- Spring GPSA grant appeals: $13,415.50
  All appeals handled by E board.
- February E-Grant: $3650.00
  Treasurer Gordon met with grants committee to approve February emergency grants. Letters have been signed and should be going out today. Application for Summer cycle is due March 15th.

GPSA Publications
Secretary Owen gave the report. First newsletter of the semester went out today giving an update and call to action on budget cuts. Asked again for one more volunteer to join the publications committee.
President George gave the report. Board of Regents is meeting this Thursday and Friday in Carson City. Presidents of each NSHE institution must bring forth plans to show what effect the cuts will have on their campuses. UNLV Deans will be sending out a report sometime this week with their plans to meet the cuts at UNLV. After four years of cuts, NSHE can no longer look only at horizontal cuts, so vertical cuts will be considered. NSHE anticipates that there may be an exodus of Nevada students to other states for education. If UNLV declares financial exigency there is a concern that enrollment and recruitment numbers will go down. NSHE will also look at cutting duplicate programs and at the cost of keeping satellite campuses open.

**VI. Old Business**

**Spring Cycle Grant Appeals Update**
Agenda item skipped as it was already discussed under committee reports.

**Update on 2010 NSHE Budget Cuts**
President George explained that there is an additional $6 million hole that needs to be fixed. Governor Sandoval started the budget plan with no intent of raising taxes. Several republican leaders have previously voted for taxes. As students, we must step up and be involved. There have been rallies in both Las Vegas and Reno. Legislature has said they will listen to students because we are voters. 80 percent of registered voters at UNLV voted in the last election. Cuts are inevitable, but we should fight for less cuts as well as increased revenue. Tyler Schafer (SOCIOLOGY) passed out and explained a paper on online activism on how to make an impact with Twitter and Google. If students do the suggestions in a uniformed way, they will be able to get the nation’s attention, media’s attention, and Governor Sandoval’s attention. On Twitter, using a hash mark before a word will aggregate all the people talking about the budget cuts. Schafer suggested tweeting about budget cuts and then using the following hash mark phrases: #RecallSandoval, #UNLVcuts, #SandovalFail, #mar21, #nvleg, and #nved. Google will bring up highly searched items in the predictive categories, so start searching for such phrases as “Governor Sandoval kills”, “UNLV budget cuts kills”, and “UNLV budget kills.”

-President George announced that on March 21st there will be a student bus trip to Carson City funded by CSUN and GPSA. President George encouraged each GPSA representative to sign up 5 students to go in order to fill all the buses. There will be no out of pocket expenses to students and it is open to undergraduates as well as graduates. Every NSHE institution will be sending students. If the buses fill up we will get more buses. President George asked for volunteers to help pass out flyers and asked everyone to help get the word out.

**Update on Stadium**
Agenda item skipped in interest of time.

**Food Bank Update**
Agenda item skipped in interest of time.

**VII. New Business**

**IRB Approval – Nathan Slife**
Nathan Slife (EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP) discussed the difficulty doctoral students in his program have had waiting for IRB approval and that because this approval was delayed they had to pay more money to stay in school longer. Kate Korgan responded that the chair of Educational Leadership has brought this issue up with the IRB and the IRB has set up training for students within that department to train them on how to get through the process more quickly.

**VIII. Speakers**
UNLV President Neal Smatresk

President Smatresk explained that the university is looking at $47.5 million in cuts for this year. The university has eleven months to implement these cuts and therefore the university cannot honor contractual agreements as most contract honor a twelve month period of time from termination. Also, if the cuts go through, the university would need to look at raising tuition for undergraduate residents which would be about 12% a year. This still leaves the university in the hole $31 million. Cuts have been made to non-academic areas as much as possible which comes to $6 million from the non academic side which leaves $25 million to be cut from the academic side. This may involve reorganization of colleges or cutting entire NSHE institutions. With a total of $31 million cuts, this means positions will be cut. The amount of cuts would mean a loss of one to two departments per college. Deans are still in the process of controlling cut plans. An enormous amount of programs will be eliminated. In the past, the university has cut programs but no tenured faculty. If the university declares financial exigency, some of these tenured faculty may be cut. President Smatresk pointed out that unemployment for those with higher education degrees is 6% while unemployment for those without high school degrees is 17%. UNLV is not a cost to be cut; it is a profit center in the state of Nevada. Therefore, we are responding with as practical plan as possible.

IX. Public Comment
Saved for after adjournment.

X. Adjournment
Sonja Kolstoe (ECONOMICS) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jason Baker (PHYSICS) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.

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