GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA)
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 1, 2011 – 10 a.m. - Student Union Room 224

I. Call to Order: President Michael Gordon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. Roll Call – Colleges with representatives in attendance were:

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Executive board members in attendance: President Michael Gordon, Vice President Thomas Bussey, Secretary Carol Servino, and Treasurer George Molnar.

Others in attendance: Jennifer Gray, guest speaker.

Colleges/Schools/others absent: College of Health Sciences (vacant position); College of Sciences (Melissa Schaar); Graduate College (Senior Associate Dean Kate Korgan); Faculty Advisor (Adam Simon); and GPSA Manager (Becky Boulton).

III. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting — President Gordon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11 meeting. Kyle Kaalberg (College of Education) motioned and Randal Rosman (College of Business) seconded. Asking about corrections or additions and hearing none, President Gordon called for the vote, which was unanimous to approve.

IV. Guest Speaker — Jennifer Gray, UNLV’s Assistant Director of Housing Administration, made a brief presentation that focused on two main points. First, room rates have not increased for the coming year; second, space still is available for graduate students who are 23 years of age and older. Housing, all non-smoking, is on the second and third floors of C Hall (Upper Class...
Complex). Costs with all utilities and a meal plan (with a different structure and options than previously available) are about $5,600 a semester.

V. **Executive Board Budget Report** — Treasurer Molnar said July is the first month of the new fiscal year and that there was very little activity in the month of July. Expenditures ($57,028) for wages, salary and fringe benefits include both that of the student workers in the GPSA office located in the Lied Library and spring stipends for four GPSA Spring Council members. General operations expenses of $41.42 were for business cards for the Vice President. Revenue to date is $136.80 towards the projection of $326,013. Balance to date is $97,719.32.

Lauren Adkins (College of Fine Arts) motioned to approve the budget report as presented; Monika Bertaki (Urban Affairs) seconded. After hearing no discussion, the vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. **Committee Reports** —
- **GPSA Activities** – President Michael Gordon said that the first GPSA social is set for Friday, Sept. 2, at the Stan Fulton Building. Representatives are asked to help distribute fliers promoting the event that will feature appetizers at no charge to students.
- **GPSA Grants** – Thom Bussey said that the committee met in July to consider four applications and that all were approved. Two E/Summer grant awards totaled $1100.00; one E/Summer grant modification was $500; One E/Fall grant was $1050.00 for a grand total of $2,650 in awards. He said the grants committee will meet again that afternoon to consider a few applications. Representatives are asked to let other students know that a grant-writing workshop is being planned in an effort to make the process more transparent and to illustrate a variety of grant elements. Suggestions for dates and times should be directed to Thom.
- **GPSA Publications** – Carol Servino reported current status of the August newsletter and said another issue is planned for November. She said council representatives will be featured in the second newsletter, since many of the representatives are unknown now. She hopes council representatives will be added to the GPSA website so that students will be able to connect a face to a name, which may prompt more interaction with GPSA representatives in academic units. Suggestions about content should be directed to her.
- **Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents** – Michael Gordon said the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8, 9 at DRI in Las Vegas. He invited anyone with items or ideas relevant to the Regents to contact him.

VII. **Old Business** —
- **Newspapers** – action item – $650 for pilot project. Ben Reitz (School of Law) motioned to approve expenditure of $650 for a pilot project to purchase 20 copies of the NY Times and USA Today for one semester. Sharon Young (College of Liberal Arts) seconded the motion. Discussion from the July meeting regarding newspapers provided on campus by CSUN and the Provost’s Office continued with considerable input from council representatives. Papers would be available in the GPSA Graduate Lounge (15)
and in the School of Law (5). After thorough discussion about use of printed newspapers vs. e-editions, types of publications considered useful, location of copies, the value of such a pilot test, and other ideas, the motion to approve passed with seven (7) in favor and four (4) opposed.

- **Food Bank – action item** - $500 startup. Michael Gordon (President) said this is no longer an action item because student fees cannot be used for donations and that GPSA Manager Becky Boulton is looking for other ways to support the effort. Kyle Kaalberg (College of Education) referred to the location across Maryland Parkway in the Promenade as the Food Pantry and said that it likely will be open twice a month for 8-10 hours at a time when people can “shop.” He said council representatives or graduate assistants may not use contract time to volunteer but they may be asked to identify locations in campus buildings where food items may be dropped-off to supply the pantry. President Gordon said that incoming freshmen organized by an Americorps volunteer will likely be the ones to do the heavy lifting needed to support the effort. A question was asked about having GPSA pay for signs for the food bins used at drop-off locations.

- **First Social – action item** - $1000 for refreshments. Randal Rosman (College of Engineering) motioned to approve and Kyle Kaalberg (College of Education) seconded. A menu of food items to be purchased as appetizers at the Sept. 2 social at the Stan Fulton Building was passed around prior to the vote. The vote to approve the motion was unanimously passed.

**VIII. New Business**

- **Goals** — President Gordon continued discussion about GPSA goals for the coming academic year.
  - GPSA has presence at the **Involvement Fair** during the New Graduate Student Orientation on August 26. Events begin with a Welcome BBQ hosted by President Smatresk for graduate and undergraduate students and their families from 12 to 2 p.m.; Orientation is set from 1 to 3 p.m.; the Graduate Involvement Fair will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and he said “if you are part of a group, this is a captive audience” for groups’ messages.
  - Ideas for a GPSA-sponsored **cultural event** on campus are being considered.
  - Locations and dates for a **day hike** are being considered.
  - **Football tailgates** prompted bad press last year and GPSA may be able to help promote more positive benefits this year. GPSA representatives were asked to consider which dates and games may be best for a tailgate party.
  - A CSUN project, having pets brought to campus for students to play with as a form of **stress relief** during finals week, is a CSUN project that GPSA has been asked to support.
  - A service for students to receive dental care at reduced rates or no cost may begin this fall. The plan is to have the dental chairs as practice chairs for dental students in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Michael Gordon called this a win/win situation and urged anyone who has not taken the brief survey online to
do so. He said there were 500 responses to the online survey, linked from the News & Events module of the GPSA website’s homepage.

- Use of electronic voting in GPSA elections through MyUNLV, similar to what CSUN currently does, which may encourage, facilitate, and increase the number of voters in GPSA elections.
- GPSA Summer Stipends $2500.00 – action item – Kyle Kaalberg (College of Education) motioned to approve the request and Lauren Adkins (College of Fine Arts) seconded. The motion passed with one abstention (Randal Rosman, College of Engineering).

IX. Announcements

Michael Gordon (President) reminded everyone that the “Meet and Greet” GPSA mixer is set for Fri., Sept. 2, 2011, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. @ the Stan Fulton Building (located on the north perimeter of the campus). He asked everyone to take fliers and to post or distribute them to encourage attendance.

X. Public Comment — George Molnar (Treasurer) commented that parking passes for fall are now available.

XI. Adjournment — Laura Adkins (College of Fine Arts) motioned to adjourn the meeting; Randal Rosman (College of Engineering) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.