Members Present: Cesar Valdez (COLLEGE OF BUSINESS), Stacy Nelson (COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING), Jeff Malecki (COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS), Edward Wynder (COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES), Crystal Jackson (COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS), Pauline Serrano (COLLEGE OF SCIENCE), Surbhi Sharma (COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS), Marcus Johnson (COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, INTERIM SECRETARY), Kyle George (PRESIDENT), Antonio Gutierrez (VICE PRESIDENT), Michael Gordon (TREASURER).

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Carin Wallace (GPSA BUSINESS MANAGER)

I. Roll Call
- President George called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Nevada State College President Fred Marayanski

II. Approval of Minutes
- President George asked everyone to look over the June meeting minutes. Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) made a motion to approve the minutes. Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) seconded the motion.

III. Speaker: None

IV. Budget Report
- Treasurer Gordon went over the budget. Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) made a motion to approve the budget. Stacy Nelson (ENGINEERING) seconded the motion.
- Purchase of GPSA Lab Monitor Computer – all present agreed that Manager Wallace needed a new computer.

V. Committee Reports
- Grant Committee
  - Fall 2010 grants, $13,502.00, with every application receiving something.

- Ad Hoc Honor Code Committee:
  - President George thanked Edward Wydner (HEALTH SCIENCES) for his hard work.
  - Edward Wynder explained that the Honor Code is a means of protecting graduate and professional students by using higher standards for faculty and by using existing mechanisms to protect the students. Strengthening GA protections will hopefully prevent GA abuse.
o Vice President Gutierrez (NSHE code, see section 7): has a section for student conduct and procedures for creating committees, organization and duties of a council, and standards of conduct.

o Cesar Valdez (BUSINESS), Academic Appeal process: infrastructure for the academic appeal process is already in place for students. It can easily be applied to faculty. The appeal process provides protection for students, mostly for misconduct purposes.

o Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS), advocacy: there is a description of proper conduct. Much of the infrastructure is here, but difficult. What about a GPSA Advocacy Committee? They could be trained to instruct people on resources, on where to send students. Committee members could accompany students as they begin the process.

o Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) made a motion to accept the report. Stacy Nelson (ENGINEERING) seconded the motion. Report accepted.

• Board of Regents Report
  o President George explained that grant-in-aid is preserved as-is.
  o Nevada Student Alliance also against removal of grant-in-aid.
  o In an August 27th video conference, next year’s budget will be discussed.

VI. Old Business
• President George re-opened discussion of the Contingency Fund.
  o The GPSA had $4000 set aside for a banquet.
  o Move to discussion: Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) made a motion to move to discussion. Pauline Serrano (SCIENCES) seconded the motion.
  o Jeff Malecki (FINE ARTS) opened discussion and asked if funds can be moved into grants and whether all applicants can see some funding.
  o Manager Wallace expressed that using the funds to pad the GPSA budget would be appreciated.
  o Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) asked how much money was currently available for the e-boards discretionary spending ($3000 said Manager Wallace).
    - Edward recommended to use funds for e-board needs.
  o Vote to move money from general funds to contingency funds (motion carried).

• 2010 – 2011 Provisional GPSA Goals
  o President George reintroduced the goals.
    - Improving student benefits to increase appeal for continuing education at UNLV, with no increase to graduate funds.
    - Make grants more competitive.
  • Participation as a requirement for grants.
    o Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) saw requirement could be a potential barrier.
    o Vice President Gutierrez considered withdrawal of “requirement” suggestion.
Secretary Johnson argued in favor of “required participation” arguing it contributes to the building of a more professional environment/scholarship at UNLV.

Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) questioned what will count for participation.

Manager Wallace suggested providing incentives.

Secretary Johnson suggested diversifying grants (i.e. specifying grants for collaborative efforts, community building, etc.)

Vice President Gutierrez said that because all graduate students contribute a portion of their fees to the GPSA, there is a sense of entitlement to the funds.

Additions to Grants workshop considered.

Surbhi Sharma (URBAN AFFAIRS) pointed out misconceptions of the grants and presentation at Forum (grant is not required to present). More efforts should be made to promote forum.

- Classified Staff has been hit hard. Dr. Kate Korgan has suggested implementing a GPSA food bank.
  - Manager Wallace warned that the logistics would be difficult.
  - Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) asked if the GPSA had talked to 3-square?
  - Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) asked if this was about hundreds of people? The answer was yes, possibly.
  - Manager Wallace explained that there would be logistics to consider (people, competing for food, obtaining donations.
  - Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) asked if the goal is to get the ball rolling this year.

Motion to adopt list of goals 2010-2011: Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) made a motion to adopt the list of 2010-2011 goals. Surbhi Sharma (URBAN AFFAIRS) seconded the motion.

Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) asked to amend the list to include increasing awareness of GPSA.
  - Pauline Serrano (SCIENCES) made a motion to amend the list. Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) seconded the motion.
  - Stacy Nelson (ENGINEERING) made a motion to add the food bank to the list. Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) seconded the motion.
  - Stacy Nelson (ENGINEERING) made a motion to take the Honor Code off the list. Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) seconded the motion.
  - Vote: subject to approval of September meeting (motion carries). Tentative adoption of goals.

- Education Counts Initiative
  - Promotion of voting by mail, to track voting.
  - President George proposed subcommittees.
  - Vice President Gutierrez will spearhead GPSA development of subcommittees.
• Doctoral, Specialist’s and Master’s Commencement Regalia - update
  o Regalia: President received the vote. Commencement committee will see this soon.
  o Dr. Juanita Fain will implement changes to diplomas (to differentiate between bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorates). PhD diplomas will be larger than bachelor’s and master’s diplomas, and now match the size of the Law and Dental diplomas.

VII. New Business
• New Graduate Assistant Contracts
  o GA contracts: Grad. College moved forward with adopting new contracts.
  o Emailing Dr. Korgan, legal, etc.
  o Moving towards the termination of possibilities to release a GA without cause.
    ▪ Advisor now must provide documentation for termination.
    ▪ Student may appeal a termination of their contract. Tuition will not be withdrawn.
  o Goal is to have things in place by August signing to combat abuse.
  o PLEASE SEND FEEDBACK TO PRESIDENT GEORGE.

VIII. Announcements
• GPSA Social for Beginning of Semester
  o Social in late august.
    ▪ Reconsidering doing something for the food bank.
    ▪ Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) suggested doing Stan Fulton to attract people. And include can collection.
    ▪ Jeff Malecki (FINE ARTS) suggested hosting the social after the two-day workshop.
  o President George considered inviting other student bodies for award ceremony.
  o Edward Wynder (HEALTH SCIENCES) proposed making social expenses a part of the annual fund.
• Secretary Marcus will be defending his dissertation on July 13th.
• President George will be absent for next meeting. Vice President Gutierrez will chair.

IX. Public Comment: None

X. Adjournment
• Crystal Jackson (LIBERAL ARTS) made a motion to adjourn. Pauline Serrano (SCIENCES) seconded the motion.
• Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.