The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes

GPSCA COUNCIL MEETING 43-11

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2024

5:30 PM
HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING:

IN PERSON: University Gateway Building (GTW)

Second floor, Gather Meeting Room

4700 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89119, USA

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*Members may have been appointed by their department between the time of agenda posting and the meeting. All other members present will be available in the Minutes and listed below.

**Members-at-Large:**
Meagan Evans, Social Work
Lila Hearn, Political Science
Penny Wolkiewicz, Emergency Crisis Management
Dionne Stanfill, Law
Amrit Shahi, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Burak Sahin, Teaching & Learning
Ravi Batra, Environmental & Occupational Health
Joseph Cadiz, Nursing
Ryan Rezaei, Hospitality Management
Joseph Noce, History
Frincesca Howard, Nursing
Susan Dakwa, Social & Behavioral Health
Raven Brown, Public Policy & Leadership
Jennifer Napoles, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Ayodele Aborishade, Early Childhood & Multilingual Education
Khandaker Arafin Islam, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Katie Singsank, Psychology
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**Members of the Public Present:**
AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) PUBLIC COMMENT
   INFORMATION ONLY
   *(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

ROLL CALL

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings.
   3a) CONSENT AGENDA:
   i) Minutes for the March 2024 (43-10) Council Meeting as posted to the public GPSA Drive.

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS
   INFORMATION ONLY
   4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees
   ● President
     o Statistics tutoring position.
     o Volunteers for forum (info) starts at 7am
       • Come to SU please
   ● Vice President
     o None
   ● Treasurer
     o Look at the fee structure that was shared.
   ● Secretary
   ● Chief of Staff
   ● Engagement & Outreach Director
   ● Operations Director
   ii) Carlos
     ● Keep an eye out for information about the events - not much going on this time in the semester.

4b) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor

4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees
   (Representatives serving on any external committee on GPSA behalf may use this time to provide updates)

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units
   ● Nevada Graduate Student Workers
● Graduate College  Donte- except GA ship award before the deadline (April 15)
5) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

*Unfinished Business is any motion or action item that was under discussion and was postponed or moved to this meeting at the discretion of the public body as approved by the chair.*

None.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

*New business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.*

6a) Presentation from UNLV Student Union and Student Affairs Leadership Team

President Thomas requests a presentation and discussion from Student Affairs about the changes to the Student Union. The team will solicit feedback for graduate and professional student needs. No action will be taken on this item.

- Updates on the student union renovations
  - Study was done in regards of the student union
    - The population has already outgrown this building.
    - Take what you need.
      - Basic need event
      - Diversity programs lounge
      - Expanded dining seating
      - Lounge seating
        - Ex
      - New multicultural center will be available soon
    - Apple/credit 1 one feel to a 24-hour lab space
      - Tech fix will now be on the first floor where current Starbucks is
        - (this is the yellow area)
      - The theater will be redone- can it be a study space when it's not being reserved.
    - Pink area
      - Food pod based on need.
      - Game lounge/ fast casual restaurants
  - The union will not close for this.

6b) Presentation from UNLV Student Wellness and Counseling & Psychological Services

President Thomas requests a presentation and discussion from the Vice President of Student Wellness, Dr. Jamie Davidson. This presentation will cover the mental health needs at UNLV. No action will be taken on this item.

- Information only
  - Jamie Davison
    - Shawna Landin
    - Cathy Underwood
  - They want support for a fee increase.
    - Health center
      - Nationally accredited health center on campus
        - Services a substantial amount of students
        - These services have no fees.
- Specialty services are also offered.
  - With a registered dietitian
  - Preventative care
  - Walk in triage services.
  - Social worker
    - Interventions for:
      - Housing
      - Food
      - Other cost barriers
  - On call physicians are available 24hr a day

- Counseling center
  - An integrated service delivery model
    - Step-care model
    - Mission is to help student with mental health concerns.
    - APA accredited program
  - Self-help resources
    - Modules on things like anxiety and depression
    - Mindfulness library
  - Co Host you at UNLV
    - University specific resources are offered here.
  - Outreach
    - Tableting/ workshops
    - 57 events have been offered since dec 6th
  - Crisis assessment and support
    - Psychiatric services
    - Consultations
      - In person and telehealth service
  - There has been a steadily increasing needo for these services.
  - Mental health is the number 1 reason student don persist in school.
    - The goal is to continue to be responsive to the needs of student on campus.
  - Satisfaction is high and impact is positive.
    - Graduate students use the services more than undergraduates.
    - The majority of the budget is for support staff.
      - The budget is tight due to col adjustment.
    - The approach is a predictive pricing model.
      - This is no growth options, this increase is only to keep the doors open.
      - Shadowland campus office may be in the works.
  - Due to skyrocketing demands
    - There have been fewer appoint availability slots.
    - This was a temporary reduction.
      - This demand is still being experienced.
      - But the reduction will end once demand does.
    - STI testing available?
      - Full range is available.
      - Free?
      - Review history/ concerns
      - Wellness educators
        - Free HIV testing may be resumed soon.
          - Stopped due to the pandemic.
        - Other protective supplies
- The counselor base is diverse but may not be coming across to patients.
  - Retaining clinicians have been through.
    - This fee increases will help retain and recruit.
  - The increase is for all student in the university/ not just the graduate students.
    - How does CAPS work with the other facilities on campus?
      - Counselor center is primary- they do crisis service.
      - The practice has a focus on training.
        - They can close their weight list.
          - Health center/ Caps does not
      - They all have different approaches and focuses.
      - They reach out to each other.
        - And they refer to each other.
      - Other graduate student is not allowed to provide services/ treatment to those who they are in class with
        - Reassignment is available if needed.
        - They don’t have access to any personal information.
    - Hormonal therapy
      - Services are available to all student – you don’t need insurance.
    - Self-test kits?
      - Privacy for people who don’t want to go to the health centers.
    - They don’t want to offer theses test unless they are of quality that is congruent with the expectations of the clinic.
      - Bring these ideas to your departments.
      - Those presentation will be shared to all of you next week in the recap.
    - Informational vote
    - Special meeting?
      - Eboard public meeting to vote on this.
        - Don’t talk between departments.

6c) Presentation from GPSA Executive Board Candidates
President Thomas requests presentations from each of the candidates running for GPSA Executive Board for the 2024-2025 academic year. Presentations will be limited to three minutes per candidate, and time will be provided for the Council to ask questions. No action will be taken on this item.

Candidates speak.

President:
VP:
Treasurer:

Let us know if you want to be secretary.
Please vote.
We need at least one.

Meeting coming soon for fee increase.
Next meeting May 2nd

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

   i) Research Forum: Saturday, April 6th, 2024. Volunteer!
   ii) Post-Doc Forum: Friday, April 5th!
       ▪ 4-5:30pm
       ▪ 5:30-8:30pm poster hanging

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

   (See foregoing notation regarding public comment)
   No public comment

9) ADJOURNMENT 7:33pm

   FOR POSSIBLE ACTION