GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Thursday, July 14, 2016
noon – 1:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Executive Board
Meghan Pierce, President
Patrick Daleiden, Vice President
Kimberly Florence, Treasurer
Kirk Talib-deen, Secretary

In attendance: President Meghan Pierce, Treasurer Kimberly Florence and Secretary Kirk Talib-deen

Others present: GPSA Manager Rebecca Boulton
Absent: Vice President Patrick Daleiden

President Pierce called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - done

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   • A request was made to approve the June 23, 2016 E-Board minutes: Secretary Talib-deen motioned to approve the June 23rd E-Board minutes. Treasurer Florence seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. SPEAKER(S) - none

4. COMMITTEE REPORT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   • Board of Regents / Nevada Student Alliance: President Pierce will teleconference with the NSA this afternoon, 07.14.2016, to discuss both the newsletter for this year and the initiatives that the NSA expects to be involved in this coming Academic year (i.e. Take Back the Night, rape culture and safety on campus).
   • GPSA Activities / Community Service – the Activities Committee for the upcoming year will plan events for the Fall 2016 semester. Possible events include:
     - Safety training opportunities, i.e. “Girls on Guard”; Green Dot, etc.
     - Hosting athletic events’ tailgates - Possible Rebel Football v. Colorado State Tailgate – Saturday, October 22nd
     - President Pierce enquired about the Diversity, Mentorship and Research “Reception,” scheduled for Thursday, October 6th – 11:00 a.m., in the Student Union Ballroom “C”. There were no updates at this point. Treasurer Florence is completing the list of events and plans to create the list of speakers.
     - GPSA 2016 Presidential Debate Watch Party (ask reps for off-campus locations) TBD
     - Field trips Switch & Zappos to be offered in conjunction with related GPSA Workshop (GPSA Advisor Peter Gray’s suggestion). The field trips remain an option. The E-Board is waiting on a response from Dr. Peter Gray.
     - In light of the campus Student and Recreation Center talks, a GPSA Ooze Ball Team or organizing other intramural events is under discussion. The E-Board will present this to the Council at the next scheduled meeting. Treasurer Florence will take over the responsibilities of social network postings.
     - GPSA Bylaws – no updates to this Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

• GPSA Government Relations – Treasurer Florence has scheduled a meeting time w/ both Luis Vallera and Constance Brooks (noted below). GPSA Lobby Day will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.
  – September 22nd at noon meeting w/ NSHE Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Constance Books and Vice President of Government Relations, Diversity Initiatives and Compliance Luis Vallera – This meet has been scheduled for September 22nd @ noon. Location to be determined
  – Update webpage w/upcoming Legislative 79th Session information
  – Set up “Voting Registration” tables
  – GPSA Lobby Day – February 2017

• GPSA Publications – There are no updates to the Luminary Newsletter. President Pierce confirmed she will submit a “Welcome” for upcoming publication. Chair Talib-deen will contact the Law School for information on upcoming clinics and events. Fall 2016 publication articles are needed by August 22nd (Chair Talib-deen will write an article). Profiling students that received funding is a possible topic for the newsletter.

• GPSA Research Forum – next year’s event scheduled for April 8, 2017

• GPSA Sponsorship – The majority of the workshops have been planned for the fall semester.
  – Dental Funding Workshop – scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, noon – 1pm
  – Campus-wide Funding Workshop – Friday, October 7th, 11:30am – 2pm
  – Law School Funding Workshops (afternoon and evening) – Date and location TBD

• Campus Wide-Committees – President Pierce noted they are still looking for volunteers for the Presidential Debate scheduled for, October 19th, 2016. The screening process is being discussed. UNLV has reached out to the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) for volunteers as well.

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

• Review agenda for August 1st Summer Council meeting – President Pierce will send email reminders to invited speakers. The E-Board will invite UNLV Public Safety representative (address recent active shooter inadvertent notification that was sent out and other campus safety issues.
  – Old Business item
    o President Pierce will address the proposed GPSA 2016 – 2017 Goals at the meeting (see attachment)
    o New Urban Sustainability Office - Carol Brodie, Co-Chair, UNLV Sustainability Council (see attachments)

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

• Executive Board 2016 -2017 meetings are still being discussed. The E-Board will present thoughts on the initiative to the council (i.e. scholarships, gifts, grants, etc.). The ideas could vary with different colleges or departments.
  – Foundation staff: Carmen Gilbert and Joseph Strother
    o Establishment of GPSA Scholarship (rather than Graduate Student Gift)
    o Thank you letter writing project
  – Meeting w/President Jessup – July 27th, 2016 at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
  – Meeting scheduled w/Graduate College Dean Kate Korgan – July 28th @ noon

• President Pierce asked the E-Board members present on their views on the UNLV Smoking Policy Initiative – The committee needs 2 reps to sit in policy initiative group (TBD).

• UNLV Creates – August 26th @ 9:00am-10:30am, Thomas & Mack Center. Registration is available online.
• August 26th – New Graduate Student Orientation 2:00pm – 4:00pm; 10:30am Lied Library Tour in the Graduate Student Commons; Grad College Mixer 4:00pm – 5:00pm (E-Board present at all events)
• New Graduate Student Orientation – Friday, August 26th @ 2pm in SU Ballroom: E-Board presentation
• GPSA Fall Activities calendar / Google calendar
• The 2016 - 2017 Professional Development Workshops list is complete and in the shared drive.
• 2016 - 2017 Council Speaker list – There were many ideas present for the speaker list. Both Drs. Fain and Chase are interested in speaking at a GPSA Council meeting.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Pierce called for a motion to adjourn the July 14, 2016 E-Board meeting. Treasurer Florence motioned to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Talib-deen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. The July 14th E-Board meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.