GPSA 2016-2017 Goals

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of establishing these goals is to further support the mission of the University and the GPSA. The GPSA Executive Board will regularly report to the GPSA Council on the status of the goals to reinforce commitment and reprioritize goals if needed. These goals are not listed in any specific order of priority.

Advocacy

- Engage more graduate & professional students in the 2016 Presidential Debate, October 19th at the Thomas & Mack Center.
- Invite a UNLV Medical School representative to a Council meeting to discuss outreach efforts to encourage collaboration between other academic units. Extend an invitation to different College to discuss their planned collaborative efforts with the new Medical School.
- Invite a Regent to speak at GPSA Council meetings and/or schedule an informational session with all graduate & professional students.
- Invite Vice President Luis Vallera, UNLV Vice President of Government Relations and Dr. Constance Brooks, NSHE Vice Chancellor for Government and Community, to speak at a Council meeting regarding student involvement in the upcoming 79th Legislative Session.
- Hold a GPSA Lobby Day at the 79th State Legislative Session to highlight and promote graduate and professional student research.
- Have representatives contact their web master/graduate coordinator to ensure a link to the GPSA website is on their department/school’s website.

Community

- Organize a wider range of social events (e.g. tailgate, arts and theater, hiking trips).
- Ensure that the minutes are sent out as soon as possible so that Council members can communicate GPSA updates effectively and in a timely manner.
- Plan a GPSA community service day once per semester.
- Reach out to possible donors; establish rapport with local leaders to supplement GPSA scholarships
- Offer a Service Learning Workshop (possible facilitator, Dr. Smedley-Lopez).
- Increase GPSA presence at university-led community events (Festival of Communities, Take Back the Night, UNLV Premier, etc.).
- Increase promotional efforts for GPSA activities, i.e. create an “Event on FaceBook”, add events to the Graduate College calendar, UNLV Media screens, create an email GPSA newsletter and host a GPSA Awareness Day.
- Invite students/faculty/staff from the different Colleges to give a short presentation about services or resources that their area has to offer to graduate and professional students.

Scholarship

- Create a document that discusses common mistakes on sponsorship applications separately by department.
- Provide examples of what is fundable on the GPSA Sponsorship website.
- Invite Sponsorship Committee Chair & members to give a short Sponsorship workshop at a Council meeting.
- Invite speakers who have successfully acquired external funding to discuss the process.
- Increase education about post-graduate grants and fellowships.
- Create a writing group to assist students in productivity.
- Lobby for a 24 hour campus computer lab
- Unlimited time after graduation on maintaining Rebelmail address