

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, May 5, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.  
Student Union Room 208

**Members Present:**

Dalon Rosevear (Accounting), Joseph Pignatiello (MBA), Aaron Kearsley (Economics), Alex Rosborough (Curriculum & Instruction), Katrina Harris (Educational Psychology), Dan Gianoutsos (Educational Leadership), Mia Youhne (Special Education), Hamidou Diawara (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Lei Zhang (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Saul Opie (Mechanical Engineering), Rebekah Just (Art), Brian Marsh (Music), Oscar Limon (Theatre), Donica Beckett (Health Promotion), Sonia Randolph (Kinesiology), Courtney Coughenour (Public Health), Catherine Prato (Nursing), Jason Frank (Sport & Leisure Activities), Sara Hill (Anthropology), Robert Kirschen (English), Eric Tomas Steiner (Psychology), Candace Griffith (Sociology), Becky Cox-Hess (Chemistry), Colin Robins (Geosciences), Matthew Jacobsen (Physics), Melanie Taylor (Criminal Justice), Emerald Laija (Environmental Studies), Rachel Wax (Journalism & Media Studies), Sara Pelton (Marriage & Family Therapy), Laurene DeBord-Fouk (Film), Gael Hancock (Hospitality Administration), Jordan Duff (Political Science), Dana Massengale (Sports Education Leadership), Gary McCormick (Social Work), Jeremy Ashton Houska (President), Heather Lusty (Vice President), Jessica Lucero (Secretary), Suzanne Becker (Treasurer).

**Members Absent:**

Ingrid Y. Lee (Management Information Systems), Lyndsey Kelly (Health Physics), Alistair In (Physical Therapy), Jason Vance (Life Sciences), Timothy Waters (Mathematical Sciences), Tyra Jenkins (Public Administration).

**Others Present:**

Nicole Clems (President of NAME), Kate Hausbeck (GPSA Faculty Advisor), Karl Kingsley (GPSA Faculty Advisor), Rebecca Boulton (GPSA Manager).

**I. Roll Call**

The GPSA Council Meeting, held in the Student Union, Room 208 was called to order by President Lucero Monday afternoon at 2:16 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

President Lucero asked council members to look over the April 7, 2008 GPSA minutes to see if there were any corrections to be made. After hearing no corrections, a motion for approving the April 2008 minutes was made by Brian Marsh (Music) and seconded by Sara Hill (Anthropology). With no oppositions, the motion was passed.

**III. Speaker(s)**

No speakers

**IV. Budget Report:** Treasurer Becker reported that the budget has not changed substantially. Lines 15 and 16 represent the April wages and fringe benefits for GPSA office staff. Line 21 reflects out-of-state travel expenses; which to date there have been no expenditures. Line 30 reflects operational costs. The April council meeting and social hour hosting expenditures are also listed. Additionally, the GPSA purchased plaques for outgoing faculty Advisor, Karl Kingsley and outgoing GPSA President

Houska. Awards for the GPSA Research Forum are also represented in the monthly costs. However, the awards are paid for by the Graduate College. The money is transferred to the GPSA account.

Line 68 reflects the revenue that the GPSA has earned for this fiscal year. The summer funds will continue to be collected. Line 79 reflects the sale of items in the GPSA lounge such as snacks, water, copies, and CD ROMs, totalling \$2,676.

After hearing no questions, President Lucero asked for a motion to file the budget report for audit. Rebekah Just (Art) motioned and Donica Beckett (Health Promotion) seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

## V. Committee Reports:

- **Community Service:** Treasurer Becker reported the Spring Clean out your Closet campaign for Safe Nest was a success, she noted also there's still time to bring in items to be donated. Treasurer Becker would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has participated and to those who contributed. Treasurer Becker also expressed her appreciation to the community service committee for all their hard work this past year.
- **Activities Committee:** President Lucero reported that the final social of this year will be a tailgating party on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Lot Q from 4-6 p.m. This is located close to the Tennis Complex. President Lucero wants everyone to spread the word and to bring their RebelCard to get into the baseball games for free after the tailgating social ends. Emerald Laija (Environmental Studies) on behalf of the Activities Committee presented President Lucero with a framed photo from the activities committee. Emerald Laija wanted to acknowledge the committee's appreciation in working with President Lucero over this past year. President Lucero accepted the honor and passed around the photo for everyone to see.
- **Grants Committee:** Vice President Lusty thanked the grants committee for their hard work and all the work they have done over this past year given the high number of applications. The work was increased due to the increased need.

Emergency grants of \$3498.73 were awarded in April. All eleven applications were funded. Fall funding monies awarded equaled \$10,000.00 distributed to 20 of the 25 applications that were submitted. There is a little money left for Summer Emergency grant monies to be awarded.

- **Board of Regents:** Former President Houska reports that the June meeting will be exciting. Former President Houska noted the Nevada Student Alliance will be all new and will coordinate in the fall for more action. Former President Houska also said that system wide collaboration is called for to institute effective change for the Nevada System of Higher Learning.

V. **Old Business:** none

## VI. New Business:

- **GPSA Summer Representative Elections:** Eric Tomas Steiner (Psychology), chair of the elections committee noted that the Colleges of Business, Engineering, Law (Vacant), Dental Medicine (vacant), Education: Katrina Harris (Educational Psychology), Fine Arts: Brian March (Music), Urban Affairs: Gary McCormick (Social Work), Liberal Arts: Eric Tomas Steiner (Psychology), are all running unopposed or do not have a representative. Health Sciences has two representatives running for the position Sonia Randolph (Kinesiology) and Catherine Prato (Nursing) but Nursing had a scheduling conflict and declined running. The election was held to affirm the positions.

- **GPSA Council Stipends:** President Lucero put forth the amount of Spring Stipends for the GPSA council at \$5,100.00. It was noted the pay would be reflected on the May 31<sup>st</sup> pay day and council members must sign their paperwork to process this payment. This could be done after the meeting with Rebecca Boulton. After hearing no questions, President Lucero asked for a motion to for the amount of \$5100.00. Aaron Kearsley (Economics) motioned and Becky Cox-Hess (Chemistry) seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- **GPSA Student Organization Recognition: National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME)** President Lucero announced that this association is applying for GPSA recognition. Nicole Clem from Curriculum & Instruction talked about the organization. It is a national group whose aim is to facilitate attitude, skills, and behaviors to achieve economic and educational equity. It is well established nationally and at UNLV. Dr. Porter Troutman is the faculty advisor and an original founder of NAME. Dr. Christine Clark (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion) is a member as well as many other faculty members on campus. They would like to fill a niche on campus by having an association with the GPSA. They suspect it can assist with diversity initiatives between faculty and students. There is an aspect of diversity studies as well as mentoring undergraduate students. They envision doing outreach work at CCSD and helping with diversity issues on the UNLV campus. President Lucero asked if there were any questions for Nicole Clem. Former President Houska asked if they have a plan for diversity issues, funding and activism. Nicole Clem answered that they plan to support other students and Dr. Clark says this can be achieved on the UNLV campus. Former President Houska further asked how student would become involved in the organization. Nicole Clem announced that initially they would give their email address and come to meetings. Starting in the fall, dues will be collected for the national chapter, but as of now they are just opening up the organization to those who they in they may be interested. Former President Houska further inquired about the dues collection. Nicole Clem clarified that dues would begin being collected in the fall, and now there are no dues collected. President Lucero asked for a motion to approve NAME as a GPSA recognized student organization. Brian Marsh (Music) motioned and Katrina Harris (Educational Psychology) seconded the motion. There were none opposed. NAME is now recognized by the GPSA.

## VII. Announcements:

- **Appreciation for Faculty Members:** The GPSA acknowledged the effort made this year by Dr. Karl Kingsley. Dr. Kinslgey was presented with a plaque. Next, the GPSA recognized Rebecca Boulton for the service award she received at the GPSA Research Forum and for all the hard work she does throughout the year for the GPSA. Finally, Dr. Kate Hausbeck was also recognized for being an ally for the GPSA and for the effort she has put forth on the GPSA's behalf. Without the support of such great faculty and staff members, the GPSA would not be possible.
- **Service Letters for the Council:** Former President Houska thanked the council, especially the executive board for helping him perform his duties this past year. He then delivered in alphabetical order GPSA service letters, starting with GPSA's wonderful Treasurer, Suzanne Becker. President Lucero then presented Former President Houska with a plaque and service letter for all the hours he has put in to serve the GPSA and for being a great President this past year. The GPSA wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.
- **BGSA:** The Black Graduate Student Association has been recognized at their national conference as the chapter of the year. Donica Beckett (Health Promotion) says the BGSA is going into the next year with momentum from this award. A big congratulations for their achievement.

- Institutional Review Board (IRB): The IRB has a new online form to help streamline the process. Dr. Kate Hausbeck was available for questions. No questions were asked and so she further stated the form is for those who are working with a faculty member who already has IRB approval but the student is going to do a part of that research. They are trying to make it easier for the student to receive approval in a timely manner.
- Extended Hours of the Graduate College: Dr. Kate Hausbeck informed the council that the extended hours of the Graduate College will be discontinued at the end of the spring semester. They are no longer going to be open until 6 p.m. on selected evenings as there was not enough interest. They thought that closing at 5 p.m. seemed too early so they tried to keep it open and with budget concerns and no interest, they did away with the extended hours. The Graduate College still has online chat available throughout the day with different Graduate College staff.
- 2008-2009 Representative Handout: President Lucero requested that members fill these forms out so the first meeting in the fall will go smoothly. It was also stressed that returning students that leave early and arrive late is not acceptable. The executive wants to ensure representatives are able to stay for the entire meeting. If this is difficult, an alternate representative may be needed.
- Commencement Speakers: Vice President Lusty recognized those chosen for the commencement speaker positions: Madalina Tanase, PhD in Curriculum & Instruction and Ea Nicole Madrigal, MA in History. It was also noted that Madalina Tanase has a job after graduation. Congratulations. The council would also like to recognize Oscar Limon (Theatre Arts) and Dalon Rosevear (Accounting) on graduating this year. Good luck in your future endeavors.
- The Summer Graduation Deadline Flyer should be posted in every department.

**IX. Public Comment:** Rebekah Just (Art) wanted everyone to know she has copies of the Vagus Nerve and that there are more on the third floor of the Student Union in the Student Life offices for people to pick up and read.

Also, it was announced that members needed to sign their paperwork with Rebecca Boulton (GPSA Manager) after the meeting today in order to receive their stipend.

**X. Adjournment:** President Lucero asked for a motion for adjournment. Rebekah Just (Art) motioned for adjournment and Becky Cox-Hess (Chemistry) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The GPSA meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.