

2008 – 2009 GPSA Goals

1. Continue efforts in opposing state budget cuts for higher education. To date the GPSA has submitted a Resolution no. 4 in the 26th session and added a webpage addressing the ongoing situation.
2. Enhance GPSA awareness, both campus and community wide, to increase participation in GPSA events, i.e. Research Forum, hosted workshops, social events, etc.
 - Have an informational meeting highlighting GPSA services at the beginning of each semester in the GPSA lounge.
 - Urge the library staff when giving graduate and professional students tours of the library to include the GPSA lounge, i.e. particularly during the times of the “New Student” orientations.
 - Contact the GPSA representative and graduate coordinator of each department and encourage them to include information regarding the GPSA in their new student orientations. GPSA will provide brochures on an as needed basis.
 - Create a GPSA sponsored community lecture series: local business CEO’s, community leaders, scientists, etc.
 - Develop new innovative communication methods of raising GPSA awareness, i.e. pod cast on e-mails, movie show of GPSA student life uploaded to GPSA website, participate in the newly formed CSUN news program continue the quarterly GPSA newsletter, “The Luminary” and the online Facebook, etc.
 - Have monthly brown bags w/the GPSA recognized student organizations to discuss various pertinent topics.
 - Monthly awards given to a graduate/professional student and faculty member. Plaques of the awardees, would be displayed in the GPSA lounge. The community would be solicited to make donations to pay for the plaques.
3. Collaborate and increase communication with both the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council, e.g. possibly have chairs of both organizations speak at GPSA council meeting.
 - Invite a Faculty Senate representative and CSUN representative (as nonvoting members) to the GPSA council meetings and vice versa.
4. This year with the general election approaching target potential student voters to get out and vote on local and national pertinent issues, i.e. budget cuts to higher education.
 - Sponsor voter registration on campus (voter turnout is lowest amongst 18 – 30 year olds)
5. Streamline Graduate College process. Ease the burden of the graduate student’s academic paper trail.
6. Encourage graduate coordinators to check on graduate assistant workloads to ensure that GAs are kept to the designated 20 hour work week. Duties should also be verified that they are within the proper job description and enhancing the student’s academic career.

7. Continue facilitating an open dialogue with the Midtown Project, to improve transportation services on campus, i.e. expand the shuttle services and increase parking availability and make the campus more bike friendly.
8. Create a GPSA liaison with UNLV Foundation and Alumni Association to tap into possible resources, i.e. solicit external funding from UNLV graduate and professional student alums, participation of community members in the GPSA hosted lecture series, etc.
9. GPSA committee chairs need to provide monthly e-mail status reports, include activity and those participating members. Reports should be sent to President Lucero.
10. Community outreach through media channels to heighten awareness of the graduate & professional student academic experience, ie. News articles regarding graduate & professional student awards both nationally and internally and stories featuring the wide range of campus research.