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**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 41-08

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 2021
5:30 - 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING:
<http://unlv.webex.com/meet/gpsa>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTE:

PERTAINING TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Section 1 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006") issued by the State of Nevada Executive Department. There will be no physical location for the meeting.

Public Comment may be submitted via email to **gpsapresident@unlv.edu**.

Messages received by 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other public comment form submissions and/or voicemails received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be transcribed and included in the permanent record.

Members of the public wishing to listen to the meeting may do so via: unlv.webex.com/meet/gpsa

CONTINUED:

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be presented and considered at the meeting. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order and presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Copies of the reference materials that are distributed at the meeting may be requested by emailing the Chair at **gpsa@unlv.edu**. Copies of any such materials will also be made available at unlv.edu/gpsa on the "Agendas and Minutes" folder of the appropriate meeting. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability attending the meeting. Please email the GPSA Manager at **gpsa@unlv.edu** in advance so that arrangements may be made.

This meeting's agenda has been posted in accordance with NRS 241.020. Agendas may also be also be available online at unlv.edu/gpsa/agenda in the appropriate session and meeting number folder.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Board Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered. In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Body, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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2021-2022 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

| College | Department | Name | Attendance |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| Lee Business School: | Accounting | James Kilduff Jr | |
| | Business Administration | Benjamin Bishop | |
| | Economics | Ashley Lovell* | |
| | Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech. | Raheem Soomro | |
| Dental Medicine: | Dental Medicine | Milena Arakelyan | |
| College of Education: | Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv. | Scarlett Iglesias Hoyos | |
| | Early Childhood, Multilingual & Spec. Ed | Stephanie Huff | |
| | Teaching & Learning | Claudia Chiang-Lopez | |
| | Educational Psychology & Higher Education | Jennifer Fletcher | |
| College of Engineering: | Civil & Environmental Engineering | Ariful Hasnat | |
| | Computer Science | Yazmin Martinez | |
| | Electrical & Computer Engineering | Lina Chato | |
| | Mechanical Engineering | Rubaiya Murshed | |
| College of Fine Arts: | Architecture | Mark Kua | |
| | Art | Keeva Lough | |
| | Film | Victoria Skarupski | |
| | Music | Logan O'Sullivan* | |
| | Theatre | Catherine Pratt | |
| College of Hospitality: | Hospitality & Hotel Administration | Jaimi Garlington | |

| College | Department | Name | Attendance |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|------------|
| Integrated Health Sciences: | Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences | Devin Peart | |
| | Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences | Alan Garcia | |
| | Physical Therapy | Mira Seekins | |
| | Brain Health | Amber Eddy | |
| Boyd School of Law: | Law | Connor Shultz | |
| College of Liberal Arts: | Anthropology | Kara Jones | |
| | English | Alice Letowt | |
| | History | Analiesa Delgado | |
| | Political Science | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| | Psychology | Michael Fensken | |
| | Sociology | Drue Sahuc | |
| | World Languages & Cultures | Jorge Hernandez | |
| School of Medicine: | Couple & Family Therapy | Emily Laurita | |
| | Medicine | Sophie Ahmad | |
| School of Nursing: | Nursing | Shauna Aranton | |
| School of Public Health: | Environmental & Occupational Health | Stephanie Chung | |
| | Healthcare Administration & Policy | Hilla Ben-Shimon | |
| | Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics | Jongyun Jung* | |
| College of Urban Affairs: | Communication Studies | Samantha Schaffer | |
| | Criminal Justice | Heather Monhagan | |
| | Journalism & Media Studies | Sean Kenny | |
| | Public Policy & Leadership | Sergio Bustos | |
| | Social Work | JD Thiemann | |
| College of Sciences: | Chemistry & Biochemistry | Chandler Hassan | |
| | Geoscience | Shaimaa Abdelhaleem | |
| | Life Sciences | Melissa Schofield | |
| | Mathematical Sciences | Jorge Reyes | |
| | Physics & Astronomy | Kristine Haley | |

*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 Present:

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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 December 2021 Council Meeting as posted to the public [GPSA Drive](#).

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

i) President

- (1) Updates on Graduate Assistant stipend initiative; Updates on graduate student housing initiative
- (2) Issue Interest/ Advocacy form
- (3) Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting: March 3 & 4 @ Nevada State College

ii) Vice President

iii) Treasurer

- (1) Budget Report for December 2021, January 2022

iv) Secretary

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)

- i) Other External committee updates

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units

- i) Graduate College: Dean Korgan; Assistant Dean Burke

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.

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) Appointment of Elections Commission Members for 2022 Election Cycle

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of up to seven (7) members of the GPSA to serve on the Elections Commission for the 2022 Executive Board Election cycle, where five (5) members will be nominated from each of the respective internal GPSA committees.

6b) Research Forum Planning Discussion

President Thomas requests time for discussion surrounding the 2022 Research Forum, including sharing student input, possible formats, and general plan of operation.

6c) Presentation and Discussion of UNLV Graduate College Initiatives and Events

President Thomas requests time for a presentation and discussion from Assistant Dean Valarie Burke regarding Graduate Registered Student Organizations (GRSO) and the Early Alert system. Information will also be provided regarding the new graduate student handbook.

6d) Discussion of Potential Funding Pool for Board Exams for Graduate Students

President Thomas and Secretary Howell request time for a discussion surrounding the potential establishment of a scholarship fund for graduate and professional students; funds could be used for career and professional development fees, including Board examination fees, licensing fees, or other required examination fees. *No action will be taken on this item at this time.*

6e) Call for New Business Items

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Discussion is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, including the reasons for the request; emergency items added at the discretion of the President (GPSA [Bylaws](#) Article IV, Sec.3).

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- **Annual Research Forum! Saturday April 2, 2022**
 - **Forum abstracts due February 28th, 2022**

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

9) ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION