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**The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association**

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING *GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 42-02*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

3:00 – 4:30 PM

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING:

<http://unlv.webex.com/meet/gpsa>

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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.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT

◻ Nicole Juliana Thomas - Present

VICE PRESIDENT

◻ Godson Ebenezer Adjovu - Present

TREASURER

◻ Drue Sahuc - Present

SECRETARY

◻ Rosedaveia Howell - Present

## 2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

| **College** | **Department** | **Name** | **Attendance** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Lee Business School:** | Business Administration | Benjamin Bishop | X |
|  | Economics | **Ashley Lovell** |  |
| **College of Education:** | Teaching & Learning | Claudia Chiang-Lopez | X |
|  | Educational Psychology & Higher Education | **Jennifer Fletcher** | X (Voter) |
| **College of Engineering:** | Civil & Environmental Engineering | **Meena Ejjada** | E |
| **College of Fine Arts:** |  | VACANT |  |
| **College of Hospitality:** | Hospitality & Hotel Administration | **Jaimi Garlington** | A |
| **Integrated Health Sciences:** | Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences | Devin Peart | E |
|  | Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences | Alan Garcia | X (Voter) |
|  | Brain Health | Amber Eddy | E |
| **Boyd School of Law:** |  | VACANT |  |
| **College of Liberal Arts:** | Psychology | **Michael Fensken** | X |
| **School of Medicine:** | Couple & Family Therapy | **Emily Laurita** | X |
| **School of Nursing:** |  | VACANT |  |
| **School of Public Health:** |  | VACANT |  |
| **College of Urban Affairs:** | Public Policy & Leadership | **Sergio Bustos** | A |
| **College of Sciences:** | Life Sciences | Anthony Lomando | X |
|  | Mathematical Sciences | **Jorge Reyes** | X |
| **School of Dental Medicine:** |  | VACANT |  |

\*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:

## Members of the Public Present:

## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** INFORMATION ONLY

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

None.

**ROLL CALL**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

*Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings.*

**3a)** CONSENT AGENDA:

* 1. Minutes for the June 2022 (42-01) Council Meeting as posted to the public [GPSA Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Oo98zs8AtohNDPvbCTa0qRTztkexoxNb).

Motion to approve minutes. Unanimous yay vote 5:0:0.

1. **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS** INFORMATION ONLY

**4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees**

* + - President
      * Board of Regents & GA Stipends Update, UNR Partnership
        + President Thomas introduces the plan for lobbying in Reno for GA stipends. President Thomas is in communication with the Vice President of Student Affairs to assess the possibility of transforming houses around campus into student housing.
    - Vice President
      * Sponsorship Updates
        + Vice President Adjovu states that the Sponsorship committee reviewed 41 applications for the regular cycle and 36 applications were approved and 5 applications were rejected. For the emergency cycle, there were 3 applications which 2 applications were approved, and 1 application was rejected. For the regular cycle, the total amount awarded for the 36 applications was $28,914.78. For the 2 emergency applications that were funded, $1,700 was funded. The Sponsorships committee is currently working on modifications to the application portal for sponsorship applications.
    - Treasurer
      * Budget Report
    - Secretary
      * No updates.

**4b) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor**

* Advisor Smercina shared an image of the shirts that will be given out at student open house August 29th, 2022 and these shirts will also be for sale in the graduate commons after open house. Advisor Smercina discusses the Sponsorship shifting into the Team Dynamics platform to make the process easier for students and the Sponsorship Committee. Also, the sponsorship cycles will be changing to where there will no longer be the 4 regular funding cycles and emergency cycles. There will now be rolling deadlines on the 20th of every month. Students will be advised to apply within 60-90 days before their activity and if there is an issue with submitting by the advised deadline, they will automatically go into an appeal process where the student will apply for an appeal. There will also be no more reimbursement for the sponsorship funding, funds will now be disbursed on an upfront basis. The plan is that Masters/2-year programs will receive $2,500 per year for their sponsorship funds. Professional/PhD/3-4+ year programs will receive $5,000 per year for their sponsorship funds. Advisor Smercina is also continuing the search for an admin for GPSA but other administrative duties have taken precedence, but it is still being worked on.

**4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees**

(Representatives serving on any external committee on GPSA behalf may use this time to provide updates)

* + - Other External committee updates
      * None.

**4d) UNLV Departments/ Units**

* + - Graduate College: Dean Crittenden; Assistant Dean Burke
  + Dean Crittenden introduced themselves and expressed support for GPSA and GPSA’s initiatives.

1. **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.*

None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

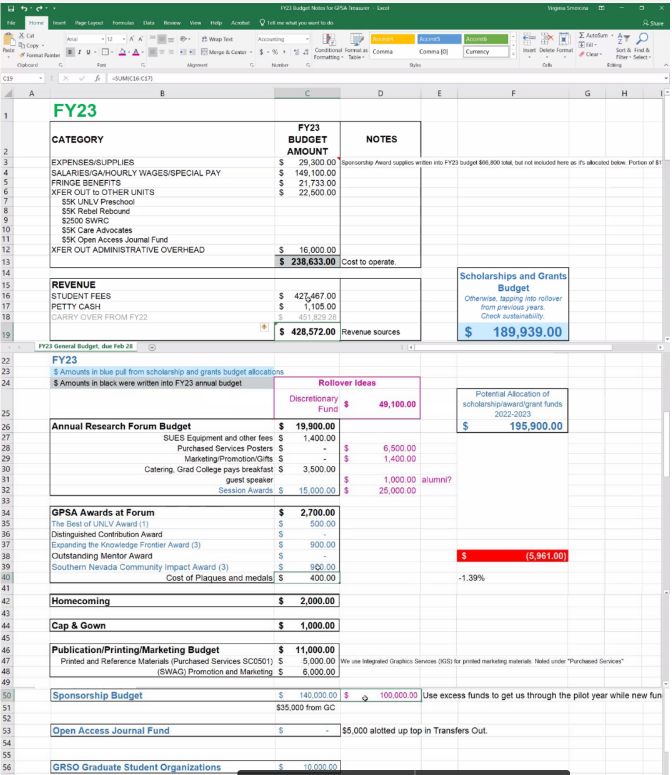
*New business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.*

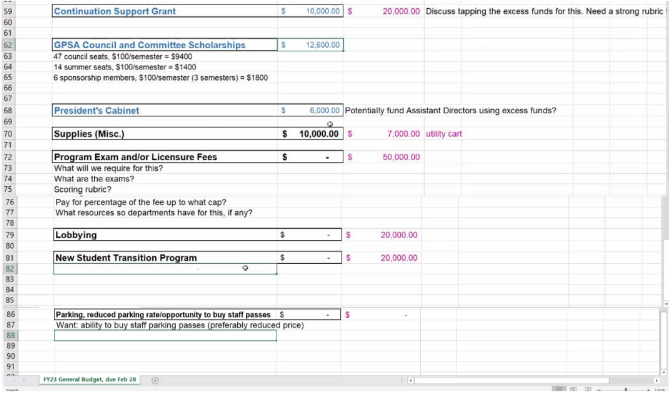
**6a) Consideration and Approval of GPSA AY 2022-2023 Funding Allocations**

President Thomas calls for the discussion and approval of funding allocations for the upcoming year. Upcoming projects, partnerships, scholarships, grants, and lobbying efforts will be considered as items for potential funding allocation.

Motion by Alan Garcia

Second by Drue Sahuc





**6b) Appointment of Council Representatives Committees**

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of GPSA Council Members to serve on internal or external GPSA and Graduate College committees.

* + - Approvals: Anthony Lomando, Graduate Course Review Committee; Jennifer Fletcher, Graduate Programs Committee
      * Motion by Jennifer Fletcher, Second by Benjamin Bishop
      * Postdoctoral Affairs: Claudia Chiang-Lopez
      * Graduate Course Review: Anthony Lomando
      * Graduate Programs Committee: Jennifer Fletcher
      * Approve council members to those committees, unanimous yay vote 8:0:0

**6c) 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).

None.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** INFORMATION ONLY
   * + Welcome Day is all day August 25th, 2022.
     + Student Open house on August 29th, 2022 10:00am – 4:00pm
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

None.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion to adjourn meeting 4:44pm, August 5, 2022.