



The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF MEETING

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GP SA COUNCIL MEETING 43-03

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, 2023

5:30-7:00 PM

HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING:

IN PERSON: University Gateway Building (GTW)

Second floor, Gather Meeting Room

4700 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89119, USA

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President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
Nicole Juliana Thomas x	Evan Falkenthal x	Teresa Marie x	Aliciah Carr x

2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

College	Department	Name	Attendance
School of Public Health	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	Amruta Godbole	X
College of Urban Affairs	School of Social Work	Meagan Evans	X
College of Engineering	Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction	Amrit Shahi	A
College of Hospitality	Hospitality Management & Hotel Administration	Mana Azizoltani	A
College of Liberal Arts	History	Analiesa Delgado	A
College of Liberal Arts	World Languages & Cultures	Cynthia Enriquez	X
Integrated Health Sciences	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill	A
College of Sciences	Mathematical Sciences	Keoni Castellano Poxy - Shen Huang	X
College of Education	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	X
Dental Medicine	Dental Medicine	Tyler Pisciotta	X
School of Public Health	Environmental & Occupational Health	Emylia Terry	X
College of Urban Affairs	Public Policy & Leadership	Kaylee O'Donnell	X
College of Fine Arts	Art	Karla Lagunas	X
College of Engineering	Computer Science	Sai Phani Krishna Parsa	A
College of Engineering	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Gabson Baguma	X
College of Hospitality	Hospitality Management & Hotel Administration	Jaimi Garlington	X

College	Department	Name	Attendance
College of Liberal Arts	Anthropology	Emily Edmonds	A
College of Sciences	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	X
College of Liberal Arts	Political Science	Devin Lopez	X
School of Medicine	Medicine	Stephanie Wang	X
College of Urban Affairs	Social Work	Keva Francis	A
College of Engineering	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Olufemi Olubode	X
College of Engineering	Civil Engineering	Aderemi Gbadamosi	X
College of Urban Affairs	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	X
Lee Business School	Executive MBA	Karla Vazquez	X
College of Liberal Arts	Sociology	Vincent Fuentes	A
College of Education	Teaching & Learning	Claudia Chiang-Lopez	X
College of Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Devin Krystek	X
College of Urban Affairs	School of Social Work	Emily Arriviello	X
Lee Business School	Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech.	Sai Karthik Lala	X
School of Public Health	Healthcare Administration & Policy	Ernest Cornejo	X
College of Liberal Arts	History	Tyley Rodney	X
College of Liberal Arts	Sociology	Drue Sahuc	X

*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:

Daryl Magna- social work

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER 5:41pm

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

No public comment

ROLL CALL

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings.

Postponed

3a) CONSENT AGENDA:

- i) Minutes for the June 2023 (43-02) Council Meeting as emailed out and posted to the public [GPSA Drive](#).

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

● President

- Chancellor Search Updates
 - If interested in the process- chancellor oversee all of the NSHE institutions to ask for money for the university
 - The search process has not been successful because the board of regents feels as if there are no qualified applicant for the roll
 - They recommend provost Stevie
- Graduate Assistant Stipend Announcement 😊
 - Increases will be going into effect in the fall
 - All GA will be seeing an increase unless you are on a grant that already makes above the minimum
 - Double check that you are receiving the new minimum
 - GPSA will still be pursuing higher wages, but for now we celebrate!

● Vice President

- Sponsorship Committee Updates & Policy Changes
 - Operating policy updates will be on track to be approved a week from now in the next committee meeting
 - There will be a change in the grading system, it will now be All or nothing
 - This is more in line with other funding systems in the rest of university
 - Instead of getting scored and only receiving a percentage of the funding based on

that scores

- People who are approved will perceive 100% of their requested funding if they meet the minimum of an 80% score
 - As opposed to previously if people receive a score of 80% they only receive 80% of the requested funds.

○ Other structural changes

- Language and website with corresponding and chronological information in order to increase accessibility for the application
- President Thomas reminds everyone that the meetings are available to the public, so anyone is welcome to sit in to hear about what changes will be approved and are going into effect.
- The meeting is available to join via zoom on the public calendar

● **Treasurer**

○ GPSA Budget Report – expenditures and revenue

- Soon we will be moving to New 5 accounts vs the two previous ones in the upcoming fiscal year

● We brought in

- \$2378.58 - student fees
- \$445.45 petty cash (fundraisers and revenue programs)

○ Cost

- Cason city (GPSA group legislation session trip) and Reno (Board of Regents meeting) trips - \$14,848
- Summer Salaries and wages- \$12,468.16
- General operations & \$4,912.12

○ Budget Increase & Changes approved through Ways & Means Committee

- Vote to increase the budget by 38,500 to cover expenses for sponsorship has passed
- Ways and Means Operating policies are going through language changes
 - RSOs discussion concluded the requiring graduate student to be on RSO executive board take away the opportunities for undergraduates to take on leadership roles
 - The change will now reflect that Change from one graduate student officer - to one grad student advising the committee rather than them being on the E-board
- Other RSO language changes
 - Shift from “Organization are eligible for funding over every physical year” to “organizations are eligible for funding every semester”
 - This way funding will be able to more accurately reflect the number of members involved in the RSO if they were to gain more members as the academic year goes on
 - They will be able to reapply in the Fall, Spring, Summer, and Winter semesters.

- President Thomas adds the graduate's student RSO's are also eligible to apply for funding. Graduate student RSO can also apply for up to \$2000.
 - Ways and Means committee meetings are also available for the public and can be found on the public GPSA calendar
 - Treasurer is also looking to expand Office hours in CBC for funding advisement- if you have any question email her at gpsatreasurer@unlv.edu
- **Secretary**
 - Department Listserv (email list) access
 - Email the GPSA secretary gpsasecretary@unlv.edu if you have any issue creating a mass email list for your department GPSA will be able to create one for you.

4b) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor

This item will be used for updates provided by the GPSA Business Manager & Advisor. No action will be taken on these items.

- Let Nia (the GPSA manager) know if there are any questions that you have that were not brought up in the public meeting by emailing gpsa@unlv.edu.
 - There are several events being planned right now including the annual GPSA/ Grad College student forum, homecoming, mixers, and open house which need volunteers.
 - Many of these planning procedures are being switched to team dynamics alongside the new budget report formats
 - Please email the GPSA secretary if you have any interest in volunteering for any of these events.
 - For general questions please email gpsa@unlv.edu

4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

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

- Ernest Cornejo - We are close to having a new UNLV chief financial officer
 - Search and Selection is down to 3 candidates from 15
 - Often the university requests to have a graduate student representative to serve on high level administrative faculty search committees.
 - If you are interested in doing so let us know – This helps graduate student gain a bit of experience and understanding of higher education hiring practices and procedure

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units

Updates from Graduate College- Dean Alyssa Crittenden and Associate Dean Valarie Burke

1) GRSO Meeting-e board members get a scholarship

- GRSO's are putting together mandated constitutions if they have not already. Student affairs have put together a workshop and template to aid them in the constitution creation.

- E-board members of RSO get healthy scholarships
- Check out GRSO website here <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/current/grso>
- Department/ College Updates
- First gen week will be happening again in the fall
 - Grad college GPSA and GRSOs all come together to host this event
 - Still room 50-100 people to sign up for diapers and diplomas
 - This available for both graduate and undergraduate students
 - For more information view flyer connected to last meeting recap
 - Food pantry is running for their summer hours
 - For more information on the food pantry please use visit this website <https://www.unlv.edu/integratedhealth/food-pantry>
 - Grad academy workshop application are open
<https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/academy>
 - Newsletter for the grad academy will begin circulating soon as the semester draws closer
- Homecoming is going to be on Wednesday October 18th this year- *If you're going to the U2 concert at the Sphere you will miss it*
- The general theme is Haunted homecoming
 - There will be an Adult bounce house!
 - If you have any food ideas or request email Valerie, Nia, or Nicole
- Homecoming is a free event that is open to everyone in the local Vegas community
 - *No other updates*

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.

5a) Discussion & Approval of GPSA Goals for 2023-2024 (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests time for the presentation and discussion of the GPSA 2023-2024 goals. These goals will be presented as an overview and voted upon for the 2023-2024 school year.

Item 5a Postponed not due until September by the Nevada

5b) Approval of CDC Partnership and MOU (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of an MOU between the GPSA and the Childhood Development Center. This partnership will entail a \$5,000 sponsorship to provide access to childcare for graduate students, with funds to be encumbered from the GPSA FY2024 General Fund.

- This is a place right across the street where graduate/ professional students and faculty can bring children for child care
 - Information for this program will come to council for a final vote once it's been approved

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) Discussion of Career & Professional Development Closet (Information Only)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion of a GPSA Professional Development Closet. This pilot program will take donations for a Professional Development Closet to be hosted by GPSA, where graduate and professional students will have access to professional development items. Funds for this will not exceed \$5000 and shall be encumbered from the GPSA FY2024 General Fund.

- This is a proposal to create a space where people can donate professional clothing for graduate students to use
- The proposal for the budget has been approved
- Clothes will be donated by current grade student, faculty, staff and alumni
- 400 hangers were donated so far (mainly by Teresa)
- Donations are open now however we do not have a space
 - Current donations can be taken to the graduate commons

6b) Discussion and Approval of the Creation of a GPSA Ad Hoc Housing Committee (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and formation of a [GPSA Ad Hoc Housing Committee](#) to function for the duration of the 2023-2024 school year. This committee will be comprised of GPSA members and tasked with collecting data surrounding graduate and professional student experiences with housing in the surrounding area.

- New UNLV administration are aware that it's an issue that GPSA is focusing on – we now need to collect data on housing situations graduate student
- Data collected from student affairs may be able to help us with this process
- We want to know from this study
 - What type of housing students want
 - What issues they face when trying to get housing
 - What prices are like

- What areas they want to live in
- Issues with student housing contracts
- Do graduates want on campus housing?
 - Family housing?
 - Multi- generational housing?
- This will be probably be collected in the form of a survey
- Graduate student can do this instead of a hiring an outside entity
- We can gain access from ongoing student affairs research on housing location of graduate student, while GPSA creates a survey
- We need to make the case that graduate student housing is necessary and immediate which can be done with data
- We need help so we are building a committee
- People interested in joining ad hoc housing committee
 - Teresa Marie
 - Devin Lopez
 - Emily Amarillo
 - Devin Krystek
 - Tyler Rodney
 - Drue Sahuc
 - Jaimie Garlington
 - Kaylee O'Donnell
 - Sai Phani Parsa
 - Tyler Piscioti
 - Alicia Carr
 - Even Falkenthal
- Motion to approve names for the record vice president Evan Faulkenthal Seconded by Drue Sahuc
- Motion approved unanimously
 - First committee meeting will take place sometime in august

6c) Appointment of GPSA Engagement & Outreach Director (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests the discussion and approval of Meagan Evans to serve as the GPSA Director of Engagement & Outreach in the President's Cabinet for the 2023-2024 school year.

Plans for Meagan:

- GPSA Homecoming booth organization
- Research forum / Collab with the grad college (rebel advantage program will now take place at the research forum)
- Gathering more volunteers and more high-quality work
- Create graduate student polling for new events
- More general graduate college events
- Grad mixers before symphonies and graduate student showcases and events
 - Email Jaimie Garlington for ideas at garlingt@unlv.nevada.edu or gpsa.eo@unlv.edu
- VP asks for help with fundraising from engagement and outreach director
 - Perhaps from a silent auction?
- After the august council meeting we should gather together for a mixer or maybe dinner for a social event Motion to approve Meagan Evans a GPSA Engagement and Outreach Director
 - Motion by VP Evan Falkenthal
 - Seconded by Drue Sahuc

- Unanimously approved

6d) Discussion of Changes to GPSA Ways & Means Operating Policy (Information Only)

Treasurer Marie will present the changes to the GPSA Ways & Means Operating Policy, including adjustments to the graduate student organization funding policy, which were approved by the Ways & Means Committee at their 43-01 meeting.

New updates - up and running - team dynamics- we have some applicants that have already come through

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

i) GPSA and Grad College Open House: August 28th 10am-4pm

- @ the graduate commands
- We need volunteers let us know if you are interested!

ii) Cabinet Applications & Chief of Staff

- Communication and marketing and chief of staff application are now open
- Any rule followers?
 - Chief of staff is the job for you- it's a high-level role and you get paid!

iii) First Gen week November 6th-10th

- Application are due Oct 13th
- Link here: <https://www.unlv.edu/news/unlvtoday/first-generation-celebration-week-nov-6-10-2023>

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

- Emily Arriviello from the social work department comments:
- The student wellness center is offering a free Suicide prevention training
 - 3 offerings
 - Kognito (online one-hour training)
 - QPR in person 2-hour training that goes over how to recognize the signs of suicide
 - Mental health first aid (6-8-hour class that goes over substance abuse and overdose prevention)
 - For more information visit:
<https://www.unlv.edu/news/article/grant-expands-unlvs-suicide-prevention-training>
 - No further comments

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45pm FOR POSSIBLE ACTION