



The Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-05

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

5:30-7:00 PM

HYBRID LOCATION

IN PERSON: University Gateway Building (GTW)

2nd floor, Gather Meeting Room

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

VIRTUAL: <https://unlv.zoom.us/j/7028952261>

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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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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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

2023-2024 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

College	Department	Name	Attendance
Lee Business School:	Accounting	VACANT	
	Business Administration	VACANT	
	Economics	Natalia Fonseca-Cortes	
	Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech.	VACANT	
Dental Medicine:	Dental Medicine	Tyler Pisciotta	
College of Education:	Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv.	Carli Barnum	
	Early Childhood, Multilingual & Spec. Ed	VACANT	
	Teaching & Learning	Claudia Chiang-Lopez	
	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	
College of Engineering:	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Gabson Baguma	
	Computer Science	Sai Phani Krishna Parsa	
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Olufemi Olubode	
	Mechanical Engineering	Devin Krystek	
College of Fine Arts:	Architecture	VACANT	
	Art	Karla Lagunas	
	Film	VACANT	
	Music	VACANT	
College of Hospitality:	Theatre	Leah Procita	
	Hospitality Management	Jaimi Garlington	
	Hotel Administration	Mana Azizoltani	
	Integrated Health Sciences:	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill
Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences		VACANT	
Physical Therapy		VACANT	
Brain Health		VACANT	

Boyd School of Law:	Law	Maggie Rose O'Flaherty	
College of Liberal Arts:	Anthropology	Emily Edmonds	
	English	Carlos Tkacz	
	History	Tyler Rodney	
	Political Science	Devin Lopez	
	Psychology	VACANT	
	Sociology	Drue Sahuc	
	World Languages & Cultures	VACANT	
School of Medicine:	Couple & Family Therapy	VACANT	
	Medicine	Stephanie Wang	
School of Nursing:	Nursing	TBD	
School of Public Health:	Environmental & Occupational Health	Emylia Terry	
	Healthcare Administration & Policy	Ernest Cornejo	
	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	Amruta Godbole	
	Social & Behavioral Health	VACANT	
College of Urban Affairs:	Communication Studies	VACANT	
	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	
	Journalism & Media Studies	VACANT	
	Public Policy & Leadership	Kaylee O'Donnell	
	Social Work	Keva Francis	
College of Sciences:	Chemistry & Biochemistry	VACANT	
	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	
	Life Sciences	VACANT	
	Mathematical Sciences	Keoni Castellano	
	Physics & Astronomy	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.

GPSA MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

- Emily Arriviello, Social Work
- Meagan Evans, Social Work
- Dionne Stanfill, Law
- Amrit Shai, Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Burak Sahin, Teaching & Learning

Members of the Public Present:

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

INFORMATION ONLY

ROLL CALL

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

3a) CONSENT AGENDA:

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

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

• President

- Welcome new Department Representatives & Members-at-Large!
 - Council Duties & Obligations
 - Understanding NOML and Robert's Rules
- Info for All Colleges!
 - Access to supplemental dental/vision healthcare: <https://unlvgin.myahpcare.com/>
- Housing Study Updates
- Call for GPSA Director of Communications & Marketing

• Vice President

- Sponsorship Committee Updates
- Workshops posted for Fall 2023

• Treasurer

- Budget Report – expenditures and revenue
- FAFSA date change
- Board of Regents Updates

• Secretary

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.

- 2023-2024 GPSA Calendars available for pick up in the Graduate Commons, LLB 2141
- Headshots – Email to gpsa@unlv.edu for inclusion on the GPSA Council Members webpage.

4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

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

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units

- Graduate College Updates – Dean Alyssa Crittenden and Associate Dean Valarie Burke
 - [My Professional Origin Story Series](#)
- Department/ College 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.

None.

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 GPSA Members to External Committees (for possible action)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of GPSA members to internal and external GPSA and University-wide committees. Vacancies will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis with approval from the respective chair of each committee and full approval by the GPSA Council. All members of GPSA are eligible to serve on an internal or external committee. Committee list is subject to change.

Current Openings:

1. UNLV Parking & Transportation Committee
2. UNLV Dining Advisory Board
3. UNLV Intercollegiate Athletics Council

UNLV Graduate College Committees ([Sign-Up link here](#)):

4. Graduate Course Review Committee (GCRC)
5. Graduate Program Review Committee (GPRC)
6. Awards2: Doctoral Awards/Faculty Awards (GAWC-2)
7. Postdoctoral Advisory Board

6b) Appointment of GPSA Director of Operations (for possible action)

President Thomas requests the discussion and confirmation of Naseem Benjelloun to serve as the GPSA Director of Operations in the President’s Cabinet for the 2023-2024 school year.

6c) Q&A with Tracy Johnson – Director of RPC (information only)

The Graduate College requests time for a Q & A with the Director of Retention, Progression, and Completion, Tracy Johnson. RPC at UNLV refers to the retention, progression, and completion (or graduation) of UNLV graduate students. No action will be taken.

6d) Consideration and Approval of GPSA AY 2023-2024 Budget Allocations (for possible action)

President Thomas calls for the discussion and approval of funding allocations for the upcoming year. Recommended annual budget was approved by the GPSA Ways & Means Committee. The annual budget requires approval from the GPSA Council.

6e) Consideration and Approval of GPSA AY 2023-2024 Annual Goals (for possible action)

President Thomas requests time for a presentation and discussion of the proposed annual goals for GPSA. 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.

6f) Discussion of Ongoing Projects in GPSA (information only)

President Thomas will use this time to provide updates on current GPSA initiatives and to solicit feedback from GPSA Council representatives. No action will be taken on these items.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- **Upcoming Events:**

Questions? Email Meagan Evans, gpsa.eo@unlv.edu

1. Trash Bash at Wetlands Park, Saturday 9/23! 9AM – 11AM
 - Volunteer Sign up: <https://forms.gle/S7w7EasfnVn42Jm76>
 - Free GPSA Grad Rebel t-shirt for volunteers! All are welcome.

2. My Professional Origin Story Series

- [President Whitfield @ Wed Oct 4, 2023 11:30am - 1pm](#)

Rebel Homecoming Week GPSA Events

3. Spook-Tacular Costume Party!

- Date and location will be shared soon!

4. Homecoming Festival Oct. 18 – Volunteers Needed

- Homecoming Volunteer sign up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rw6B2G5LXXTxIM_LfUInmP3rP78mIfSH3wd3u-lh6j8/edit?usp=sharing

5. Treasurer Hunt – Follow GPSA on social media!

- Find the GPSA Treasurer at home football games, win a prize bag!

6. GPSA 5K! Jan. 20, 2024

- Registration to open early November. Open to all.

- Professional Closet available for all students – BEH 205

- “Get That Published” Cohort applications

- Call for Applications: GPSA Director of Communications & Marketing

- Application link:

https://unlv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efUkWXwxGUZIHg

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

9) ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION