



The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-06

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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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EXECUTIVE BOARD 5:36

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

2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

| College | Department | Name | Attendance |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Lee Business School: | Accounting | Omgema Dut Ayai | x |
| | Business Administration | VACANT | |
| | Economics | VACANT | |
| | Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech. | VACANT | |
| Dental Medicine: | Dental Medicine | Tyler Pisciotta | x |
| College of Education: | Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv. | Carli Barnum | a |
| | Early Childhood, Multilingual & Special Education | Elena Mendoza | x |
| | Teaching & Learning | Claudia Chiang-Lopez | x |
| | Educational Psychology & Higher Education | Jennifer Fletcher | x |
| College of Engineering: | Civil & Environmental Engineering | Gabson Baguma | a |
| | Computer Science | Sai Phani Krishna Parsa | x |
| | Electrical & Computer Engineering | Olufemi Olubode | a |
| | Mechanical Engineering | Devin Krystek | x |
| College of Fine Arts: | Architecture | VACANT | |
| | Art | Karla Lagunas | x |
| | Film | Victoria Marshall | x |
| | Music | VACANT | a |
| | Theatre | Leah Procita | x |
| College of Hospitality: | Hospitality Management | Jaimi Garlington | x |

| College | Department | Name | Attendance |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Hotel Administration | Mana Azizsoltani | a |
| Integrated Health Sciences: | Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences | Gregory Gill | a |
| | Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences | VACANT | |
| | Physical Therapy | Katie Bricarell | x |
| | Brain Health | VACANT | |
| Boyd School of Law: | Law | Blanca Peña | x |
| College of Liberal Arts: | Anthropology | Emily Edmonds | x |
| | English | Carlos Tkacz | x |
| | History | Tyler Rodney | x |
| | Political Science | Devin Lopez | x |
| | Psychology | Richard Chang | x |
| | Sociology | Drue Sahuc | x |
| | World Languages & Cultures | VACANT | |
| School of Medicine: | Couple & Family Therapy | Melissa Ceballos | x |
| | Medicine | Stephanie Wang | x |
| School of Nursing: | Nursing | Kevin Dangler | x |
| School of Public Health: | Environmental & Occupational Health | Emylia Terry | x |
| | Healthcare Administration & Policy | Ernest Cornejo | x |
| | Epidemiology & Biostatistics | Amruta Godbole | x |
| | Social & Behavioral Health | VACANT | |
| College of Urban Affairs: | Communication Studies | VACANT | |
| | Criminal Justice | Jordyn Sanders | x |
| | Journalism & Media Studies | VACANT | |

| College | Department | Name | Attendance |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | Public Policy & Leadership | Kaylee O'Donnell Proxy: Ann Savage | x |
| | Social Work | Emily Arriviello | x |
| College of Sciences: | Chemistry & Biochemistry | VACANT | |
| | Geoscience | Sierra Ramsey | x |
| | Life Sciences | Thomas Crippen | a |
| | Mathematical Sciences | Keoni Castellano | x |
| | 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:

Meagan Evans, Social Work
Dionne Stanfill, Law
Amrit Shai, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Burak Sahin, Teaching & Learning
Ravi Batra, Environmental & Occupational Health
Amber Ciravolo, Geoscience
Joseph Cadiz, Nursing
Ryan Rezaei, Hospitality Management
Joseph Noce, History
Francesca Howard, Nursing
Susan Dakwa, Social & Behavioral Health
Raven Brown, Public Policy & Leadership

Members of the Public Present:

Penny Wolkiewicz -Criminal Justice
Lilah Hearn-political science
Esther Pla-Cazares-public policy
Alejandro Rodrigues- Business administration

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 the August 2023 and September 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!
 - President Thomas is present virtually.
 - Let us know if you have any questions about your duties as council members.
 - December board of regent agenda
 - Likely to have more student fee coming up soon in the NSHE system.
 - This board meeting will be Nov. 30-dec1st here at UNLV.
 - The fee increase is happening to support salary increases for the staff.
 - This is needed and necessary to improve rates of staff retention.
 - Housing Study Updates
 - Many of you are involved.
 - Alyssa (Dean Crittenden) is in the house.
 - Updates will come as available.
 - If you want to get involved more, please let us know.
 - We will be going over some GPSA Goals later in the meeting.
- Vice President
 - Sponsorship Committee Updates
 - Finished the first cycle of the fall semester.
 - If anyone is looking for funding direct them to our website linked here:
 - Go to the workshops!

- Websites are now much clearer.
- More user friendly and all information on sponsorship
- We need 2 new members for sponsorship committee.
- Future budget:
 - We have a roll over from the pandemic budget.
 - We are trying to spend it down.
 - Hoping to get more avenues for funding.
- Treasurer
 - Budget Report – expenditures and revenue
 - We are making the report prettier.
 - But for now, it a spread sheet: [view here](#)
 - If you want to see the breakdown of where your fees come from you can see it on this document
 - Dental and law school play a per head count fee- slightly different from other graduate student's fee cost
 - We have about 20,000 for research fees (for equipment, other department research expenses)
 - November 10 will be grad student appreciation day.
 - You will have 4 free tickets for this night per grad student.
 - Tickets [here](#)
 - We will be on FOX that night.
 - Let's tailgate!
 - If you have a truck or large vehicle, we've got extra parking spots.
- Secretary
 - Cap and gown application for fall the closes on Friday the Oct. 20th.
- Chief of Staff
 - None
- Engagement & Outreach Director
 - Get involved with the costume party!
 - Flyer is up on Instagram and an email will be sent out soon.
 - 10/17
 - We set up at 5.
 - Let us know if you want to get involved with other events
- Operations Director
 - None

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.

- We are offering a lot of sponsorship workshop.
- We are doing an NSA mixer before the board of regents meeting.
 - @ grad common Nov. 29th @6pm

4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

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

- Sponsorship-
 - The dental school doesn't utilize our program very much because there are very few things, they need to use the fund for
 - But there is a specific event for them to go to if they want to do research.
 - But if they are moving into specialized areas a dentistry, they may need funding to create a special program to support that thing.
 - In the future we will likely create a special pot of money for them
 - VP will be serving as an abstract review for the committee.
 - This is an opportunity to help the dental school feel more comfortable as a part of the greater campus community.
- APIA has a Halloween party on the 13th.
- Student union 201a

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units

- Updates from Graduate College- Dean Alyssa Crittenden and Associate Dean Valarie Burke
 - We have special guest for today, a regular for tomorrow: Dante Walter
 - GA coordinator and advocate
 - She will be a liaison between the grad college and GA's.
 - She come from the academic success center with a lot of expertise in issue regarding student success.
 - She knows the UNLV academic success space very well
 - Erica and Alyssa met to talk about GA onboarding and appointment.
 - They are aware of the issues of GA's not receiving their paycheck, and healthcare to beginning their assistantships.
 - Work is being done to better support student and avoid issue like what was experienced by GA earlier this year.
 - Academic Job Search Demystified: next meeting October 12 @ the grad college.
 - We need better participation.
 - Faculty member with expertise participate on these panels to help student learn how to be competitive in the academic job market.
- Events

- My professional origin stories speaker series
 - Very impactful talks of people who
 - Next one in December- Dr. Harris of the nursing department
 - Rebel Gad slam 3 min thesis November 27th – Dec 1st
 - Finals December 1st Greenspun
 - October 10 workshop @1pm
 - All information of workshops is non the grad college website.
 - Also look at the newsletter
 - It does not take long to look through it.

- Department/ College Updates
 - Emily- town hall for social work open to other departments with require unpaid practicums / internships.
 - Sat oct 7th 10-2 at the grad commons

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) Appointment of GPSA Members to Committees

President Thomas request the appointment of GPSA members to external UNLV Committees. All members of GPSA are eligible to serve on an internal or external committee. The committee list is subject to change.

Current Openings:

UNLV Parking & Transportation Committee

UNLV Dining Advisory Board

UNLV Graduate College Committees:

Awards Committee 2

Postdoc Advisory Board

5b) Approval of 2023-2024 GPSA Annual Goals (for possible action)

President Thomas requests the discussion and approval of the 2023-2024 GPSA Annual Goals.

- Foster a sense of community among graduate and professional students:
 - Organize regular community-building events, workshops, and social gatherings.
 - Encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration through networking opportunities and events.
 - Collaborate with other student organizations to host interdisciplinary events.
- Document processes and update governing documents to match structural changes:
 - Conduct a comprehensive review of the GPSA constitution and bylaws.
 - Conduct a comprehensive review of the GPSA operating policies for standing committees.

- Ensure up-to-date records of meetings, decisions, and actions are organized and easy to find.
- Implement a knowledge base for easy access to important operational information.
- Document and/or develop processes for onboarding new members and officer transitions.
- Establish pipelines to and from GPSA:
 - Liaison with undergraduate student government and faculty committees.
 - Develop partnerships with UNLV and greater-Las Vegas communities.
- Improve marketing for and expand GPSA programs and resources:
 - Develop a comprehensive marketing plan to raise student awareness of GPSA and how we can help them.
 - Enhance the GPSA website and social media presence.
 - Seek new sources of funding to expand existing programs and services.
- Prioritize mental health for graduate and professional students:
 - Collaborate with the university's counseling services to offer specialized support and grow resources.
 - Promote existing or organize mental health workshops, stress reduction programs, and awareness campaigns.

Move: to approve votes

Unanimously 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) Appointment of Ways & Means Committee Chair (for possible action)

Treasurer Marie requests the discussion and approval of Devin Lopez to serve as the GPSA Ways & Means Committee Chair for the duration of the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Treasurer Marie to approved Devin Lopez as the chair of ways and means committee.

Seconded by Penny Wolkiewicz

Nia Smercina is excited

All in favor

Unanimously approved.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- i) **GPSA Halloween Party & Costume Contest! October 17th**
- ii) **Homecoming Festival: October 18th**
- iii) **Get that Published Cohort Applications: due 10/10**
 - **Cohort of people who are ready to work into a publishable document for open publication.**

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

- **Nia: Disconnect between faculty and student of expectations or graduate's students.**
- **Melissa Ceballos: for her department, first years are confused there is not a ton of direction- there is a climate survey.**
- **Emily Arrivello: maybe include issue about diversity equity and inclusion in the goals section.**
 - **Motion to include more language on this topic.**
 - **Second by: Devin Lopez**
 - **Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Carlos Tkacz: English department, Petitions are out for NSA**
 - **We need people to speak up about grad student reforms.**
 - **This groups are happy to help departments organize.**
 - **If you have question email Carlos (carlos.tkacz@unlv.edu)**
 - **(He loves emails so do it)**
- **Penny: Covid and flu shots available.**
 - **They are available here on campus with student health insurance**
- **Nia Smercina: First gen photo contest-check email coming soon**

9) ADJOURNMENT 7:15

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION