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**The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association**

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING *GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-08*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

5:30 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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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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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](https://www.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.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## 2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

| **College** | **Department** | **Name** | **Attendance** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Lee Business School:** | Accounting | Dut Ayai Omgema |  |
|  | Business Administration | Alejandro Rodriguez Lombeida |  |
|  | Economics | **VACANT** |  |
|  | Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech. | Amber Upton |  |
| **Dental Medicine:** | Dental Medicine | Tyler Pisciotta |  |
| **College of Education:** | Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv. | Carli Barnum |  |
|  | Early Childhood, Multilingual & Special Education | Ma Elena Mendoza |  |
|  | 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 | Victoria Marshall |  |
|  | Music | **VACANT** |  |
|  | Theatre | Leah Procita |  |
| **College of Hospitality:** | Hospitality Management | Jaimi Garlington |  |
|  | Hotel Administration | Mana Azizsoltani |  |
| **Integrated Health Sciences:** | Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences | Gregory Gill |  |
|  | Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences | **VACANT** |  |
|  | Physical Therapy | **VACANT** |  |
|  | Brain Health | **VACANT** |  |
| **Boyd School of Law:** | Law | Blanca Peña |  |
| **College of Liberal Arts:** | Anthropology | Emily Edmonds |  |
|  | English | Carlos Tkacz |  |
|  | History | Tyler Rodney |  |
|  | Political Science | Devin Lopez |  |
|  | Psychology | Richard Chang |  |
|  | Sociology | Drue Sahuc |  |
|  | World Languages & Cultures | **VACANT** |  |
| **School of Medicine:** | Couple & Family Therapy | Melissa Ceballos |  |
|  | Medicine | Stephanie Wang |  |
| **School of Nursing:** | Nursing | Kevin Dangler |  |
| **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 | Emily Arriviello |  |
| **College of Sciences:** | Chemistry & Biochemistry | David King |  |
|  | Geoscience | Sierra Ramsey |  |
|  | Life Sciences | Thomas Crippen |  |
|  | Mathematical Sciences | Keoni Castellano |  |
|  | Physics & Astronomy | **VACANT** |  |
| **Interdisciplinary Programs:** | Integrated Health Sciences | **VACANT** |  |
|  | Data Analytics & Cybersecurity | Katie Bricarell |  |

\*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

Lila Hearn, Political Science

Penny Wolkiewicz, Emergency Crisis Management

Dionne Stanfill, Law

Amrit Shahi, 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

Frincesca Howard, Nursing

Susan Dakwa, Social & Behavioral Health

Raven Brown, Public Policy & Leadership

Jennifer Napoles, Chemistry & Biochemistry

## Members of the Public Present:

## AGENDA

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

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

**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 November 2023 Council Meeting as emailed out and posted to the public [GPSA Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Oo98zs8AtohNDPvbCTa0qRTztkexoxNb).

1. **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS** INFORMATION ONLY

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

* + - President
      * [Written Reports](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y0QNsHf381p84OVP5-BLQ_xrh8LhS87-b4AviHGp9A4/edit?usp=sharing)
      * Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting Update
        + 11% COLA for faculty & staff in 2025, 5% registration fee increase
    - Vice President
      * Sponsorship Committee Updates
    - Treasurer
      * Budget Report – expenditures and revenue
    - Secretary
    - Chief of Staff
    - Engagement & Outreach Director
      * GPSA 5K - January 20th, 2024
        + [Link is live](http://engage.unlv.edu/frostyfrolic24) for sign-ups!
        + if you sign up you get a shirt, water bottle, and bib
        + Anyone can attend as long as they pay the fee!
        + Need volunteers to assist, [form is created](https://forms.gle/jcdXFwtTFyPr9Fdj7) to send out.
      * GPSA 26th Annual Research Forum- call for department involvement
    - Operations Director

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

* Call for faculty judges and abstract submission for 2024 Research Forum
* Please email [virgina.smercina@unlv.edu](mailto:virgina.smercina@unlv.edu) and [gpsa@unlv.edu](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu) if you’re graduating this semester (Fall 2023) or Spring 2024

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

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

**4d) UNLV Departments/ Other Units**

* + - Updates from Graduate College
    - Department/ College Updates
    - NVGSW Updates

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.*

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) Presentation from Student Affairs Regarding Proposed Changes to the UNLV Student Union (Information Only)**

President Thomas requests time for a presentation from Deanna Merino Contino surrounding the proposed renovations for the Student Union. No action will be taken on this item, but time will be allotted for discussion and questions.

**6b) Appointment of Election Commission Members for 2024 Executive Board Elections (For Possible Action)**

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of three (3) nominees to serve on the Elections Commission for the 2024 GPSA Executive Board elections. This committee is established by the GPSA Bylaws and is composed of GPSA Council members or Members-at-Large. Those who wish to serve on the committee may not intend to run in the 2024 Executive Board election.

**6c) Discussion of GPSA Annual Awards & Potential Establishment of Ad Hoc Awards Committee (For Possible Action)**

President Thomas requests time to discuss the process of the GPSA Annual Awards. If the Council deems appropriate, members of GPSA may be appointed to serve on an Ad Hoc Awards committee, which will work to review current award language and establish a new rubric for scoring the awards.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** INFORMATION ONLY
   1. **GPSA 5K participation and volunteers- January 20th, 2024**
   2. **Research Forum: Saturday, April 6th, 2024!**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

1. **ADJOURNMENT** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION