



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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Nicole Juliana Thomas	Evan Falkenthal	Teresa Marie	Aliciah Carr

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	Department	Name	Attendance
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	

College	Department	Name	Attendance
	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
Francesca 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

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of minutes of previous meetings.

3a) CONSENT AGENDA:

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

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

- President
 - [Written Reports](#)
 - 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](#) 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](#) 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 and 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

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.

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) 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.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- i) GPSA 5K participation and volunteers- January 20th, 2024**
- ii) Research Forum: Saturday, April 6th, 2024!**

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

9) ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION