



The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-04

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 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	a
College of Urban Affairs	School of Social Work	Meagan Evans	a
College of Engineering	Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction	Amrit Shahi	x
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	a
Integrated Health Sciences	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill	x
College of Sciences	Mathematical Sciences	Keoni Castellano	x
College of Education	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	x
Dental Medicine	Dental Medicine	Tyler Pisciotta	Proxy: Tanner Hunt
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 of Liberal Arts	Anthropology	Emily Edmonds	a

College	Department	Name	Attendance
College of Sciences	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	Proxy: Amber Cirravolo 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	x
College of Engineering	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Olufemi Olubode	x
College of Engineering	Civil Engineering	Aderemi Gbadamosi	a
College of Urban Affairs	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	Proxy Teresa Marie
Lee Business School	Executive MBA	Karla Vazquez	a
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	a
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
School of Medicine	Couple & Family Therapy	Darlyn Magana	E

*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:

GPSA Manager Virginia Smercina , Graduate College Rep Valerie Burke

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

- 5:35

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

None

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 June & July 2023 (43-02 & 43-03) Council Meeting as emailed out and posted to the public [GPSA Drive](#).
 - Approved

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

- **President**

- Updates on Professional Development closet
 - There is space for students to come and pickup professional clothes provided by the business school
 - You can find this BEH 205
 - You can just walk in and take what you need
 - They dry clean everything
 - Open to all who are students
 - Let people in your department know that this service is available
 - Let GPSA know if there are things we can add
- Updates on President's Society
 - GPSA is reaching out to other (ie bsa, Latinx graduate student alliance) student governments to meet
 - Looking to throw new community events and socials
- UNLV Homecoming Festivities
 - October 18 is homecoming week
 - Meagan Director of engagement and outreach is now speaking (5:49pm)
 - Pre-event that is Halloween themed
 - Costume contest
 - Opinions?

- There may soon be an opportunity for open access publishing through the library
 - They are currently asking gpsa with grant writing help to fund this endeavor
 - More information to come
- GPSA proposes to hire Graduate students part time for tutoring services
 - This will take the for of a consulting service that will provide students help with Statistics, research design and grant writing
 - This is a work in progress
 - If there are other areas of high need let us know
 - Data will be collected for this pilot program so we can understand ehat is need and possibly get funding to expand from the graduate college
 - This will be able to qualify for the allotted additional 10 hours for GA's
 - All graduate students with appropriate experience are welcome to apply
- Board of Regents meeting is on August 29th @9am
 - We might have a new chancellor
- **Vice President**
 - Sponsorship Updates & Changes
 - New operating policies for sponsorship were approved and are in effect
 - The next step is to make sure all the language matches on the website
 - This month policy rule will not be as strict
 - Budget for scholarship is sufficient
 - We won't run out of money (YAY!)
 - Reach out if you would like a training for applying for sponsorship
 - Contact VP or Teresia (sponsorship secretary)
- **Treasurer**
 - Budget Report and Budget Approval
 - Originally GPSA was supposed to have 5 new accounts, but we have 7
 - There are currently 9
 - Funding is being sent to multiple avenues
 - We (mostly Nia) are working on fixing and organizing
 - Reports for this month will be postponed
 - PG00614 and PG17877 have been discontinued
 - Dental and Law currently pay extra fees for GPSA and we are getting rid of these
- **Secretary**
 - Let me know if I'm pronouncing your name wrong
 - Feel free to send me the phonetical spelling- trust me I understand what it like to have people mispronounce my name.

- **Engagement and outreach**

- Social at Bahama breeze tonight after the meeting- appetizers covered by GPSA
 - Events that to come:
 - LinkedIn event
 - Professional headshots
 - Wetlands volunteer serves (email coming soon)
 - Trash bash will be on September 23 @8:40 am
 - We will be picking up trash at the wetland
 - Let us know if you have any other event suggestions: email Meagan-gpsa.eo@unlv.edu

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.

4c) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

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

none

4d) UNLV Departments/ Units

- Updates from Graduate College- Dean Alyssa Crittenden and Associate Dean Valarie Burke
 - Spring graduation- all degrees conferred
 - Record number PhD student graduated – there where 172
 - 938 total graduates
 - Many departments are hosting pre-semester orientation events lists on the student support spot website
 - Flyers will be coming soon
 - Take what you need from the student support spot in the student union ballroom once a month
 - UNLV creates is next Friday-August 26th
 - Rebel ready week is next week
 - This is for both undergrad and grad students
 - Bridge is being piloted
 - Stem focused- to help fist gen student acclimated to college life
 - Will eventually build to peer mentorship program
 - Grad college home page has been updated! (Check it out)
 - Graduate college leaders will be appearing more in meeting
 - Scholar ship deadlines are due In October

- Department/ College Updates
- The portal will be opening soon in grad rebel gate way

None

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.

Postponed until September

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.

Postponed

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 Council Members to Graduate College Committees (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion and approval of GPSA members to the Graduate College Committees. Nominations will be accepted during the meeting and approved by the Council.

- Committees must be appointed by the 22nd
- List will be included in a follow up email
- The spreadsheet to sign up can be found in the email sent by secretary

*Please sign up for this so Nicole doesn't have to serve on all of them *

6b) Appointment of GPSA Chief of Staff (For Possible Action)

President Thomas requests the discussion and approval of Devin Krystek to serve as the GPSA Chief of Staff in the President's Cabinet for the 2023-2024 school year.

Vote to appoint: None opposed

Unanimous approval

6c) Call for New Business Items (Information Only)

President Thomas requests agenda items for the 2023 September Council meeting. No action will be taken on these items.

- Housing committee- meeting is scheduled with Keith Rodgers – Dean Crittenden will act as a committee so we can get IRB approval
- Grad college will now be a part of basic needs survey

- Over the course of the next year, we hope to be able to collect, report and make it into a digital format to demonstrate need
- This can become a capital improvement project so we can receive funding for housing projects
- Application for open access publishing will be sent out soon keep your eyes peeled

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

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

- Call for volunteers: email gpsa.eo@unlv.edu!
 - Come if you are able – volunteer if you are able

ii) Let us know if you are coming back

- Council representative that are planning to come back need to fill our registration form online
- Please fill out representative registration form linked [here](#)
- If you have suggestion replacement, send them the form as well

iii) Student health insurance is having issues with enrollment

- For those who have experience a lapse – email gpsa at unlv.edu so we can follow up

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

GPSA Social after meeting at Bahama breeze

9) ADJOURNMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Meeting adjourned @6:43pm