



The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-07

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 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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Nicole Juliana Thomas x	Evan Falkenthal x	Teresa Marie	Aliciah Carr x

2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

College	Department	Name	Attendance
Lee Business School:	Accounting	Ongema Dut Ayai	x
	Business Administration	Alejandro Rodriguez Lombeida	x
	Economics	VACANT	
	Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech.	Amber Upton	x
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	x
	Teaching & Learning	Claudia Chiang-Lopez	
	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	x
College of Engineering:	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Gabson Baguma Proxy:Meena Ejjada	x
	Computer Science	Sai Phani Krishna Parsa	x
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Olufemi Olubode	x
	Mechanical Engineering	Devin Krystek	
College of Fine Arts:	Architecture	VACANT	
	Art	Karla Lagunas	x
	Film	Victoria Marshall	x
	Music	VACANT	
	Theatre	Leah Procita	

College	Department	Name	Attendance
College of Hospitality:	Hospitality Management	Jaimi Garlington	x
	Hotel Administration	Mana Azizoltani	
Integrated Health Sciences:	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill	x
	Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences	VACANT	
	Physical Therapy	VACANT	
	Brain Health	VACANT	
Boyd School of Law:	Law	Blanca Peña	x
College of Liberal Arts:	Anthropology	Emily Edmonds Proxy: Kara Jones	x
	English	Carlos Tkacz	x
	History	Tyler Rodney	x
	Political Science	Devin Lopez	x
	Psychology	Richard Chang	x
	Sociology	Drue Sahuc Proxy: Torisha Khonach	x
	World Languages & Cultures	VACANT	
	School of Medicine:	Couple & Family Therapy	Melissa Ceballos
	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	Department	Name	Attendance
College of Urban Affairs:	Communication Studies	VACANT	
	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	x
	Journalism & Media Studies	VACANT	
	Public Policy & Leadership	Kaylee O'Donnell	a
	Social Work	Emily Arriviello	x
College of Sciences:	Chemistry & Biochemistry	VACANT	
	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	x
	Life Sciences	Thomas Crippen	x
	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
- Lila Hearn, Political Science
- 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
- Penny Wolkiewicz-Emergency and Crisis Mgmt MS
- Katie Bricarell - Interdisciplinary

Members of the Public Present:

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

5:39pm

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 October 2023 Council Meeting as emailed out and posted to the public [GPSA Drive](#).

- Motion by Torisha Khonach
- Second by Karla Lagunas

4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

4a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees

- President
 - New [Written Reports](#) & Meeting Format
 - This is a system that undergraduate have used in the past
 - This has the reports that the executive board would like to go through
 - GPSA Calendar Access & Google Drive
- Vice President
 - Sponsorship Committee Updates
 - Website is not yet up but will likely be up in the next week or two.
 - If you have question on operations
 - Send questions to VP Evan.
 - Go to one of the workshops.
 - We will let you know when the website is updated.
 - Call for Additional Committee Reviewer- open to Council & Members-at-Large.
 - Open to all council members or member at large
 - 3 extra possible people are needed to fill a missing spot and to create a new reviewing group.
- Treasurer
 - Grad Rebel Appreciation Night! November 10th, 2023
 - Get tickets on November 5th.

- There will be Canes and GPSA merch.
 - Ernest question: clarification- it is 3 additional tickets 4 total
 - Budget Report – expenditures and revenue
- Secretary
 - None
- Chief of Staff
 - Challenge Coins for Involvement
 - A new expression of the volunteer work that people do for GPSA
 - VP Falkenthal approves.
 - Accompany it by a certificate?
 - People have indicated that they are interested in these challenge coins.
 - Perhaps it could be turned into a pin.
 - Give us your designs ideas.
- Engagement & Outreach Director
 - GPSA 5K Announcement- January 20th, 2024
 - Finally on the books
 - frosty folic fun run walk
 - We need volunteers!
 - question- email us we need your help.
 - invite all your friends- walk or run.
 - You can also spectate.
 - We may possibly also have Mimosas for spectators.
 - First-Gen Celebration Week & Event: November 8th, 2023
 - We need volunteers.
- Operations Director

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)

- Jamie Garlington: Hospitality college
 - 3 days of dean search
 - New dean at the start of spring semester

4d) UNLV Departments/ Other Units

- Updates from Graduate College- Dean Alyssa Crittenden and Associate Dean Valarie Burke
 - Still accepting participants for rebel grand slam
 - Accepting nominations until December first for outstanding grad student and thesis and dissertation awards
 - Free headshots at the graduate commons
 - Professional origin story
 - Second one is on December 4th.
 - Ernest: past issues free with photos, and headshot
 - In the past theory where from a student in the cabinet they came out blurry- now we are going through UNLV photo services
 - Introduction of Graduate Student Advocate
 - Dante Walter- GA program coordinator and advocate
 - Grad financial service
 - Scholarship and Fellowship
 - Open until December 1st
 - FAFSA doesn't need to be completed by the time you apply but by the time you are awarded.
 - There is a how to video online.
 - Emergency retention grant
 - Emergencies only
 - Not a semesterly scholarship
 - Application is review weekly.
 - Meet with faculty member to sign off on application.
 - Start you GA ship for Fall 2024 now.
 - Stay tuned for improvement.
 - Contact info: dante.walter@unlv.edu
 - Ceecee also in the room- also a great resource for us
- Department/ College Updates
 - [Karla Lagunas](#)- art walk tomorrow November 3rd - 7:30 pm
 - On the north end of campus at the beginning of Harmon
 - Look a signage
 - Open to the public
- NV GSW Updates
- [Carlos Tkacz](#)-looking at affiliation with other unions.
 - information with grievances is getting collected.
 - Grievances for GPSA:
 - Communication and Funding Accessibility

- Haven't received the appropriate amount of feedback.
- No funding for participate recruitment.
 - They want this policy to be review.
 - We cannot fund a dollar amount request due to university policies.
- Transition period:
 - Streamlining to the transitional period
- Health care town hall is happening currently.

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

President Thomas requests the discussion and approval of the 2023-2024 GPSA Annual Goals, including proposed amendments from the October 2023 meeting.

- Last meeting we discussed integrating more diversity and equity and inclusion language edits: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ha0pAQHv8PaOBW9fUg3hMjHek-ATDZwi/view?usp=share_link
 - Motion: President Thomas
 - Second: Devin Krystek
 - 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) Creation of Additional GPSA Council Representative Seats for Interdisciplinary Programs (for possible action)

President Thomas requests the discussion and approval of the creation of an additional two Council representative seats for graduate and professional students enrolled in Interdisciplinary programs within the Graduate College. Students enrolled in these six programs will have two designated Council seats: Data Analytics and Cybersecurity (composed of two degree programs), and Health Sciences (composed of four degree programs).

- Seat for Cybersecurity and Data Analytics= 66
- Health Science 47
- Vote-
 - No oppositions
 - Unanimously approved.

6b) Discussion of Potential Upcoming Student Fee Increases & NSHE Budget Shortfalls (information only)

President Thomas requests time for the discussion of upcoming fee schedule changes and items that will be heard at the next quarterly Board of Regents meeting on November 30th-December 1st. No action may be taken on this item.

- Motion by: Torisha Khonach
- Seconded by Emily Arriviello

1. HEPI- information about how much tuition will increased based on inflation will be approved in the December quarterly meeting

2. COLA for faculty and staff
 - a. They have not received raises since 2001.
 - b. No to be helped by the funding structure of Nevada and other financial crisis.
 - c. We need to ask the state for money for higher education, education has been historically underfunded.
 - d. submit public comment online or in email.

3. External consultant company: a group that is responsible for not the best education decisions.
 - a. this organization is known for taking out DID
 - b. moving towards private funding as opposed to public funding.
 - c. unlikely that they will be working towards

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- i) **Grad Rebel Appreciation Night @ Allegiant Stadium: Friday, November 10th**
 - **Four free tickets for you, friends, family!**
 - Yourself +3
 - Go to the RTC transit center for free travel.
 - *They also do free rides for the hockey games*
 - Go to allegiant for paid parking.
 - **GPSA Tailgate at 5pm, kickoff at 7:45pm.**
- ii) **First-Gen Week- First to Fly Event in partnership with GRSO's and Grad College: November 8th @ Graduate Commons 3-6pm**
 - **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - **None**

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

8) ADJOURNMENT

9) 7:03pm

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION