



**The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association**

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

*GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 43-10*

### **Minutes**

THURSDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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

**VIRTUAL:** <https://unlv.zoom.us/j/7028952261>

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**2022-2023 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Lee Business School:</b>	Accounting	Omgema Dut Ayai	
	Business Administration	Alejandro Rodriguez Lombeida	x
	Economics	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech.	Amber Upton	
<b>Dental Medicine:</b>	Dental Medicine	Tyler Pisciotta	x
<b>College of Education:</b>	Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv.	Carli Barnum	x
	Early Childhood, Multilingual & Spec. Ed	Ma Elena Mendoza	
	Teaching & Learning	Claudia Chiang-Lopez	x
	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	x
<b>College of Engineering:</b>	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Gabson Baguma	x
	Computer Science	Sai Phani Krishna Parsa	x
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Daniela Nikoloska	x
	Mechanical Engineering	Devin Krystek	x
<b>College of Fine Arts:</b>	Architecture	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Art	Karla Lagunas	x
	Film	Victoria Marshall	x
	Music	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Theatre	Leah Procita	x
<b>College of Hospitality:</b>	Hospitality & Hotel Administration	Jaimi Garlington	e
<b>Integrated Health Sciences:</b>	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill	x

College	Department	Name	Attendance
	Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences	VACANT	
	Physical Therapy	VACANT	
	Brain Health	VACANT	
<b>Boyd School of Law:</b>	Law	Blanca Peña	x
<b>College of Liberal Arts:</b>	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	
<b>School of Medicine:</b>	Couple & Family Therapy	Melissa Ceballos	x
	Medicine	Stephanie Wang	
<b>School of Nursing:</b>	Nursing	Kevin Dangler	x
<b>School of Public Health:</b>	Environmental & Occupational Health	Emylia Terry	x
	Healthcare Administration & Policy	Ernest Cornejo	x
	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	Amruta Godbole	x
	Social & Behavioral Health	VACANT	
<b>College of Urban Affairs:</b>	Communication Studies	VACANT	
	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	x
	Journalism & Media Studies	VACANT	
	Public Policy & Leadership	<b>Silvia</b>	x
	Social Work	Emily Arriviello	x

<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>College of Sciences:</b>	Chemistry & Biochemistry	David King	x
	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	x
	Life Sciences	Thomas Crippen	x
	Mathematical Sciences	Keoni Castellano	x
	Physics & Astronomy	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Interdisciplinary Programs:</b>	Integrated Health Sciences	Katie Bricarell	x
	Data Analytics & Cybersecurity	<b>VACANT</b>	

\*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:**

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  
Kevin Nevarro, Political Science  
Brian Palmer, Teaching & Learning

**Members of the Public Present:**

## AGENDA

### 1) CALL TO ORDER 5:36

### 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 February 2024 (43-09) Council Meeting as posted to the public [GPSA Drive](#).

Motion:

Devin Krystek

Seconded Penny Wolkiewicz

Minute approved **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS** INFORMATION ONLY

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

- President
  - [Written Reports](#)
    - Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting Updates- Presidential Evaluation, 2025-2027 Funding Priorities
      - One of the regents made egregious comment about out trans and gender incentive comment.
        - More information can be found very clearly via google.
        - We can't do much about this because they have a 6-year term.
        - We are aware and are working on this situation.
      - Whitfield's contract has been renewed.
        - UNLV has acquired land to expand into a North Las Vegas campus.
        - Also doing graduate housing in this location
    - Tutoring Application for Statistics is now open.
      - [Link to application will be sent out in recap.](#)
    - Housing Study Updates
      - We are still actively working on this. More information coming soon.

- GPSA Awards, GPSA Exec Elections
    - Still being worked on
  - Vice President
    - Upcoming workshop for art students
      - Talk to Evan if you have any questions about sponsorship.
      - Willing to spend like a half hour answering questions about sponsorship.
      - Sponsorship funds a variety of things and it's for everyone's
        - We don't only fund conferences
        - There is a broad range of things we can help you with that require travel.
      - Appeals process.
        - An agenda item on the exec board
        - You can't change the information on you rapplication.
        - It's to challenge the scores from the reviews.
          - You can always resubmit.
          - We are building an FAQ.
        - Question (Gabson Baguma): Can we change the website- different format for appeals and resubmission?
          - Make website clearer.
        - Comment (Theresa Marie): maybe we could have a townhall for sponsorship.
        - Response (Evan Falkenthal): we can think about doing something like that.
- Treasurer
  - Graduate Registered Student Organization Town Hall- 3/5- Ways & Means Chair Devin Lopez
    - If you have any question, you can submit them to Teresa.
    - Doors cannot be replaced for insurance reasons –
    - If there are issue with blue light/ not lighting
      - Take a pic send it to Teresa so this can be worked on
      - We also need additional blue lights.
      - Penny (What time do they meet?)
      - Teresa (I don't know)
    - They are trying to work on creating subcommittees.
    - Scope of safety –
      - NSHE university safety
      - Download rebel safe app.
      - Turn on notifications.



- They also want to make sure people know what the rules are on the campus.
    - Making sure teaching assistant can lock doors from their phones.
  - Comment (Meagan Evans): professors have made it a rule to lock the door when class starts, and they can know once it's time to come in.
  - Any question reaches out.
  - Comment (David king): remote locking is a great idea – prevent needing to get up in active shooter citation.
  - (David King): Many of the doors are in our department are old and not updated for proximity locks.
  - Question (unknown): is there a plan for drills? For student or graduate assistant?
  - RSO funding
    - Town halls
      - There was a group that e support who raise money for law students.
      - Brought in 40,000 dollars for their organization.
      - 4200 where approved in the previous meeting
      - Some left over.
    - Balance (insert link)
    - We are well within our budget.
      - Spending it well
      - Working on RSO funding from accounts payable
- Secretary
  - None
- Chief of Staff
  - None
- Engagement & Outreach Director
  - Research forum
    - Please come and volunteer and present
      - You can co-present and volunteer if you have no work ready yet
      - Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>
      - There is a link.
      - Faculty can volunteer.
        - We need judges.

- We need well over 80 judges.
- If they have question have them send us their concerns
- Common questions:
  - What if I have 2 projects?
  - Only if you want to
  - You can assist us prior to forum.
  - You can volunteer if you didn't go to the conference to do research.
- Operations Director

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

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

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

**Comment (Emily Arrivello ): student conduct code of ethic board -Sanctions for student orgs Hazing**

**Comment (Carli Barnum)**

- **Update the Gottman method training- other opportunities for clinical types they are now 50% off and for faculty of staff.**
- **You can get lifetime access for this.**
- **Send Carli an email if you have any question.**

**\*College of engineering**

**Graduate symposium- a mini research forum, stay tuned for updates.**

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

- Nevada Graduate Student Workers
  - Carlos (Tkacz) Meeting was yesterday.
  - \*Plans going forward we are 60 short of signatures – pass this around
    - We are in convo with UAW (united auto workers)
    - It not just GA- other types of employees are included.
- Graduate College
  - Comments from Alyssa Crittenden & Donte Walker:
    - Attend MSI
    - More GA funding coming from the state.

- 2000 acres are coming from graduate student housing.
- GA Applications are due soon.
- Appointment is usually made by April.
- GA grievance form is now live.
- Spring break is coming up, you are not required by you GA contract to work for that week.
  - Question (Teresa Marie): Will checks be smaller?
  - Response (Donte Walker): No, this is already accounted for in your stipend contracts.

#### 4) 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) Preliminary Discussion of GPSA Fees for Fiscal Years 2026-2030 (Information Only)

GPSA Manager & Advisor requests time for the discussion of the budget outlook and potential programming changes for the 2025-2026 academic year. Time for discussion will be allotted to discuss the potential of changing the GPSA student fee in the 2026 fee cycle, with five different funding options presented to the Council.

- **GPSA fees are not enough.**
  - So many people are applying to sponsorship.
  - 25 dollars (per semester) for each student is not sustainable.
    - We will have to charge people more.
  - Open access journal funds
    - Is this still open.
  - We will need to ask for fee increases.
  - We have had a lot of rollovers since covid.
  - Information will be made available soon.
  - It is up to council to decide on if we should if fee increase and how much we should increase the fees.
    - GSA (the graduate association at UNR) Does per credit fees (\$11)
  - The proposal would be (see budget sheet for scenarios in GPSA google drive)
  - Not change in student enrollment numbers (so we won't have more student fees coming in)
  - Sponsorship is going to be incredibly competitive.
  - If student want to help us fundraise, please do.
    - We need to look at thing that we could be cutting.
    - What we can do we can show you different scenarios about what budget will be cut
    - A vote will be aid in April.
      - Student union team will be present.
      - Mental health services will also be here.
      - We will not talk at all in hour reports so can cut down on time. **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) None.

#### 5) ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INFORMATION ONLY

i) **Research Forum: Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Volunteer! Present!**

- **Reach out to Meagan with questions.**
- ii) **Letter with QUNLV is coming out tomorrow.**
- iii) **Election portal closes on Sunday.**

## **6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

- **Meagan Social work: one's student wants to pursue a thesis.**
  - Email link to survey will be sent soon.
  - Around 40 people are needed.

## **7) ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned @7:15pm

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION