

**The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association**  
*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

*GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 45-01*

Friday, May 9th, 2025  
3:00 PM

### **HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING:**

**IN PERSON:** LIED LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR, Graduate Commons Conference  
Room

**VIRTUAL:** <https://unlv.zoom.us/my/gpsa.meeting.room>

**PASSCODE:** GPSAUNLV

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTE:**

### **PERTAINING TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS:**

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Section 1 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006") issued by the State of Nevada Executive Department. If a physical location is required for the meeting, participants may be able to access the livestream by visiting the Graduate Commons at the Lied Library 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Public Comment may be submitted via email to [\*\*gpsapresident@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsapresident@unlv.edu).

Messages received by 9:00 AM on the Monday prior to the meeting may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other public comment form submissions and/or voicemails received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be transcribed and included in the permanent record.

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<https://unlv.zoom.us/my/gpsa.meeting.room>

### **CONTINUED:**

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.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Copies of the reference materials that are distributed at the meeting may be requested by emailing the Executive Board at [\*\*gpsa@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu).

This meeting's agenda has been posted in accordance with NRS 241.020. Copies of the agenda and reference material will be made available as follows: 1. Digitally at the [UNLV.edu/GPSA/Agendas](https://unlv.edu/GPSA/Agendas) and the Nevada Public Notice Website, 2. Physically located on the First Floor of the Lied Library at 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 3. Physically located in the Carol C. Harter Classroom Building Complex (CHB) at 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability attending the meeting. Please email the GPSA Manager at [\*\*gpsa@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu) in advance so that arrangements may be made.

### **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**

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Devin Lopez	<input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carr	<input type="checkbox"/> Olalekan Balogun	<input type="checkbox"/> Laurencia Bonsu

**PRESIDENT'S CABINET (EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING)**

<u>Engagement &amp; Outreach Director</u>	<u>Chief of Staff</u>	<u>Director of Communications &amp; Marketing</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT

**Members of the Public Present**

Virginia Smercina – GPSA Business Manager  
Bill Robinson, Ph.D. – GPSA Faculty Advisor  
John Colombo, Ph.D. – GPSA Faculty Advisor  
Valarie Burke, Ph.D. – Graduate College Representative

## CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

1) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

INFORMATION ONLY

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Minutes from the 44-16 Executive Board meeting will be considered.

3) **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

INFORMATION ONLY

**3a) GPSA Executive Board & Committees**

**i) President**

President Lopez will report to the GPSA Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate student body.

**ii) Vice President**

Vice President Carr will report to the GPSA Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate student body.

**iii) Treasurer**

Treasurer Balogun will report to the GPSA Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate Student body.

**iv) Secretary**

Secretary Bonsu will report to the GPSA Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate Student body.

**3b) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor**

Business Manager Virginia Smercina will report to the GPSA Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate student body.

**3c) GPSA Faculty Advisors**

- i. Faculty Advisor Bill Robinson will report to the Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate student body.
- ii. Faculty Advisor John Colombo will report to the Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate student body.

**3d) GPSA President's Cabinet**

- i) Engagement & Outreach Director**
- ii) Director of Communications & Marketing**
- iii) Legislative Affairs**

**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.*

**5) NEW BUSINESS**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

*New business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for action unless otherwise stated.*

**5a) Assigning Research Forum Session Winners**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Lopez requests time to discuss and take possible action on the forum session awards as several sessions did not receive a 1st or 2nd place winner.

**5b) Creation of a GPSA Historian Position**

President Lopez requests time to discuss and take possible action on the creation of a Historian position within GPSA.

**5c) Creation of a GPSA Awards Standing Committee**

President Lopez requests time to discuss and take possible action on the creation of a standing committee for the Annual GPSA Awards.

**5d) Resolution for the Use of Sustainable Materials in the Graduate Commons**

President Lopez requests time to discuss and take possible action on the creation of a resolution requiring the purchase of sustainable materials within the Graduate Commons in Lied Library.

**5e) Call for New Business Items**

INFORMATION ONLY

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Discussion is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, including the reasons for the request; emergency items added at the discretion of the President (GPSA Bylaws Article IV, Sec.3).

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

**7) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INFORMATION ONLY

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION