



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Graduate & Professional Student Association

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 45-06

Thursday, October 2, 2025

5:30 PM

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Meeting Format & Supporting Materials

This is a hybrid meeting. A quorum of voting members shall convene in person and online via Zoom, with public remote access available via YouTube livestream or telephonic participation via Zoom dial-in. For questions or accommodations contact the GPSA Secretary at gpsasecretary@unlv.edu. All materials related to this meeting are available online or upon request from the GPSA Office. Please contact gpsasecretary@unlv.edu for access.

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2. **In-Person:** At the beginning or end of the meeting (limit: 3 minutes)
3. **Voicemail:** Call 702-895-5674 (limit: 120 seconds)

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VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

2025-2026 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES*

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COLLEGE	COUNCIL SEAT	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Lee Business School	Department of Accounting	Andrea Chafloque	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Economics	Prince Amfo Wiafe	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Finance	Julia Chan	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Management Entrepreneurship, and Technology		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Information Systems	Chiebuka Okoro	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	MBA Programs, Business Administration	Trey Curtis-Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
School of Dental Medicine	Dental Medicine	Cole Dayton	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
College of Education	Department of Counselor Education, School Psychology, and Human Services	Donovan Ross	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education	Tofunmi Babalola	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Educational Psychology, Leadership, & Higher Education	Linh Le	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Teaching & Learning		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)

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Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering	Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction	Aderemi Gbadamosi	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Computer Science	Sabrina Wallace	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Mechanical Engineering		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
College of Fine Arts	School of Architecture	Gavyn Silva	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Art	Cameron Murrin	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Film		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	School of Music		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Theatre	Nick Case	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality	Department of Hospitality Management	Saeed Ehsanfar	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
School of Integrated Health Sciences	Occupational Therapy Program	Stephanie Apodaca	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Health Physics and Diagnostic Sciences	Kristine Haley	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences	Heather Tran	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Physical Therapy		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)

William S. Boyd School of Law	Law	Dionne Stanfill	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
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College of Liberal Arts	Department of Anthropology		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of English	Lauren Gleave	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of History		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Political Science	Bianca Martins de Oliveira	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Psychology	Talha Soluoku	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Sociology	Christian Casarez	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of World Languages and Cultures	Katherine Melbourne	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine	Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health	Cristy Correa-Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Medicine	Michael Karo	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
School of Nursing	Nursing	Laura Chechel	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
School of Public Health	Department of Environmental and Occupational Health	Salome Ogbuleka	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Md Maskudul (Jion) Alam	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Healthcare Administration and Policy	Ernest Cornejo	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)

Department of Social and Behavioral Health	Refat Srejon	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
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College of Sciences	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry	Jennifer Napoles	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	School of Life Sciences	Declan West	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Mathematical Sciences	Chinonso Unegbu	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Physics and Astronomy		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs	Department of Communication Studies		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Criminal Justice	Elisha Longoria	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies		<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	School of Public Policy and Leadership	Tyler da Silva	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	School of Social Work	Miranda Cameron	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
Graduate College Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs	IGP - Master's & Certificates	Anne Poole	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)

IGP – Doctoral Programs

Katie Bricarell

(P) (V)
 (E) (A)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

NOT included in official agenda Roll Call; non-voting. May provide reports or updates.

2025-2026 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

**Members-at-Large serve the Association as a whole, representing the general membership by contributing to GPSA-related committees, developing initiatives, structuring events, or providing input. Members appointed after this agenda was posted will be recorded in the meeting minutes upon request. Members-at-Large are not required to attend Council Meetings.*

2025-2026 PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Division of Communications & Marketing	Division of Engagement & Outreach	Division of Legislative Affairs	Division of Operations	Division of Sponsored Funding
DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	ATTORNEY GENERAL	DIRECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> Colton Sundloff	<input type="checkbox"/> Ariadna Gutierrez	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanca Peña	<input type="checkbox"/> Hieu Le	<input type="checkbox"/> Aliciah Carr
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> Oluwapelumi Bankole	<input type="checkbox"/> David King	<input type="checkbox"/> Tyler DeLorenzo	<input type="checkbox"/> Baylor Akhavan-Mora	<i>Unappointed</i>

GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS & LIAISONS (NON-VOTING)

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2025-2026 GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS

- Academic Faculty Advisor**, Dr. Bill Robinson
- Academic Faculty Advisor**, Dr. John Colombo
- Academic Faculty Advisor (Ex Officio)**, Dr. Alyssa Crittenden
- Administrative Faculty Advisor (Ex Officio)**, Virginia Smercina, GPSA Manager

GRADUATE COLLEGE LIAISON(S)

- Dr. Valarie Burke, Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Services
- Dante Washington, GA Program Coordinator & Advocate

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ROLL CALL**
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT (Information Only)**
(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)
- 4) CONSENT AGENDA (For Possible Action)**

Approx. 5 Minutes

Consent agenda items will be approved in whole unless a member objects to an item on the consent agenda, in whole or in part. Unanimous consent will be used for the approval of the consent agenda.

- a) Minutes for Council Meeting 45-05 (September 4, 2025) will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the [GPSA Google Drive](#) and were also sent to the Council.
- b) **Appointment of Committee Members.** Declared candidates for committee seats will be considered for approval. Names will be announced during the meeting to fill both internal GPSA and external Graduate College and/or UNLV committees.
 - i. Internal Committees:
 - 1 Rules & Ethics:
 - 2 Constitution & Bylaws:
 - 3 Sponsorship:
 - 4 Ways & Means:
 - ii. External Committees:

5) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Approx. 30 Minutes

Members of the Executive Board, President's Cabinet, the Business Manager, Faculty Advisors, internal Committee Chairs, external Committee Representatives, and the Graduate College will report to the Executive Board concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate and professional student body. Members of the body may also present, at the discretion of the Chair, any information specific to their Department and/or Unit.

No immediate action may be taken on items raised under Reports & Recommendations unless properly scheduled as an agenda item.

c) Executive Board

- i** President Lopez
- ii** Vice President Carr
- iii** Treasurer Balogun
- iv** Secretary Bonsu

d) President's Cabinet

- i** Director of Communications & Marketing, Colton Sundloff
- ii** Director of Engagement & Outreach, Ariadna Gutierrez
- iii** Director of Legislative Affairs, Blanca Peña
- iv** Division of Operations:
 - (1) Attorney General, Hieu Le
 - (2) Historian, Baylor Akhavan

c) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor

d) GPSA Faculty Advisors

- i) GPSA Faculty Advisor Dr. Bill Robinson
- ii) GPSA Faculty Advisor Dr. John Colombo

e) GPSA Committee Reports

i) Standing Committees:

- Ways and Means:
- Sponsorship:
- Constitution and Bylaws:
- Rules & Ethics:
- Elections Commission:
- Awards:

ii) Ad Hoc Committees:

- Ad Hoc Wheeled Conveyances:

- NSHE Ad Hoc Committee: Tuition Increase

f) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

- i) Representatives serving on any external committee on behalf of GPSA may use this time to provide updates.

g) UNLV Departments/ Units

- i) Graduate College

h) GPSA Annual Goals – Progress Update

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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. **All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.**

a) Bylaws Amendment: Committee Membership Requirement for Council Representatives

President Lopez requests time to discuss and for possible action the GPSA Bylaws regarding GPSA's Standing Committees and service requirements for Council members. Amendments to, or suspension of, the bylaw will be considered.

(Ref. [GPSA Bylaws](#) Article II, Section III(b)(1)).

10 Minutes

7) NEW BUSINESS

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

a) Campus Partner Presentation: Government and Community Engagement (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time for a presentation from the Office of Government and Community Engagement at UNLV. Vice President Constance Brooks will present to the Council regarding Public Comment and Advocacy, including the best practices for graduate students to get involved in legislative processes and to make their voices heard. A short question and answer period will follow the presentation.

20 Minutes

b) Campus Partner Presentation: Teaching and Learning Commons (INFORMATION ONLY)

Vice President Carr requests time for a presentation from the Teaching and Learning Commons (TLC). The TLC is seeking graduate student feedback for a new guidebook to be distributed to professors and instructors. The guidebook will include items like improved learning objectives and a UNLV teaching philosophy. This item will be focused on a question and answer period between the Council and TLC.

15 Minutes

c) Discussion of NSHE Proposal for 11% Tuition Increase (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez Requests time to discuss the current proposal before the Board of Regents to increase UNLV's tuition by up to 11%. This item was originally scheduled for information only at the Board of Regents' September Quarterly Meeting. President Lopez will present all current information provided to the Nevada Student Alliance. A brief question and answer period will follow the presentation.

(Ref. BoR-11)

10 Minutes

d) GPSA Engagement and Outreach: Fall 2025 Events (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time for the Division of Engagement and Outreach to discuss with the Council current plans for outreach events throughout the Fall 2025 semester. Following a short presentation from the Director, Council members may ask questions or offer suggestions for future events.

10 Minutes

e) Call for Forum Planning Subcommittee Members

President Lopez requests time to discuss and for possible action the appointment of Council members to subcommittees for the GPSA Research Forum planning process. Current subcommittees include (1) **Judges**, (2) **Session Presenters**, (3) **Services**, (4) **Volunteers**, (5) **Booklet/Program**. The (6) **GPSA Awards Committee** will also accept new members at this time. Service on any of these committees will satisfy the Bylaw requirement for committee membership for Council members.

10 Minutes

f) Call for Committee Members

President Lopez requests time to discuss and take possible action on committee appointments. Members of the Council may self-nominate for any current vacancy.

5 Minutes

g) Call for New Business Items

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).

5 Minutes

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- Homecoming! October 8th, 2025 at 4PM
- GRAD Football Game: Saturday, November 1st, 2025. Graduate and Professional students' **four free tickets** open one week prior to the game. Morning tailgate; kickoff at 12PM.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) ADJOURNMENT