



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

45-09

Thursday, September 18, 2025

11:30 AM

Join Hybrid Meeting:

IN PERSON: Graduate Commons Conference Room, Lied Library

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

This meeting is held in compliance with Nevada’s Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241.020). The agenda was posted at least three working days in advance, no later than 9:00 AM, and includes all items scheduled for discussion or action. Posting locations include: GPSA Office (CHB-C 111, exterior public bulletin board), Graduate Commons (LLB 2141), Lied Library 1st floor public bulletin board, and GPSA Website <https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/agendas>. This meeting is held to conduct the official business of the graduate student government, including governance decisions, advocacy efforts, information dissemination, and to provide the public with updates and reports related to GPSA operations.

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.

Submitting Public Comment

GPSA meetings are open to the public. Members of the university community and general public are encouraged to attend and participate.

GPSA accepts **public comment** in three formats:

1. **Email:** Submit written public comment to gpsa@unlv.edu.
Subject Line: “PUBLIC COMMENT” and include the meeting type and meeting number (i.e. PUBLIC COMMENT for GPSA Council 45-05)
2. **In-Person:** At the beginning or end of the meeting (limit: 3 minutes)
3. **Voicemail:** Call 702-895-5674 (limit: 120 seconds)

Public comments may be read aloud or summarized at the discretion of the Chair, subject to time constraints. Public Comments must be relevant to GPSA agenda items, be respectful, and cannot contain profanity or discriminatory language. GPSA may refuse comments that are obscene, slanderous, or disruptive per NRS 241.020 and NRS 241.023.

2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Devin Lopez	Aliciah Carr	Laurencia Bonsu	Olalekan Balogun

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
Colton Sundloff	Ariadna Gutierrez	Blanca Peña	Hieu Le	Aliciah Carr
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Oluwapelumi Bankole	David King	Tyler DeLorenzo	Baylor Akhavan-Mora	N/A

GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS & LIAISONS (NON-VOTING)

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

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*)

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 Executive Board Meeting 45-08 (August 29th, 2025) will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the [GPSA Google Drive](#) and were sent to the Executive Board.

5) **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

15 Minutes

Members of the Executive Board, President’s Cabinet, the Business Manager, Faculty Advisors, 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.

a) **Executive Board**

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

b) **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) UNLV Departments/ Units

- i) Graduate College

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) Heat Relief Initiative: Update (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez will report to the Executive Board regarding the Heat Relief Initiative in collaboration with CSUN. Facilities and internal planning teams will revisit design patterns for modular construction. Designs currently include solar panels to power light fixtures at night.

5 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) NSHE-Proposed Tuition Increase (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time to discuss the proposal by NSHE administrators to increase student registration fees (tuition) by up to 12%. This item was presented for information only at the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting (September 2025, Item 11). A possible town hall will be developed in a joint manner with CSUN to center student concerns.

15 Minutes

b) NSHE Review of Post-Tenure Review Policy (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time to discuss NSHE's review of Post-Tenure Review Policy. This item was presented for information only at the Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting (September 2025, Item 29). The Executive Board may discuss their concerns with potential revisions to the post-tenure review process.

10 Minutes

c) Graduate Student Research Funding Town Hall (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time to discuss a future Town Hall regarding graduate student research funding as it pertains to the federal Department of Education. This Town Hall was requested by members of the NGSW-UAW and will be in collaboration with UNLV's Graduate College and Office of Government and Community Engagement. Updates will be provided regarding this planning process.

10 Minutes

d) Northern Campus Recreational and Wellness Center

President Lopez requests time to discuss a recent request from a constituent to install a fitness center on the northern end of the Maryland Campus. The email was forwarded to the board by the GPSA Business Manager. For possible action is that a vote may be taken as to whether this will be an initiative taken up by GPSA.

5 Minutes

e) GPSA's Priorities for the 2027 Legislative Session

President Lopez requests time to discuss and for possible action the 2027 Legislative Priorities Survey results. Results will be summarized as of 9AM on Thursday September 18th, 2025. A vote will be taken to decide which priorities the Executive Board will endorse. Our endorsement must be sent no later than September 22nd, 2025, to the Office of Government and Community Engagement & CFO of UNLV.

10 Minutes.

f) Search Committees: UNLV CFO, Provost (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time for the Executive Board and President's Cabinet to make recommendations to our Search Committee members for the UNLV CFO and Provost positions. Vice President Alicia Carr is serving on the Provost Search Committee and Treasurer Olalekan Balogun is serving on the CFO Search Committee.

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