



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Graduate & Professional Student Association

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 45-08

Thursday, December 11th, 2025

5:30 PM

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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.

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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 45-07). Emails must be sent no later than 5PM the business day before the meeting.
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

Included in official agenda Roll Call; voting members count toward quorum.

2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

2025-2026 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES*

*Council Representatives not listed or appointed after this agenda was publicly posted will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

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	Chiebuka Okoro	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
	Department of Information Systems		<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	Jessica Alley	<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	Megan Scholl	<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	David Elder	<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	Bertrand Roberson	<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	<input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V) <input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A)
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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"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Ariadna Gutierrez	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanca Peña	<input type="checkbox"/> Hieu Le	<input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carr
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> David King	<input type="checkbox"/> Tyler DeLorenzo	<input type="checkbox"/> Baylor Akhavan-Mora	Unappointed

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

5 Minutes

3) PUBLIC COMMENT (*Information Only*)

Approximately 10 Minutes

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.

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) **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes for Council Meeting 45-07 (November 13th, 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, UNLV, and/or NSHE committees.

i. Internal Committees:

1 Awards Committee: **Donavan Ross, Gavyn Silva**

ii. External Committees:

- 1 University Parking Committee: **Trey Curtis-Brown**
- 2 Intercollegiate Athletics Council: **Linh Le**
- 3 University Ombuds Committee: **Trey Curtis-Brown**
- 4 Graduate Research & Student Success Working Group:
Katherine Melbourne
- 5 Graduate Student Research Awards Committee: **Kristine
Haley**

5) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Approximately 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 GPSA Council concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate and professional student body. Council Representatives 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
- ii Director of Engagement & Outreach
- iii Director of Legislative Affairs
- iv Division of Operations:

(1) Attorney General

(2) Historian

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:
- Elections Commission:
- Awards:

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.**

7) NEW BUSINESS

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

Approximately 90 Minutes

**a) Campus Partner Question & Answer, Teaching & Learning Commons
(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Vice President Carr requests time for a focus group-style discussion with members of the Teaching and Learning Commons. Melissa Morris and Julie Cohen would like to engage with representatives regarding the following prompt:

“If you asked your instructors what they believed about teaching, what would you *want* them to say?”

25 Minutes

b) Call for Housing Focus Group Members

President Lopez requests time to appoint members to a Graduate and Professional Student Housing Focus Group, in accordance with action plans from the Office of Student Life discussed at Council Meeting 45-07.

5 Minutes

c) Resolution 45-05: Reaffirming GPSA's Commitment to Diversity and the Equitable Treatment of All Students

President Lopez requests time to discuss and for possible action Resolution 45-05: Reaffirming GPSA's Commitment to Diversity and the Equitable Treatment of All Students. The Resolution is introduced by the Executive Board and Co-Sponsored by members Ross, Roberson, Melbourne, Curtis-Brown, and Peña.

[\(Ref. Resolution 45-05\)](#)

15 Minutes

d) GPSA Bylaws Revision: Article V, GPSA Programs

President Lopez Requests time to discuss and for possible action revisions to the GPSA Bylaws, Article V. Revisions to Article V consolidate language on the Sponsorship Program and clarify the importance of the Sponsorship Operating Policy. The GPSA Constitution & Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of the proposed revisions.

[\(Ref. SM45-07a\)](#)

10 Minutes

e) GPSA Bylaws Revision: Article VIII, Grievances and Removal Procedures

President Lopez Requests time to discuss and for possible action revisions to the GPSA Bylaws, Article VIII. Revisions to Article VIII clarify the necessary procedures for appointing and conducting Grievance Committee hearings. The GPSA Constitution & Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of the proposed revisions.

[\(Ref. SM45-07b\)](#)

10 Minutes

f) Appointment of Communications & Marketing Director

President Lopez requests time to discuss and for possible action the appointment of Trexy Joyce E. Dunnam as the GPSA Director of Communications & Marketing.

5 Minutes

g) Discussion of Representative Election Procedures (INFORMATION ONLY)

President Lopez requests time to discuss potential revisions to the GPSA Representative selection process. GPSA currently allocates one (1) seat for each program, unit, or department (also referred to as “area”) that offers a graduate or professional degree. GPSA has the largest legislative body across all of NSHE and the method of appointment of Representatives is also unique. Proportional representation by College or School will allow typically unrepresented programs a voice through direct elections. Discussion may also consider a reduction in the total number of representatives to help professionalize the GPSA Council and increase representatives’ stipends.

Initial discussion by the Council regarding a change in election procedure shall inform future recommendations by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

15 Minutes

h) 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

i) 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 Chair (GPSA [Bylaws](#) Article IV, Sec.3).

5 Minutes

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

- Happy Holidays! We hope that you all enjoy your much-needed winter break and look forward to welcoming you all back in January.
- LLB Grad Commons Open House January 20th, 2026.
- Research Forum abstract submission portal is live! Register here:
<https://click.e.unlv.edu/?qs=b4772b15531cb44033937e5abff7c44f30fc49292ad3e5cdef90ee57dcf7613b4f15086e115034d6eac0e7c3b918933e7c4c5f75fe992708>
- GPSA Awards nominations portal is live! Nominate your peers and faculty mentors here:
https://unlv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5axQpWBDLZkTdWu

- Council Representatives: please ensure that you have filled out our [Council Registration form](#). This form's data is our official record of current representatives.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) ADJOURNMENT