



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Graduate & Professional Student Association

**GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 45-09**

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Thursday, February 12th, 2026

5:30 PM

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2. **In-Person:** At the beginning or end of the meeting (limit: 2 minutes)
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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                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Devin Lopez | <input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carr | <input type="checkbox"/> Olalekan Balogun | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurencia Bonsu |

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

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

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|  | Department of Physical Therapy |             | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
| <b>William S. Boyd<br/>School of Law</b> | Law                            | David Elder | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><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)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of English                               | Lauren Gleave              | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of History                               |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of Political Science                     | Bianca Martins de Oliveira | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of Psychology                            | Talha Soluoku              | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of Sociology                             | Christian Casarez          | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of World Languages and Cultures          | Katherine Melbourne        | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><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)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Medicine  | Michael Karo               | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
| School of Nursing                 | Nursing   | Laura Chechel              | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><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)<br><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)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |
|                                   | Department of Healthcare Administration and Policy  | Bertrand Roberson          | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><input type="checkbox"/> (E) <input type="checkbox"/> (A) |

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

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| IGP – Doctoral Programs | Katie Bricarell | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) <input type="checkbox"/> (V)<br><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"/> Trexy Dunnam  | <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 | <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

*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)

*Approximately 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 45-08 (December 11th, 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:

ii. External Committees:

1 Student Fee Committee: Trey-Curtis Brown

2 Student Health Insurance Plan Committee: Christian Casarez

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

*Approximately 15 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. Extensive written reports are [available online](#) for the sake of time and clarity.

**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 in the [Written Reports](#)**

**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) Discussion of Representative Election Procedures (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Chair will request time to update the Council regarding electoral reforms for GPSA’s representative selection process. PSM45-06 “Establishing Direct Elections for GPSA Council Representatives” was sent to the Council on January 2nd, 2026 detailing the potential reforms to be included in the new GPSA Constitution.

Time will be reserved for a short presentation from President Lopez followed by a question and answer period.

[\(Ref. 45-09a\)](#)

*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.**

*Approximately 90 Minutes*

**a) Campus Partner Presentation: Office of Student Affairs (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Chair will recognize Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Keith Rogers for a presentation to the Council. The presentation will include updates on:

- Student Fees Website
- Student Health Insurance Premium
- Legacy Apartments

Following the presentation, a short question and answer period with Council Representatives will be held.

*15 Minutes*

**b) Campus Partner Presentation: The Writing Center (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Chair will recognize Erin Zimmerman or designee from UNLV's The Writing Center to discuss writing resources available to graduate and professional students. Following the presentation, a short question and answer period will be held.

[\(Ref. 45-09b\)](#)

*10 Minutes*

**c) Preparing for Constitutional Revisions: Process for Amendments and Council Vote**

The Chair will request time for discussion of the Constitutional revision process. The revised GPSA Constitution will be presented to the Council during the Spring 2026 semester. The Chair will discuss the process for amendments to the Constitution submitted to Council by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and the expected timeline for ratification. A two-thirds (2/3rds) majority roll-call vote of the Council is required for approval prior to submission to the Office of the Chancellor.

[\(Ref. 45-09c; Ref. 45-09d\)](#)

*10 Minutes*

**d) Language Revision, Ways & Means Committee Operating Policy**

The Chair will recognize Blanca Peña, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, for discussion and for possible action the approval of language changes to the Ways & Means Committee's operating policy. Language revisions include removal of RSO language from the previous RSO Funding jurisdiction of the committee and an interim procedure for GPSA expenditures between July 1st and the subsequent adoption of the yearly operating budget.

A simple majority vote of the council is required for ratification of the policy changes.

[\(Ref. 45-09e\)](#)

*5 Minutes*

**e) Budget Amendment: Research Forum Costs**

The Chair will recognize Blanca Peña, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, for discussion and for possible action the approval of a budget amendment. The amendment includes:

Line items referenced in the amendment correspond with the “FY26 Budget” tab of the [Council Approved FY26 GPSA Budget](#). Part (2) of the amendment would require dollars to be utilized from the discretionary fund.

Amendment:

1. Repurposed \$1,500 in Line 88. Original purpose: Research Forum livestream costs. Amended purpose: presenter poster printing services.
2. Allocation of \$250 from GPSA’s discretionary fund (Line 26) to Research Forum live music costs (Line 91).

The Ways and Means Committee recommends adoption of this budget amendment. A simple majority vote of the Council is required for approval.

([Ref. 45-09f](#); [Ref. 45-09g](#))

*5 Minutes*

**f) Budget Amendment: Grad Commons Workers Hourly Rate**

The Chair will recognize Blanca Peña, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, for discussion and for possible action the approval of a budget amendment. The budget amendment includes a reallocation of some funds from the GPSA’s GA line towards the hourly pay for Graduate Commons (LLB) student workers.

Line items referenced in the amendment correspond with the “FY26 Budget” tab of the [Council Approved FY26 GPSA Budget](#). This amendment does not require funding to be pulled from the discretionary or “unappropriated” funds.

Amendment:

\$8,695 from Line 63 moved to Line 66. Funding not utilized by the GPSA Graduate Assistant from the Fall 2025 term is reappropriated for Graduate Commons student workers’ hourly rate. This raises the GC worker hourly rate from \$12 to \$15.

The Ways and Means Committee recommends adoption of this budget amendment. A simple majority vote of the Council is required for approval.

([Ref. 45-09h](#))

*5 Minutes*

**g) Program Proposal with Budget Amendment: GPSA Graduation Stoles**

The Chair will request time to discuss and for possible action the approval of a new GPSA program alongside a budget amendment for initial funding.

Ways & Means Committee Chair and Director of Legislative Affairs, Blanca Peña, will be recognized for an overview of a graduation stole program for all graduating graduate and professional students who served in some capacity with the GPSA. An initial budget amendment was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee to fund the program, pending Council approval.

Line items referenced in the amendment correspond with the “FY26 Budget” tab of the [Council Approved FY26 GPSA Budget](#). This amendment does not require funding to be pulled from the discretionary or “unappropriated” funds.

Amendment:

Repurposed up to \$2,000 in Line 112. Original purpose: GPSA Volunteer T-Shirts. Amended Purpose: Supplies for Graduation Stole Program.

[\(Ref. 45-09i\)](#)

*10 Minutes*

**h) Student Transportation and Commuting Needs: Collaboration with Uber Higher Ed**

The Chair will request time to discuss a potential collaboration project with Uber’s Higher Education division. Uber Higher Ed is seeking to develop a program with discounts and special rates for graduate and professional students at UNLV.

This item will focus on gathering a taxonomy of transportation issues currently faced by students at UNLV. This discussion will then inform the drafting of the program proposal. An ad hoc committee may be requested to be formed if representatives desire greater involvement in these discussions.

[\(Ref. 45-09j; 45-09k\)](#)

*10 Minutes*

**i) Discussion and Approval of Fall 2025 Representative Stipends**

The Chair will recognize Treasurer Balogun and Secretary Bonsu for the discussion and for possible action the approval of Council representative stipends for their service during the Fall 2025 semester. This agenda item is scheduled in accordance with [GPSA Bylaws](#) Article VI, Section IV(3).

[\(Ref. 45-09m\)](#)

*5 Minutes*

**j) Civic and Democratic Engagement: 2026 Elections (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Chair will request time for the discussion of civic engagement initiatives that GPSA will initiate ahead of the June 2026 primary elections in Nevada. The Chair will request feedback from representatives on the type of information students need to prepare for Nevada’s elections.

*10 Minutes*

**k) Call for Committee Members**

The Chair will request time to discuss and take possible action on committee appointments. Members of the Council may self-nominate for any current vacancy.

*5 Minutes*

**l) 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

- Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting March 4-5, 2026, CSN. Vice President Carr will chair the March Council meeting due to this scheduling conflict.
- GPSA Awards nominations portal is live! Nominate your peers and faculty mentors here: [https://unlv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5axQpWBDLZkTdWu](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.
- GRAD Night at the Wind Orchestra, February 26th, 2026
- SoleHope GPSA Service Event, March 28th, 2026
- Be on the lookout for announcements regarding the annual Graduate and Professional Research Forum! The Forum is taking place on April 18th, 2026.

**9) PUBLIC COMMENT**

INFORMATION ONLY

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

**10) ADJOURNMENT**