



Notice of Public Meeting

AGENDA

Graduate & Professional Student Association
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 46-02

Thursday, June 18, 2026

5:30 PM

For Members of the Public

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

About the 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 [GPSA Agendas Webpage](#). 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
 - (a) (example Email Subject Line: PUBLIC COMMENT for GPSA Council 46-02)
 - (b) Emails must be sent no later than 5:00PM one business day before the meeting.
- (2) In-Person: At the beginning or end of the meeting (limit: 2 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.

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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

2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Trey Curtis-Brown	Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere	Kalyani Ganapathireddy	Rachel DeWald

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Summer 2026 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES*

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

11 Representatives appointed as of 06/15/2026

COLLEGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Lee Business School	<i>Vacant</i>	Not Yet Recorded
School of Dental Medicine	Hayden Riley	Not Yet Recorded
College of Education	Kris Miguel	Not Yet Recorded
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering	Aderemi Gbadamosi	Not Yet Recorded
College of Fine Arts	Melika Ansarinejad	Not Yet Recorded
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality	Julia Chan	Not Yet Recorded
School of Integrated Health Sciences	<i>Vacant</i>	Not Yet Recorded
William S. Boyd School of Law	David Elder	Not Yet Recorded
College of Liberal Arts	Bianca Martins de Oliveira	Not Yet Recorded
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine	Caden Jangard	Not Yet Recorded
School of Nursing	<i>Vacant</i>	Not Yet Recorded
School of Public Health	Salome Ogbuleka	Not Yet Recorded
College of Sciences	Chinonso Unegbu	Not Yet Recorded
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs	<i>Vacant</i>	Not Yet Recorded
Graduate College Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs	Katie Bricarell	Not Yet Recorded

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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

2026-2027 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.

2026-2027 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

President's Cabinet members are hired through the end of the Spring semester (May 15th).

The 2026-2027 President's Cabinet has not yet been appointed.

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
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Nehemiah Afam Chukwere</i>
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS & LIAISONS (NON-VOTING)

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

2026-2027 GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS

Academic Faculty Advisor, Dr. Bill Robinson (pending Council approval)

Academic Faculty Advisor, Dr. John Colombo (pending Council approval)

Academic Faculty Advisor (ex officio), Dr. Alyssa Crittenden

Administrative Faculty Advisor (ex officio), Virginia Smercina, GPSA Manager

GRADUATE COLLEGE LIAISON

GA Program Coordinator & Advocate, Dante Washington

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

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 comments 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

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. An individual item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for consideration by any member by request to the Chair.

[Time allotted ~10 minutes]

A. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for Council Meeting 46-01 will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the [GPSA Google Drive](#) and are also sent to the Council.

B. Approval of Stipends for Council Representatives and Executive Board Officers

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the consideration of Spring 2026 stipends for GPSA Council Representatives and Executive Board Officers. Information and recommendations regarding the proposed stipend distribution will be provided by the GPSA President, GPSA Manager, and

GPSA Advisor. Council may take action to approve the Spring 2026 stipend distribution.

C. Committee Appointments

President Curtis-Brown recommends the appointment of Council members to the GPSA Sponsorship Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Rules and Ethics Committee. Recommended appointments are listed in the consent agenda materials. Council may take action to approve the proposed committee assignments.

Sponsorship Committee - Ayoola Peter Olayinka

5) Reports & Recommendations

INFORMATION ONLY

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.

[Time allotted for item. ~30 Minutes]

A. Executive Board

- i. President Curtis-Brown
- ii. Vice President Chukwuere
- iii. Treasurer Ganapathireddy
- iv. Secretary DeWald

B. President's Cabinet

- i. Division of Engagement & Outreach, *Director*
- ii. Division of Legislative Affairs, *Director*
- iii. Division of Sponsored Funding, *Vice President Chukwuere*
- iv. Division of Communications & Marketing, *Director*
- v. Division of Operations, *Director*
- vi. Attorney General
- vii. Historian

C. GPSA Manager & Advisor

- i. Manager and Administrative Faculty Advisor, *Nia Smercina*

D. GPSA Internal Committee Reports (standing committees)

- i. Ways & Means Committee
- ii. Sponsorship Committee
- iii. Constitution & Bylaws Committee
- iv. Rules & Ethics Committee
- v. GPSA Awards Committee

E. External Committee Reports

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

F. GPSA Faculty Advisors

- i. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Bill Robinson*
- ii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. John Colombo*
- iii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Alyssa Crittenden*

G. UNLV Department or Unit Updates

Council Representatives may provide updates from their individual departments.

- 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.

None.

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Appointment of Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Summer 2026 GPSA Council Member **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the appointment of graduate and professional students to vacant GPSA Council seats in the GreenSpun College of Urban Affairs for the Summer 2026 term. Nominees and the seats for which they are being considered are listed in the reference documents. Council may take action to appoint eligible candidates to the GPSA Council.

[Time allotted for item. ~5 Minutes]

B. Appointment of SIHS Summer 2026 GPSA Council Member **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the appointment of graduate and professional students to vacant GPSA Council seats in the School of Integrated Health Sciences for the Summer 2026 term. Nominees and the seats for which they are being considered are listed in the reference documents. Council may take action to appoint eligible candidates to the GPSA Council.

[Time allotted for item. ~5 Minutes]

C. Presidential Cabinet Appointments **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the consideration of appointments to the GPSA Presidential Cabinet for the 46th Session. Nominees and their respective positions are listed in the reference documents. Council may take action to confirm the appointments.

[*\(Ref. 46-02A\)*](#)

[Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes]

D. Nominations to GPSA Committees **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the nomination of Council members to GPSA standing committees. Council may take action to receive nominations for the Sponsorship Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Rules and Ethics Committee.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

E. Appointments to GPSA Committees

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the appointment of Council members to GPSA standing committees. Recommended appointments and nominations received will be considered by Council. Council may take action to appoint members to the Sponsorship Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Rules and Ethics Committee.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

F. Council Announcement Regarding In-Person Meeting Requirements

INFORMATION ONLY

President Curtis-Brown will provide an announcement regarding Council meeting attendance requirements. Pursuant to the GPSA Bylaws, Council meetings are currently required to be held in person. Members will be informed of these expectations and any procedures related to attendance and participation.

[Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes]

G. Committee Service Requirement and Service Opportunities

INFORMATION ONLY

President Curtis-Brown requests time to discuss a possible bylaw change related to member service requirements. In lieu of mandatory committee service, members will be provided with information regarding opportunities to fulfill their service obligations through GPSA initiatives and activities. A list of approved service opportunities is included in the reference materials.

[\(Ref. 46-02B\)](#)

[Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes]

8) Announcements

INFORMATION ONLY

[Upcoming events, deadlines, etc.]

9) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment