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Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 46-03

Thursday, July 30, 2026 7:00 PM

For Members of the Public

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

About the Agenda and Public Meeting

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Meeting Format & Supporting Materials

This is a hybrid meeting. A quorum of voting members shall conve
and online via Zoom, with public remote access available via YouT
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materials related to this meeting are available online or upon reque
GPSA Office. Please contact gpsavp@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 gpsavp@unlv.edu. Subject Line: "PUBLIC COMMENT" and include the meeting type and meeting number

(a) (example Email Subject Line: PUBLIC COMMENT for GPSA SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 46-03)

(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)

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 SPONSORSHIP 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 SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

2026 - 2027 SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

14 Representatives appointed as of 07/24/2026

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person | (V) Virtual (E) Excused | (A) Absent
Lee Business School	*Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere (Chair)*	Not Yet Recorded
School of Public Health	Ayoola Peter Olayinka	Not Yet Recorded
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, Hotel Administration	Jaimi Garlington	Not Yet Recorded
College of Liberal Arts, Psychology	Maegan Nation	Not Yet Recorded
College of Education, Special Education	Ayodele Aborishade	Not Yet Recorded
College of Education, Teaching and Learning	Claudia Chang-Frost	Not Yet Recorded
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, Hotel Administration	Julia Chan	Not Yet Recorded
College of Fine Arts, Theatre Arts	*Ayana Giardina*	Not Yet Recorded
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, Kinesiology	Ohis Egbaidomeh	Not Yet Recorded
College of Education, Special Education	Tofunmi Babalola	Not Yet Recorded
College of Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering	Aderemi Gbadamosi	Not Yet Recorded
School of Public Policy and Leadership, Public Administration	Janeth Vences	Not Yet Recorded
William S. Boyd School of Law, Juris Doctor	Karin Tidgewell	Not Yet Recorded
College of Sciences, Geology	Amy Noack	Not Yet Recorded

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Public Comment

<u>INFORMATION ONLY</u>

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

<u>FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</u>

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 ~ 5 minutes*]

A. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for Council Meeting 46-02 will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the GPSA Google Drive and are also sent to the committee members.

5) Reports & Recommendations <u>INFORMATION ONLY</u>

Members of the Sponsorship committee will report to the committee concerning GPSA funding program related issues, information specific to their application review, or events important to the sponsorship committee at the discretion of the Chair. No immediate action may be taken on items raised under Reports & Recommendations unless properly scheduled as an agenda item.

[*Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes*]

A. Committee Members

i. Ayoola Peter Olayinka
ii. Jaimi Garlington
iii. Maegan Nation
iv. Ayodele Aborishade
v. Claudia Chang-Frost
vi. Julia Chan
vii. Ayana Giardina
viii. Ohis Egbaidomeh
ix. Tofunmi Babalola
x. Aderemi Gbadamosi
xi. Janeth Vences
xii. Karin Tidgewell
xiii. Amy Noack

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 and Possible Approval of Supplemental Funding Allocation for Previously Approved but Unfunded Sponsorship Applications

<u>FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</u>

Discussion and possible approval of $25,000 supplemental funding allocation from Fiscal Year 2027 sponsorship funds for applicants from Sponsorship Cycle 46-01 and 46-02 who:

- Received a final average score of 80% or higher;
- Met all eligibility requirements;

- Were not funded solely due to budget limitations;
- Have not previously received GPSA sponsorship funding.

[*Time allotted for item. ~ 10 Minutes*]

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Update on Sponsorship Committee Membership and RSO Funding Subcommittee

INFORMATION ONLY

The Chair will provide an update regarding the composition of the Sponsorship Committee following the approval of additional committee appointments by the GPSA Council. The RSO Funding Subcommittee members have been officially appointed as members of the Sponsorship Committee and are entitled to participate fully in committee meetings, including discussion and voting on Sponsorship Committee business.

The Chair will also provide an overview of the responsibilities of the RSO Funding Subcommittee, including:

- Review of Registered Student Organization (RSO) funding applications beginning Fall 2026;
- Presentation of RSO funding recommendations to the Sponsorship Committee for final approval;
- Voting authority on both RSO funding recommendations and Sponsorship Program business;
- Committee membership and quorum requirements (14 voting members total, including the Chair; quorum of 8 members);
- Committee stipend eligibility.

[*Time allotted for item. ~5 Minutes*]

B. **Discussion and Possible Approval of a Standing Monthly Sponsorship Committee Meeting Schedule**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair will present a proposal to establish a recurring monthly meeting schedule for the Sponsorship Committee beginning with the Fall 2026 semester. Rather than scheduling meetings each month using a Where2Meet poll, the committee will discuss selecting a consistent meeting day (e.g., the last Thursday or first Monday of each month) based on members' Fall course schedules and availability.

If approved, committee members will be asked to submit their Fall class schedules to the Chair to assist in determining a meeting date that accommodates the majority of members. The committee may also discuss reviewing and adjusting the standing meeting schedule at the beginning of each academic semester as necessary.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

C. **Discussion and Possible Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Sponsorship Budget**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair will present the Fiscal Year 2027 Sponsorship Program budget, including the approved annual allocation of $190,000, projected quarterly and monthly funding distribution, historical budget comparisons for the FY2027 fiscal year. The proposed FY2027 budget document will be attached to the agenda below for committee review.

Budget for GPSA Sponsorship Funding program FY27

[*Time allotted for item. ~ 10 Minutes*]

D. **Discussion and Vote to Approval of Sponsorship Applications (cycle 46-03-06)**
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Nehemiah Discussion and approval of sponsorship applications from the current cycle based on quality of the submitted applications for funding.

[*Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes*]

8) Call For New Business Items

9) Announcements INFORMATION ONLY

A. Sponsorship Award Processing Update

The Chair will provide an update regarding sponsorship award processing and financial aid disbursements. All outstanding sponsorship award backlogs from application cycles approved prior to the current Vice President's administration have now been fully processed and cleared.

The Chair will also provide an update on recent improvements to award processing timelines, including the successful processing and disbursement of awards from Sponsorship Cycle 46-02 within approximately three weeks of committee approval.

B. Committee Stipend Update

The Chair will provide an update regarding committee member stipends. Spring committee stipends have been processed and applied to members' university accounts. Committee members should receive payment through their selected banking institution. Members who do not receive their stipend within the next several business days are encouraged to notify the Chair for follow-up.

C. Committee Leadership Update

The Chair will announce the appointment of Ayoola Peter Olayinka as Deputy Director of the Division of Sponsored Funding following confirmation by the GPSA Executive Board and GPSA Council.

By virtue of this appointment, Mr. Olayinka will also serve as Vice Chair of the Sponsorship Committee, assisting the Chair with committee operations, attendance, preparation of meeting minutes, and other administrative responsibilities.

10) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

11) Adjournment