



Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 46-04

Friday, August 28, 2026 3:00 PM

For Members of the Public

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IN PERSON: LLB 2141, Graduate Commons, Lied Library 4505 S.
Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

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](http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/agendas), 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. For questions or accommodations contact the GPSA VP at gpsavp@unlv.edu. All materials related to this meeting are available online or upon request from the 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	<i>Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere (Chair)</i>	Not Yet Recorded
School of Public Health	Ayoola Peter Olayinka (Vice Chair)	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	<i>Ayana Giardina</i>	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

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 ~5 minutes]

A. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for Council Meeting 46-03 will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the [GPSA Google Drive](#) and are also sent to the committee members.

5) Reports & Recommendations

INFORMATION ONLY

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.

No unfinished business

[Time allotted for item. ~0 Minutes]

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised Sponsorship Application Ranking Criteria

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair will present proposed revisions to the Sponsorship Committee's application ranking methodology following discussion during the previous committee meeting. The proposed methodology is intended to establish a consistent process for prioritizing eligible applications when available funding is insufficient to fund all qualifying requests.

Under the proposed revised methodology, applications meeting a minimum final average score of 85% or higher may be considered for funding. When available funding is insufficient, applications will be ranked according to the following order:

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

1. Priority Level
2. Previous GPSA Sponsorship Funding History
3. Average Total Score
4. Activity Start Date

The Committee will discuss the proposed changes and may take action to approve, modify, or reject the revised ranking methodology.

[Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes]

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised Sponsorship Funding Award Limits

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair will present proposed revisions to sponsorship funding limits. Under the proposed structure, the maximum sponsorship award for eligible applications will generally be \$1,250 per application, regardless of degree level.

An exception may apply to Ph.D. students presenting at eligible international conferences outside the United States and Canada, for which an award of up to \$2,500 per application may be considered.

The Committee will discuss and may approve the proposed funding limits and related eligibility parameters.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

C. Discussion and Vote to Approval of Sponsorship Applications (cycle 46-04-07)

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. ~10 Minutes]

8) Call For New Business Items

9) Announcements

INFORMATION ONLY

A. FY2027 Sponsorship Budget and Additional Funding Updates

The Chair will provide an update regarding the Sponsorship Committee's FY2027 funding resources.

The current Sponsorship Committee budget is \$200,429.41. The Graduate College has indicated that an additional \$35,000 will be provided, which would increase available funding to approximately \$235,429.41, subject to receipt and final confirmation of the funds.

The Committee is also expecting an additional \$26,000 from the Graduate College related to an ongoing funding arrangement. Additional information will be provided once the arrangement is finalized.

The Chair will also provide an update regarding potential college-level contributions. The College of Sciences, College of Health Sciences, and College of Education have indicated an interest in providing funding to support students from their respective colleges. Any such funding may be subject to conditions or restrictions established by the contributing college.

B. GPSA Sponsorship Workshop

The Chair will provide an update regarding the upcoming GPSA Sponsorship Workshop scheduled for October 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

The workshop will be held in person and will provide students with information regarding the GPSA Sponsorship Program, application requirements, review criteria, and available funding opportunities.

Registration information and promotional materials will be distributed approximately one month before the workshop. The Committee will also be encouraged to assist with outreach to students, departments, colleges, and programs to maximize participation.

10) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

11) Adjournment