



Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 46-05

August 14, 2026

5:30 PM

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Meeting Format & Supporting Materials

This is an online 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 46-05)
 - (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.

Representatives appointed as of Day Date, Year

COLLEGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE
		(P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Lee Business School	Colin Covitz	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	Manas Yogendra Agrawal	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	Vacant	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	Lakiasa Hollingsworth	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Graduate College Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs	Katie Bricarell	Not Yet Recorded ▾

GPSA Council Meeting Dates – Summer 2026

Thursday, June 18th, 2026 · Friday, July 24th, 2026 · Thursday, August 13th, 2026 · Friday, August 14th, 2026

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 PRESIDENT'S CABINET

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	Director of Operations	DIRECTOR
☐ Starlisha Towers	☐ Alexander Zafarana	☐ Devin Lopez	☐ Jared Desamero	☐ Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	DEPUTY DIRECTOR
☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant	☐ Ayoola Olayinka

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

[Time allotted ~5 minutes]

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. None at this time.

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. Ex: 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.

A. None at this time

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Appointment of GPSA Attorney General FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests the appointment of David Elder to serve as the GPSA Attorney General for the 2026–2027 academic year. The Council may discuss the appointment and vote to approve or deny the appointment of David Elder to the President's Cabinet.

Time allotted for item. Ex: 10 Minutes

B. Approval of Funds Allocated to FY27 Rebel Rebound FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the review and approval of funding for the Rebel Rebound program, which assists undergraduate and graduate students who have been justice-impacted. The Rebel Rebound Coordinator presented at the May Council meeting (46-01) to request \$9,250 in funding for the FY27 academic year.

[Ref. 46-008](#)

C. Approval of GPSA Constitutional Revisions FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible action on the proposed revisions to the GPSA Constitution. The Council has previously reviewed and voted on the proposed constitutional amendments. The revisions presented under this item reflect updates made in response to the

review and recommendations of UNLV General Counsel. Council may discuss the updated revisions and vote to approve or deny the revised GPSA Constitution for advancement through the remaining approval process.

[Ref. 46-005](#)

Time allotted for item. Ex: 45 Minutes

D. Review of Proposed FY27 GPSA Annual Budget **INFORMATION ONLY**

President Curtis-Brown requests an informational review of the proposed FY27 GPSA Annual Budget. The budget presented is the President's proposed annual budget and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the GPSA Ways & Means Committee. This item will provide Council with an overview of the proposed budget prior to future consideration and possible action.

[Ref. 46-006](#): Memorandum of Support; [Ref. 46-007](#): Budget Memo

Time allotted for item. Ex: 45 Minutes

8) Announcements **INFORMATION ONLY**

[Upcoming events, deadlines, etc.]

9) Public Comment **INFORMATION ONLY**

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment