



Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 46-06

Wednesday, September 9, 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), <https://notice.nv.gov/> 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 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.

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- (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 46-06)
 - (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 241.0

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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

Fall 2026 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES*

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

31 Representatives appointed as of Wednesday September 2, 2026

DEPARTMENT	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Accounting	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Economics	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Finance	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Information Systems	Shanzeh Aslam	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Department of Management and Entrepreneurship	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Business Administration (MBA/EMBA)	Colin Covitz	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Dental Medicine	Hayden Riley	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Counselor Education, School Psychology, and Human Services	Madeline Stockton	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education	Temitope Aborishade	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Educational Psychology, Leadership, & Higher Education (EPLHE)	Kingsley Nimoh	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Teaching and Learning	Kris Miguel	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Civil & Environmental Engineering and Construction	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Computer Science	Graham Haley	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Electrical and Computer Engineering	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Mechanical Engineering	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Architecture	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾

DEPARTMENT	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Art	Reese Wallace	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Film	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Music	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Theater	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Hospitality	Julia Chan	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Health Physics and Diagnostic Sciences	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences	Monica Enriquez	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Occupational Therapy O.T.D.	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Physical Therapy D.P.T.	Diana Buenrostro	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Law	David Elder	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Anthropology	Cole White	Not Yet Recorded ▾
English	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
History	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Political Science	Bianca Martins de Oliveira	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Psychology	David Vollweiler	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Sociology	Hailey Maltempi	Not Yet Recorded ▾
World Languages and Cultures	Sidney Ahles	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Psychiatry & Behavioral Health (Couple and Family Therapy, CFT)	Ivory Rowden	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Medicine	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Nursing	Victoria Seidman	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Environmental and Occupational Health	Salome Ogbuleka	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Healthcare Administration and Policy	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Social and Behavioral Health	Rupam Mitra	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Chemistry and Biochemistry	Jedidah Ashi	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Geoscience	Alma Reasoner	Not Yet Recorded ▾

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Life Sciences	Audrey Wetjen	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Mathematical Sciences	Chinonso Unegbu	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Physics and Astronomy	Peter Quigley	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Communication Studies	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Criminal Justice	Vacant	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Journalism and Media Studies	Ferrari Dior Little	Not Yet Recorded ▾
School of Public Policy and Leadership	Lakiasa Hollingsworth	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Social Work	Morgan Murphy	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (IGP) - Master's	Mamata Aryal	Not Yet Recorded ▾
Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (IGP) - Doctoral	Katie Bricarell	Not Yet Recorded ▾

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

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	Division of President's Cabinet
DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	Attorney General
<i>Starlisha Towers</i>	<i>Alexander Zafarana</i>	<i>Devin Lopez</i>	<i>Jared Desamero</i>	<i>Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere</i>	<i>David Elder</i>
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Ayoola Olayinka</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

[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. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Council Meeting 46-05 August 14, 2026 will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the GPSA Google Drive and are also sent to the Council.

B. Legislative Affairs Deputy Director Appointment

President Curtis-Brown & Director Lopez requests the appointment of Bianca to serve as the GPSA Legislative Affairs Deputy Director for the 46th Session.

C. Engagement & Outreach Deputy Director Appointment

President Curtis-Brown & Director Zafarana requests the appointment of Ariadna Gutierrez to serve as the GPSA Engagement & Outreach Deputy Director for the 46th Session.

D. Operations Deputy Director Appointment

President Curtis-Brown & Director Desamero requests the appointment of Gabriella Maki to serve as the GPSA Operations Deputy Director for the 46th Session.

E. External Committee Appointment – University Technology Committee

President Curtis-Brown requests the appointment of Gaurab Subedi to serve as the GPSA representative on the University Technology Committee.

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

INFORMATION ONLY

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Welcome and Updates from Provost Reddi

INFORMATION ONLY

President Curtis-Brown welcomes Provost Lakshmi Reddi to provide a welcome and back-to-school message to the GPSA Council, along with updates from the Office of the Provost relevant to graduate and professional students.

Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes

B. Federal Policy Changes and Impacts

INFORMATION ONLY

President Curtis-Brown welcomes Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Barb Roberts and Senior Executive Director of UNLV Global and Senior International Officer, Lindsey Gruber to discuss recent federal policy changes impacting graduate and professional students, including changes to federal financial aid and international student policies stemming from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and other federal actions. The presentation will include information on how UNLV is responding, resources and support available to impacted students, and what students should be aware of moving forward. Council representatives will have an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns and experiences they are hearing from their constituents.

Time allotted for item. ~45 Minutes

C. FY27 GPSA Annual Budget Approval

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown & Treasurer Ganapathireddy requests discussion and possible approval of the FY27 GPSA Annual Budget. The proposed budget has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ways & Means Committee and is presented to the GPSA Council for final approval. President Curtis-Brown will also propose an amendment to reallocate additional funding to General Operations to support GPSA office

renovations and increase funding for promotional items and student engagement materials.

[Ref. 46-007: FY27 Budget Memo](#); [Ref. 46-006: Support of Proposed Budget](#)

Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes

D. Council Rules/Expectations, & NOML

INFORMATION ONLY

Secretary Rachel requests a review of Council member responsibilities and expectations for the Fall 2026 semester, including attendance, participation, meeting procedures, and Open Meeting Law requirements.

Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes

E. 2026–2027 GPSA Annual Goals

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible approval of the proposed GPSA annual goals for the 2026–2027 academic year. The goals will establish the Association's priorities and guide the work of the Executive Board, President's Cabinet, committees, and Council throughout the 46th Session.

[Ref. 46-009: GPSA Annual Goals for 2026/2027](#)

Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes

F. 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 the Dean of the Graduate College and Vice Provost of Graduate Education. 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: Constitution Reform BLUE & RED LINE](#)

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

G. Resolution to increase GPSA fee

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible action regarding GPSA's pursuit of a proposed increase to the GPSA fee from \$25 to \$50, beginning Fall 2027. President Curtis-Brown will provide an update on the process, including the student survey that has been distributed, notification

of the President and Provost, and the development of the required steps for consideration of a fee increase. Council will vote on whether GPSA should continue pursuing the proposed fee increase in advance of the September 25 deadline.

[Ref. 46-010: Resolution to increase the GPSA Fee](#)

Time allotted for item. ~25 Minutes

H. HOCO Participation & Golf Cart Decorating FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible action regarding GPSA's participation in the UNLV Homecoming Golf Cart Decorating Competition. GPSA will participate in Homecoming activities, and Council will vote specifically on whether GPSA should participate in the Golf Cart Decorating Competition.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

8) Announcements

INFORMATION ONLY

- Town Hall on September 16th, 2026 at 5:30 PM in AEB

9) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment