



Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE 46-03

Tuesday, October 13th, 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), WRI Building C Exterior Door posting area, Student Union 3rd floor SIA 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 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 46-03)
 - (b) Emails must be sent no later than 5:00PM one business day before the meeting.
- (2) 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 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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

COLLEGE/POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE (P) In-Person (V) Virtual (E) Excused (A) Absent
Chair – College of Liberal Arts	Devin Lopez	Not Yet Recorded
Vice Chair – College of Liberal Arts	Bianca Martins de Oliveira	Not Yet Recorded
Boyd School of Law	David Elder	Not Yet Recorded
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs	Lakiasha Hollingsworth	Not Yet Recorded
Graduate College Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs	Katie Bricarell	Not Yet Recorded

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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

GPSA President, Trey Curtis-Brown

GPSA Business Manager & Advisor, Nia Smercina

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

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) Approval of Minutes

The Chair will request time to discuss and vote on the approval of the committee's meeting minutes for meetings 46-01 and 46-02. The minutes were distributed to the committee membership and posted to the [GPSA Public Drive](#).

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. President Curtis-Brown**
- B. GPSA Manager & Advisor Nia Smercina**
- C. Committee Chair Report**
- D. Committee Vice Chair Report**

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. No unfinished business**

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. GPSA Budget Parameters – GPSA Bylaws **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chair will request time to discuss the creation of a new bylaw regarding the GPSA's budget process and expenditure categories. Discussion of this item will be limited to information only. The committee may discuss which overarching topics to include in a new article of the bylaws. This item was prompted due to the GPSA Council's discussion of the GPSA fee increase. Generally, the Council requests limits to non-essential spending categories to make the GPSA budget responsive to the student body's needs.

Time allotted for item. Ex: 20 Minutes

B. GPSA Council Chair – GPSA Bylaws **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chair will request time to discuss the creation of new bylaws for the duties and responsibilities of the chair of the GPSA Council. Discussion of this item will be limited to information only. The committee may discuss which overarching topics to include in the new bylaws. The committee may decide to create a new article of the bylaws or to amend the existing articles. This item was prompted due to the proposed GPSA constitutional

reform and the creation of a Chair of the Council position separate from the GPSA President.

Time allotted for item. Ex: 20 Minutes

C. Bylaws Article IV, Section III – Agenda Access FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair will request time to discuss the creation of new bylaws regarding agenda access for meetings of the GPSA Council and Executive Board. The committee may recommend new language as part of this agenda item. The committee may discuss which positions, elected or otherwise, shall be granted priority access to the meeting agenda and the process for the Executive Board to place items on the Council agenda should the chair no longer be the President. The new bylaws will be placed under Article IV, Section III of the GPSA bylaws.

Reference Material: [46-03a](#)

Time allotted for item. Ex: 30 Minutes

8) Announcements

INFORMATION ONLY

[Upcoming events, deadlines, etc.]

9) Public Comment

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(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment