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Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 46-08

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

12:00 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), NV Public notice notice.nv.gov, and GPSA Website, 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.

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 46-08)

  (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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA COUNCIL

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

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	Attorney General
DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	Attorney General
Starlisha Towers	*Xander Zafarana*	*Devin Lopez*	*Jared Desamero*	*Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere*	*David Elder*
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN
☐ *Vacant*	*Ariadna Gutierrez*	*Bianca Martins de Oliveira*	*Gabriella Maki*	*Ayoola Olayinka*	☐ *Vacant*

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
- ☐ **Academic Faculty Advisor**, Dr. John Colombo
- ☐ **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) 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 Executive Board Meeting 46-07, (October 10, 2026)will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the GPSA Google Drive and are also sent to the Council.

5) 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

6) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. University Libraries: Proposed Library Materials Replacement Fee Process **INFORMATION ONLY**

President Curtis-Brown requests a presentation from Maggie and Ingrid Ruffin, Associate Dean of University Libraries, regarding a proposed change to the Libraries' policy for overdue materials. The presentation will provide an overview of the proposal to eliminate traditional overdue fines and implement an extended grace period followed by a replacement fee for materials that are not returned. University Libraries will seek feedback from the Executive Board on the proposed process, which is intended to encourage the return of library materials and reduce costs for students, with potential implementation beginning in Fiscal Year 2028.

Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes

B. Presentation on UNLV Preschool and Possible Support
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to discuss potential GPSA support for the UNLV/CSUN Preschool. The discussion will explore opportunities for GPSA to provide funding or other support to help reduce preschool costs for graduate and professional student families as the preschool expands its services. An amount for fiscal support will be discussed and voted on during the meeting.

Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes

C. GPSA Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Implementation
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests an item regarding the memo to the Council and Executive Board outlining the purpose, structure, responsibilities, and anticipated work of the GPSA Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Implementation. The memo will provide guidance regarding the committee's role in facilitating and coordinating the implementation of governance changes resulting from the new GPSA Constitution.

Ref. 46-036

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

D. Revision Plan to GPSA Bylaws **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible action regarding the development and approval of a document revision plan for GPSA governing and operational documents. The Executive Board may identify documents requiring review or revision, establish priorities, and determine a proposed timeline and process for completing revisions. The approved document revision plan will guide future review and revision of GPSA documents.

Ref. 46-038

Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes

E. GPSA Website: Next Phase of Improvements **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion and possible action regarding the next phase of improvements to the GPSA website following the initial "quick win" updates previously identified by the Executive Board. The Executive Board will review progress made to date and may identify, prioritize, and approve additional website improvements related to content, accessibility, organization, functionality, and the overall experience for graduate and professional students.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

F. Atrium Events Check-In Training **INFORMATION ONLY**

President Curtis-Brown requests discussion regarding training for the Atrium Events check-in system. The training will provide GPSA members with an overview of the check-in process, including how to use the system to track attendance and support efficient event operations.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

G. UNLV Calendar Training **INFORMATION ONLY**

President Curtis-Brown requests training on the UNLV Calendar system, including how to submit and manage GPSA events, meetings, and announcements to ensure GPSA programming is accurately and consistently shared with the university community.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

7) 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 Faculty Advisors

i. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Bill Robinson*
ii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. John Colombo*
iii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Alyssa Crittenden*

8) Announcements **INFORMATION ONLY**

[Upcoming events, deadlines, etc.]

9) Public Comment **INFORMATION ONLY**

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment