



Notice of Public Meeting

Graduate & Professional Student Association

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 46-07

Saturday, October 10, 2026

9:00 AM

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](https://www.nv.gov/public-notice) [notice.nv.gov](https://www.nv.gov/public-notice), 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.

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 46-07)
 - (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 of Operations	DIRECTOR	AG
Starlisha Towers	Xander Zafarana	Devin Lopez	Jared Desamero	Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere	David Elder
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	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 (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) 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 ~2 minutes]

A. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for Executive Board Meeting 46-06, (September 15, 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. Maksudul Alam Jion Stipend Appeal form, requesting reconsideration For Possible Action

President Curtis-Brown requests the board's review and decision on the stipend appeal form for Maksudul Alam Jion, who is requesting reconsideration of a previous stipend decision.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

B. GPSA Resolution in support of making Christopher Heavey the permanent president of UNLV FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests approval of a resolution supporting Christopher Heavey's appointment as permanent president of UNLV.

[Ref. 46-029](#)

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

C. \$100 International Week Giveaway FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the possible discussion and approval of \$100 to be award in Rebel Cash for international students during International Education Week. Two graduate and professional students will be eligible to win \$50.

Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes

7) Public Comment

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(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

8) Adjournment