University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Graduate & Professional Student Association

Mission:
The Graduate & Professional Student Association of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, shall promote & represent the interests of graduate and professional students at UNLV. The Association shall assist graduate and professional students with support for their academic endeavors. Providing an environment conducive to student scholarship and research is the primary goal of the GPSA. In addition, the GPSA strives to engender a sense of community among the graduate and professional students by furnishing financial support and fellowship.
Student governments are organizations within each NSHE institution designed to serve the best needs of their constituents.

- Actions shall be congruent with the goals and objectives stated in each constitution and other governing documents.
- More information available in *NSHE Regent’s Handbook*, Title 4, Chapter 20 Part B.

The GPSA is governed in accordance to the GPSA **Constitution** and **Bylaws**.

- Please be sure to review these documents as soon as possible for the current set of regulations for our student government.
Section 1: Student Body Organizations. The Student Body Organization, in exercising authority granted by its constitution, shall conform to rules, regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada.

Section 2: Student Association Finances. Delegate to a full-time professional business manager, employed by the institution and funded by a student association, all or part of the responsibilities and authority delegated to a business center controller or purchasing director for other institution funds.

Section 3. Regulations for Meetings of Student Governments. GPSA Council meetings follow Robert’s Rules of Order and are run in accordance with NRS 241.020 (Nevada Open Meeting Law).

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The **Nevada Student Alliance** is the overarching student government association for all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) student government organizations.

- The purpose of the NSA is to promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the NSHE.
- Check out our [Constitution](#) if you would like to learn more about NSA.
The Graduate & Professional Student Association serves all currently enrolled graduate and professional students.

The GPSA Council consists of a representative from each academic department and professional school offering graduate and/or professional degrees.

- Meetings are held each month during the fall, spring, and summer semesters and open to all graduate and professional students.
- Council members are appointed to various committees on campus to provide a voice for all UNLV graduate and professional students.

Interested in Serving as a Representative:
Contact the GPSA or your Program Director to get more information.
Upcoming Council Meetings

Agendas are posted online & UNLV campus at least 3 days before meeting.

Location: Student Union, Room 208 A-C
- Monday, September 10, 2018
- Monday, October 1, 2018
- Monday, November 5, 2018
- Monday, December 3, 2018
- Monday, February 4, 2019
- Monday, March 18, 2019
- Monday, April 1, 2019
- Monday, May 6, 2019
Please review **Article II – The Representative** – within the GPSA Bylaws.

If unable to attend, please **appoint a proxy** from your department.
- [Proxy form](#) must be submitted to secretary before the meeting is called to order.

Representatives **shall inform their constituents**, graduate coordinators, and department chairperson about GPSA events and activities.
- Encourage graduate and professional students to participate in GPSA sponsored events and activities.
- Work in conjunction with your graduate coordinator and/or department chair to distribute information to your individual department.
  - Meeting minutes should be available within two weeks after the meeting.
  - Other resources available include UNLV [RAVE](#) and [SEND](#) platforms.

Each representative shall **serve on** at least one GPSA and/or campus-wide committee per academic year.
Robert’s Rules of Order

Members must **obtain the floor** by being called on by the committee chair.
- *Questions of privilege* may interrupt a member’s speech.
- *Point of order* can be utilized to make corrections and/or call a member to order.

The **chair may specify an action** and call for objection, if none, the action is adopted.

Prior to opening debate, a **motion must be made** and **seconded**.
- Seconder is not endorsing the motion, only wants to consider motion.
- A member may request a **reading of the papers** prior to discussion/debate.
- A motion to **close, limit, or extend debate** at any point.

Other motion types:
- Lay on the table; refer to committee; amendments; end discussion; voting by ballot; etc.

Order of Motion:
1. *(Department)* motions to _____.
2. Seconded by *(department)*.
3. Discussion
4. Vote: *(in favor, opposed, abstentions)*
   - If motion carried, no further action.
   - If motion does not pass, second motion can be made.
Call to order
Public Comment
Roll call
Approval of minutes of previous meeting
Guest speakers (where applicable)
Election of officers and appointment of committees (where applicable)
Reports and recommendations
Old business
New business
Public comment
Adjournment
Please encourage your constituents to view agendas, attend meetings to provide comment on agenda items, and take an active role with the GPSA.

- No action or discussion may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda; this is an information only item.
- Comments will be time limited (two minutes per person).
- The chair may elect to allow additional public comment on specific agenda items when that 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 this 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.
Committee Reports
Please submit a written report on committee activity to the GPSA no later than three days prior to the subsequent meeting.

- RE: Committee Report to GPSA _ <NAME>

**GPSA PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE July 13, 2018**

*Next Meeting: 10 Aug 2018 at 9AM, NSHE System Office*

Chancellor Thom Reilly provided the committee with an overview of what he expects the next couple months to look like. He stressed that student input is welcomed at BoR Meetings and should be something we try to work on during this legislative session.

- The board is expected to meet at least once for the rest of the year. Some of the items he expects will be discussed in the upcoming meetings include budget enhancement requests (July), budget and allocation (August), Access project and student success (September-October), and tuition lock-in recommendations (November).

NSHE CFO, Chester Burton, provided an overview of the funding formula and self-supporting budgets. Discussion of the impact the formula has on budget allocation followed.

- For a copy of the presentation (p.4-22) and supporting materials (p.23-35) see the 07/13/2018 NSA Meeting Agenda.
- Questions can be addressed to NSHE CFO and/or Institutional Financial Officer.

The NSA committee discussed and passed two resolutions which can be found in the 07/13/2018 NSA Meeting Agenda.

- (p.36-37) Resolution Requesting Study of Predictable Tuition and Fees
- (p.38-39) Resolution to Support Investigation of Impact from Divestment of Fossil Fuels

NSA Website: [https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/](https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/)

Department Reports
- Representatives shall orally report to the GPSA Council any suggestions regarding the welfare of the graduate and professional students of their department.
Feel free to present items for consideration at future Council meetings.

- Informational only.
- Discussion is limited to description and clarification of subject matter of the item, including the reasons for the request.

Persons or organizations seeking placement on the agenda after this action item must submit their request in writing to the GPSA President at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered; emergency items added at the discretion of the President (Bylaws Article IV, Sec.3).
Student Services

- Graduate Student Commons (website)
- Research & Travel Sponsorship Awards (website)
- Research Forum (website)
- Textbook Awards (reorganization coming soon, website)
- Student & Faculty Merit Awards (nomination)
- Luminary Student Newsletter (archive)
- Cap/Tam & Gown Lending Program (coming soon)
- Student Organization Funding (coming soon)
- Professional Development Workshops (Graduate College)
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**Note:** Members of the Executive Board will be available in SU 306 the hour prior to every scheduled GPSA Council Meeting.

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