



**Graduate & Professional Student Association**

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

*GPSA COUNCIL MEETING 44-01*

***Minutes***

THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

5:30 PM

**HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING:**

**IN PERSON:** University Gateway Building (GTW)

Second floor, Gather Meeting Room

4700 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89119, USA

**VIRTUAL:** <https://unlv.zoom.us/my/gpsa.meeting.room>

Meeting ID: 702 895 2261

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTE:**

### PERTAINING TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Section 1 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 (“Directive 006”) issued by the State of Nevada Executive Department. If a physical location is required for the meeting, participants may be able to access the livestream by visiting the Graduate Commons at the Lied Library 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Public Comment may be submitted via email to [\*\*gpsapresident@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsapresident@unlv.edu).

Messages received by 9:00 AM on the business day prior to the meeting may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other public comment form submissions and/or voicemails received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be transcribed and included in the permanent record.

Members of the public wishing to listen to the meeting may do so via:

<https://unlv.zoom.us/my/gpsa.meeting.room>

### CONTINUED:

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be presented and considered at the meeting. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order and presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Copies of the reference materials that are distributed at the meeting may be requested by emailing the Chair at [\*\*gpsa@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu). Copies of any such materials will also be made available at [unlv.edu/gpsa](https://unlv.edu/gpsa) on the “Agendas and Minutes” folder of the appropriate meeting. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability attending the meeting. Please email the GPSA Manager at [\*\*gpsa@unlv.edu\*\*](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu) in advance so that arrangements may be made.

This meeting’s agenda has been posted in accordance with NRS 241.020. Agendas may also be also be available online at [unlv.edu/gpsa/agenda](https://unlv.edu/gpsa/agenda) in the appropriate session and meeting number folder.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

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 comment 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.

### 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/> Evan Falkenthal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Marie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carr

### 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD (incoming elect)

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teresa Marie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Carr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Devin Lopez	VACANT

### 2023-2024 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

College	Department	Name	Attendance
<b>Lee Business School:</b>	Accounting	Omgema Dut Ayai	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Business Administration	Alejandro Rodriguez Lombeida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Economics	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Management, Entrepreneurship & Tech.	Amber Upton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dental Medicine:</b>	Dental Medicine	Tyler Pisciotta	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Education:</b>	Counselor Ed, School Psych., & Human Serv.	Carli Barnum	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Early Childhood, Multilingual & Spec. Ed	Ma Elena Mendoza	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Teaching & Learning	Claudia Chiang-Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Educational Psychology & Higher Education	Jennifer Fletcher	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Engineering:</b>	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Gabson Baguma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Computer Science	Sai Phani Krishna Parsa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Daniela Nikoloska	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Mechanical Engineering	Devin Krystek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Fine Arts:</b>	Architecture	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Art	Karla Lagunas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

College	Department	Name	Attendance
	Film	Victoria Marshall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Music	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Theatre	Leah Procita	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Hospitality:</b>	Hospitality & Hotel Administration	Jaimi Garlington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Integrated Health Sciences:</b>	Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences	Gregory Gill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Physical Therapy	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brain Health	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Boyd School of Law:</b>	Law	Blanca Peña	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Liberal Arts:</b>	Anthropology	Emily Edmonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	English	Carlos Tkacz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	History	Tyler Rodney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Political Science	Devin Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Psychology	Richard Chang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sociology	Drue Sahuc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	World Languages & Cultures	<b>VACANT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>School of Medicine:</b>	Couple & Family Therapy	Melissa Ceballos e	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Medicine	Stephanie Wang	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>School of Nursing:</b>	Nursing	Kevin Dangler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>School of Public Health:</b>	Environmental & Occupational Health	Emylia Terry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Healthcare Administration &	Ernest Cornejo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	Amruta Godbole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

College	Department	Name	Attendance
	Social & Behavioral Health	Ana Gonzalez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Urban Affairs:</b>	Communication Studies	VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Criminal Justice	Jordyn Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Journalism & Media Studies	VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Policy & Leadership	Sylvia Desire Nyesiga	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Social Work	Emily Arriviello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>College of Sciences:</b>	Chemistry & Biochemistry	David King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Geoscience	Sierra Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Life Sciences	Thomas Crippen	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mathematical Sciences	Keoni Castellano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Physics & Astronomy	VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Interdisciplinary Programs:</b>	Integrated Health Sciences	Katie Bricarell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Data Analytics & Cybersecurity	VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Members may have been appointed by their department between the time of agenda posting and the meeting. All other members present will be available in the Minutes and listed below.

**Members-at-Large:**

Meagan Evans, Social Work  
 Lila Hearn, Political Science  
 Penny Wolkiewicz, Emergency Crisis Management  
 Dionne Stanfill, Law  
 Amrit Shahi, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
 Burak Sahin, Teaching & Learning  
 Ravi Batra, Environmental & Occupational Health  
 Joseph Cadiz, Nursing  
 Ryan Rezaei, Hospitality Management  
 Joseph Noce, History  
 Francesca Howard, Nursing  
 Susan Dakwa, Social & Behavioral Health  
 Raven Brown, Public Policy & Leadership  
 Jennifer Napoles, Chemistry & Biochemistry X  
 Ayodele Aborishade, Early Childhood & Multilingual Education  
 Khandaker Arafin Islam, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
 Katie Singsank, Psychology  
 Hoor Ain, Psychology

**Members of the Public Present:**

## AGENDA

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

5:39pm

### 2) PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

### ROLL CALL

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

*Request is made for approval of minutes from previous meetings.*

#### 3a) CONSENT AGENDA:

- i) Minutes for the April 2024 (43-11) Council Meeting as posted to the [public](#) or [GPSA Drive](#).
- ii) Motion by Tyler Rodney (History )
- iii) Second by: David King (Chemistry and Biology)
  - Approved

### 4) REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INFORMATION ONLY

#### 4a) Executive Board

- President
  - Welcome new Executive Board!
  - Call for President's Cabinet members.
    - List the open cabinet member positions.
    - Reach out to the e board if you have any questions.
    - Report has been updated regarding the safety committee.
      - Dining commons meeting is coming soon.
        - Dining commons grad day is come.
        - Air mark catered for tonight.
        - Most of the reports will be in the reports link above.
      - Secretary interviews are closed but we are currently interviewing.
- Vice President
  - Sponsored Funding Programs Recap
    - We will be setting up workshop please reach if you would like to come to one of these or host one of these workshops.
- Treasurer
  - Budget Report – expenditures and revenue
    - Budget numbers as show in shred google drive.
      - Expenditure and review
  - Ways & Means Committee updates.
    - Chair will be appointed.
    - Motion will be at the June meeting.
    - Operating policy changes were made at the last meeting s
    - Priority deadline was set for:
    - Amendment for rso application are up for debate will have the ability to come and defend their RSO (advocation)
    - Close out surveys will also be available.

- Secretary
  - Four applicants, interviews in progress. Candidate to be appointed by the Executive Board and confirmed by Council at the June Council meeting (44-02).
  - **Please let us know if you are going to be staying on for the fall or not.**

#### 4b) President's Cabinet

- Director of Communications & Marketing (*vacant*)
- Director of Engagement & Outreach
- Director of Legislative Affairs (*vacant*)
- Director of Operations
- Chief of Staff

#### 4c) GPSA Business Manager & Advisor

- Summer Council members AND returning Council members for 2024-2025 must complete the [Council Registration Form](#)
  - [Stipends / scholarships are coming soon](#)
- Cap & Gown Program Update
- Executive Board training retreat

#### 4d) UNLV Campus-Wide Committees

*Representatives serving on any external committee on GPSA behalf may use this time to provide updates.*

*Vice presidency for research are coming soon in the fall*

*Nicole will still be serving out her term on that committees.*

#### 4e) UNLV Departments/ Units

- Nevada Graduate Student Workers
  - **Grievance committees chair: A GA- world languages and culture department**
    - One of the professors passed in this accident (December 6<sup>th</sup>)
    - There has been no provided training on how to handle another incident if it occurs.
    - There were given 3 therapy session but where not offered any other help after
  - **Students are worried about getting assigned to teach classes in that building.**
    - Registrar has already reached out to everyone who may be teaching in that building.
  - **Comment- sad to here that the mental health of the individual was discounted, they should have been giving.**
    - Caps cut down the amount of session they were doing because of the demand increase during the shooting.
- Graduate College
  - **Donte: grade rebel gate way has a grievance form.**
  - **GAs you need to accept your offer within 2 weeks- id it expires they can give that GA position to someone else.**
  - **Tuition waivers are not available for students with fellowships.**

### 5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

*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.*

#### 5a) GPSA Fee Revisionment Process



President Marie requests time for the discussion of the GPSA Fee Revisement process.

- 40 dollar increases will be in fy27 – this is to prevent closing our current programs. Its only to continue the programs we currently have operating.

## 6) NEW BUSINESS

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

*New business is any motion that is new to this meeting. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.*

### **6a) Appointment of Summer Council Representatives**

President Marie requests time for the discussion and appointment of Summer Council members. Over the summer, the GPSA Council is abbreviated to a summer sessional of 15 seats with at least one representative from each College or School at UNLV (as opposed to each department). If multiple members from one College are interested in serving on Summer Council, the Council may vote to decide the representative at the May Council meeting.

Motion by: Drue Sahuc

Second by: Tyler Rodney

**[Representatives, mark your summer availability here](#) so we can schedule the summer meetings!**

- Lee Business School: pending
- Dental Medicine: pending
- College of Education: Ayodele Aborishade,
- College of Engineering: Daniella Nikoloska
- College of Fine Arts: Karla Lagunas
- College of Hospitality: Jaimee Garlington
- School of Integrated Health Sciences: Gregory gill
- Boyd School of Law: Blanca Pena
- College of Liberal Arts: Hoor Ain
- School of Medicine: pending
- School of Nursing: Windy Huynh
- School of Public Health: Ernest Cornejo
- College of Urban Affairs: Elisha
- College of Sciences: David King
- Interdisciplinary Programs: Katie Bricarrell

### **6b) Appointment of Summer Committee Members**

President Marie requests time for discussion and appointment of members to GPSA Committees active over the summer. The following committees will continue their operations over the summer term:

- Sponsorship Committee
  - Claudia Chang Lopez
  - Maegan Nation
  - Ayodele Aborishade,
- Ways & Means Committee
  - Hoor Ain
  - Daniella
  - Amruta Godbole

## 7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INFORMATION ONLY

- Graduate Spring Commencement Ceremony is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.
  - Cap and gown 129 students are being supported.
    - We have an issue with people not returning their things.
    - I the tunnel where graduates exit to leave.
- GA contracts end May 17<sup>th</sup>

- Summer tuition waiver (up to 3 credits) for GAs
  - Available to GAs with a preceding spring contract and subsequent fall GA contract. Email [GradFinancialSvc@unlv.edu](mailto:GradFinancialSvc@unlv.edu) to claim this benefit.
- Call for President's Cabinet members.
  - Term starts over the summer through May 2025
    - Reach out to Meagan if you are interested in this position.
  - Graduating: Keoni Castellano
    - Meagan Evans

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

INFORMATION ONLY

*(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

**9) ADJOURNMENT 6:48pm**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION