

# **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**June 6, 2013  
Time 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Rita Laden Senate Chambers**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Mr. Antonio Guerrero, ASCSN  
Ms. Alejandra Leon, ASWN  
Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV  
Mr. RJ Boyajian, UNR GSA  
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA  
Mr. Michael Gordon, UNLV GPSA  
Ms. Kathryn Bywaters, GRAD  
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA  
Mr. Ziad Rashdan, ASUN  
Ms. Stephanie Prevost, TMCC SGA**

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the chair.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION**

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.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for April 8 and May 13, 2013.

### **3. NSA CONSTITUTION OVERVIEW INFORMATION**

NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renée Davis will give an overview of the current NSA Constitution and process for electing new Chair. She will also summarize changes to the constitution approved by the 2012-13 NSA but not yet submitted to the Chancellor for approval.

### **4. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Members will entertain nominations for and elect a new chair and vice-chair. The chair must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this (the first) meeting. Chair and Vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. No member institution may hold consecutive terms as the chair or vice-chair. Once elected, the chair may appoint a secretary to take minutes at each meeting.

**5. OPEN MEETING LAW INFORMATION**

Renée Davis will provide an explanation of how the open meeting law applies to meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance, including the timeline for establishing agendas prior to each meeting.

**6. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION**

NSA members will discuss and finalize the contents of the Chair Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents on June 6, 2013.

**7. NSHE E-LEARNING PROJECT INFORMATION**

NSA members will discuss the work of the e-learning committee and any progress to date.

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**9. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241) at the following locations:  
CSN, Building D, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124  
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095  
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363  
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801  
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015  
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512  
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001  
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557  
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703  
System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite C-1, Las Vegas NV 89103  
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**University of Nevada, Reno**

**Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 420**

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**2. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD CHAIR JASON GEDDES INFORMATION**

Students will meet with Chair Jason Geddes. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

## Proposed Revisions for Discussion at 2/11/13 NSA Meeting Provided by Travis Brown, CSN Student Body President

### ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100.0 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

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110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;

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110.4 To aid member schools' student governments in the attainment of their goals without undue interference in their internal affairs.

### ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 200.0 Each of the ten (10) Student Governments Organizations (undergraduate and graduate) in the Nevada System of Higher Education (~~Associated Students of the University of Nevada, University of Nevada Reno Graduate Student Association, Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada Las Vegas Graduate and Professional Student Association, Nevada State Student Alliance, Associated Students of the College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College Student Government Association, Associated Students of Western Nevada, Great Basin College Student Government Association, and Desert Research Institution Graduate Student Association~~ ~~University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College at Henderson, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and Desert Research Institute~~) shall be members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

Section ~~220.0~~ 210.0 Each Student Government Organization will be eligible to have one person serve as a voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance. ~~Voting representative shall be one person (usually the President) from each of the student governments as approved by their respective member institution's student legislative body.~~

220.1 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible to run for the positions of NSA Chairperson, ~~and Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.~~

Section ~~210.0~~ 220.0 The President of each respective Student Government Organization ~~Each president of the student governments~~ shall serve ~~act~~ as or appoint a voting representative of the Nevada Student Alliance in accordance with their Organizations Constitution and/or Bylaws. Each of the Student Governments Organizations may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve in this position. ~~In addition to the ex-officio representative, each satellite campus may appoint an ex-officio representative.~~

~~220.1230.0~~ Ex-officio representatives shall be one person from each institution's undergraduate ~~student government, and~~ graduate student government ~~and satellite campus~~ as approved by their respective legislative body.

Section ~~230.0240.0~~ A representative serves one full year unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body. The representatives serve ~~from the beginning of the first meeting in June of the NSA of the year of appointment through the first meeting in June of the NSA of the following years.~~

230.1 Those Student Government Organizations whose elections are held in the fall will represent their Student Governments from the beginning of the next regularly scheduled NSA meeting through the regularly scheduled meeting the same month of the following year. ~~from June 1 of the year of appointment through May 31 of the following year.~~

Section 240.0: Each of the Student Government Organizations shall set aside at least \$500.00 from their annual budgets to be spent at the request of the Nevada Student Alliance on events and promotion.

### ARTICLE 3 - Meetings and Voting

Section 300.0 Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance may coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and shall be held in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

300.1 The Nevada Student Alliance must have a quorum of at least two-thirds of its voting representatives to conduct business.

300.2 The meetings will be facilitated by a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary shall be elected by at least two-thirds of its voting representatives at the first meeting in June.

300.21 The chairperson will serve one term consisting of one year.

300.22 Terms will run from their appointment of the first meeting in June through the election of the new Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary at the June meeting of the following years. ~~June 1 to May 31.~~

300.23 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

300.24 The Chair and Vice-Chair cannot be from the same NSHE member Institution.

300.3 The Chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.31 the right to vote;

300.32 the responsibility for preparing agendas ~~and submitting minutes for the next meeting;~~

300.33 the authority to appoint a temporary Secretary in the event the Secretary is absent or unable to fulfill their duties ~~at each meeting for purpose of taking minutes~~ at said meeting; and

300.34 the responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

~~300.4 The members of the Nevada Student Alliance shall elect a vice chair.~~

~~300.41 The vice chair will serve one term consisting of one year.~~

~~300.42 Terms will run from June 1 to May 31.~~

300.45 The Vice-Chairperson shall have the following rights and duties:

300. 451 the right to vote;

300. ~~452~~ the responsibility to assume all rights and duties of the Chairperson, when the Chairperson is effectively absent, resigned, impeached, or is represented by proxy. ~~in the event of said Chairperson's absence, resignation or impeachment.~~

300.5 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.51 the right to vote;

300.52 the responsibility of taking minutes and submitting minutes for the next meeting.

Section 310.0 Voting of the Nevada Student Alliance will have the following restrictions:

310.1 any decision requires approval from at least one less than the number of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution;

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#### **ARTICLE 4 - Amendment, Ratification and Impeachment**

Section 400.0 Amendment and ratification of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Proposal by:

400.11 a two-thirds vote of the Nevada Student Alliance members; or

400.12 a two-thirds vote of the member institution's ~~student~~ legislative bodies.

400.2 Ratification by:

400.21 final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to ~~the Nevada Student Alliance~~ members within five (5) business days of the proposals approval.

400.22 each NSA member shall distribute the amended constitution to ~~their his/her~~ student legislative body; this shall be done by, post the amended constitution in the principal office and not less than three other separate, prominent places within the jurisdiction of their student legislative body.

400.3 Approval by:

400.31 ratification of the constitution, as defined in this section, shall require approval from one less than the number of voting members present.

400.32 ~~the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education a vote of the Board of Regents~~ shall ratify amendments to this Constitution before they become effective. In accordance with NSHE Board of Regents Handbook Section 1.3.6

Section 410.0 Impeachment and removal shall require the following procedure:

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### **Revision suggestions to NSA Constitution**

- Section 410.1: What are the grounds for impeachment? How are you supposed to bring up charges?



*Constitutional change for each Student Government – Possibly put this in the Board of Regents Handbook.*

## Article X

### Nevada Student Alliance

X.1 The ASCSN President shall serve or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

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***Specific for DRI GRAD, I know your elections are held in the fall semester and you only have a little more than a \$1000 in your annual budget.***

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# NSA Meeting Dates for 2013

Updated 3/4/13

## **Board of Regents**

*In person NSA meetings vary, but are generally conducted from **7:00 -7:45 AM** on regular (not special) meeting days—Thursday **and** Friday. The Thursday meeting is an NSA business meeting and the Friday meeting is a discussion with the Chair of the Board of Regents. Always check the NSA agendas and/or Board agendas for location and time changes prior to the meeting.*

- February 28-March 1 / Desert Research Institute (Las Vegas)
- June 6-7 / University of Nevada, Reno
- September 5-6 / Great Basin College
- December 5-6 / University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## **Chancellor Klaich/NSA Videoconferences**

*All meetings with the Chancellor are **4:00-5:00 PM**, followed by an NSA meeting from **5:00 to 6:00 PM**. See locations below. With the exception of November, all meetings are the second Monday of the month.*

- January 14
- February 11
- ~~March 11~~ [cancelled]
- April 8
- May 13
- ~~June 10~~ [cancelled]
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 18
- December 9

The meetings will be held in the following rooms, unless a conflict arises and the room is changed. Please check the NSA agendas prior to the meeting to confirm location.

### **CSN – Cheyenne 2638**

*Must contact campus security to get door locked when departing.*

### **GBC – MH 125**

### **NSC – DAW 218**

*Must contact Alicia Mohammed or Security to open room: room door locks upon exit.*

### **UNLV – SCS 102**

*After 5:00 PM the front door will lock and there will be no re-entry.*

### **WNC – Dini 105**

### **System Office – Reno 134**