



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)  
AGENDA**

**February 22, 2019  
8:00 a.m.**

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)  
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134  
2601 Enterprise Road  
Reno, NV 89512

**\*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\***

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**ROLL CALL:** **Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Chair)**  
**Mr. Andrew Sierra, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (NSA Vice Chair)**  
**Ms. Ahtziry Vasquez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary)**  
**Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN**  
**Ms. Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**  
**Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Mr. James Wilsey, Western Nevada College, ASWN**  
**Ms. Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
**Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA**  
**Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order 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.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made available in advance of the meeting as follows: 1) from the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs by calling Renée Davis at (775) 784-4901 or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the main meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office in advance at (775) 784-4901 so that arrangements may be made.

**1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Ahtziry Vasquez will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on January 15, 2019.

**4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NSA RESOLUTION ON PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair Christopher Roys requests time for the discussion and approval of an NSA resolution recommending the adoption of the Predictable Pricing Program (Option B of the Tuition Guarantee Proposals presented as information to the Board at the November 29-30, 2019 meeting and to be considered for possible action at the February 28-March 1, 2019 meeting). The body will discuss language additions or modifications to a draft resolution that will be approved and sent to the Board of Regents and NSHE Staff.

**5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN NSHE STUDY ON HOUSING AND FOOD INSECURITY.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President of UNR ASUN Hannah Jackson requests time for the discussion and approval of a resolution supporting the implementation of a System-wide study on housing and food insecurity. The body will discuss language additions or modifications to a draft resolution that will be approved and sent to the Board of Regents, NSHE Officers, and NSHE Staff.

**6. DISCUSSION ON NSA CONSTITUTION REVISIONS**

**INFORMATION**

NSA Chair Christopher Roys requests time for discussion on possible revisions to the NSA Constitution including, but not limited to, designating a procedure for the appointment of members to working groups, task forces, and ad-hoc committees of NSHE or the Board of Regents.

**7. 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.

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Nevada System of Higher Education Website – <https://system.nevada.edu>

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System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rogers Student Center, 1021 Paradise Hills Drive, Henderson, NV 89002

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 Marlyand 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



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONDUCTING A SYSTEM-WIDE STUDY ON HOUSING AND  
FOOD INSECURITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 105,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns to their elected officials in local, state, and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution in favor of the Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018, moves to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make institutions of higher education eligible for assistance for community food projects and for other purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress finds the following:

1. According to the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, studies indicate that at least 36 percent of four-year college and university students and 42 percent of two-year community college student have experienced food insecurity in 2018.
2. Hunger threatens a student's health, cognitive ability, and economic security.
3. Institutions of higher education should strive to collect edible, surplus food from campus-operated dining facilities that would be thrown away and distribute such food to students experiencing hunger.
4. Institutions of higher education should partner with local organizations such as regional food banks to reduce hunger and support operation of food pantries on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, a December 2018 United States Government Accountability Office report finds the following

1. There is limited information about the national prevalence of food insecurity among college students
2. GAO's analysis of Department of Education (Education) data shows that almost 2 million at-risk students who were potentially eligible for SNAP did not report receiving benefits in 2016.
3. Having a low income is the most common risk factor for food insecurity among college students. Among low-income students, most have one additional risk factor associated with food insecurity, such as being a first-generation student or a single parent; and

**WHEREAS**, other statewide systems of higher learning, such as Massachusetts and Wisconsin, have conducted similar studies; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty and staff at several NSHE institutions are already spearheading similar initiatives on their specific campuses;

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution in favor of the Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018, moves to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make institutions of higher education eligible for assistance for community food projects and for other purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, conducting this study would further the Chancellor’s objectives of access, student success, and closing the achievement gap; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated system-wide assessment could help inform campus initiatives such as:

1. Educating faculty, staff, and students
2. Nutrition, cooking, and budgeting classes
3. Food pantries and other food provision
4. Centralizing student services, such as help for applying for benefits, counseling, disability support services, financial aid, veterans’ services
5. Emergency aid
6. Research and data analysis

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 105,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the initiative of a system-wide study concerning housing and food insecurity; AND
- Urges elected student representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education to actively pursue resolutions from their institutions in regards to a system-wide study; AND
- Urges leadership of the Nevada System of Higher Education to work to find creative solutions and partnerships to address housing and food insecurity.

**ADOPTED** by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2019.

Attest:



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Christopher Roys, NSA Chair

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Andrew Sierra, NSA Vice-Chair

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Ahtziry Vasquez, NSA Secretary



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM,  
“OPTION B” OF THE TUITION GUARANTEE PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 105,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns to their elected officials in local, state, and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance has actively engaged in discussions with the Board of Regents and NSHE Staff regarding the implementation of revised tuition/registration fees policy since June of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. David A. Longanecker, President of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) delivered expert testimony on the subject of tuition/registration fees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. David A Longaneck stated that a method for making NSHE a less inclusive and financially unforgiving system would reside in the adoption of “Option A” tuition/registration fee proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple NSHE Student Government Associations have passed resolutions supporting “Option B” while simultaneously voicing concerns on the negative impact “Option A” would have on working, non-traditional, and historically underserved student populations ; and

**WHEREAS**, predictability of tuition/registration fees has been cited as an improvement of transparency by Student Government Leadership and poses an improvement to the wellbeing of students in NSHE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution, in accordance with universal beliefs on shared governance, supporting the investigation and presentation of alterations to current Board of Regents policies regarding tuition and registration fees in July of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, a strategic goal of “improving access to higher education” was agreed upon by the Board of Regents and the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, graduate programs and professional degree programs would be excluded from “Option A” and would result in a disconnect between financial policies between matriculated groups of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, provided extensive information and unbiased testimony to the Nevada Student Alliance regarding the two tuition/registration fee policy proposals beginning in late 2018; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 105,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the adoption of the “Option B” registration/tuition fees policy for the purpose of improving financial predictability of registration/tuition fees.
- Urges the Board of Regents to adopt the “Option B” model of predictable tuition/registration fees at the February 28,2019 Board of Regents meeting.
- Expresses appreciation for the amount of time, work, and effort donated by NSHE Staff, the Board of Regents, and Chancellor Thom Reilly to design sensible public policy in response to the student voice.

**ADOPTED** by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2019.

Attest:



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Christopher Roys, NSA Chair

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Andrew Sierra, NSA Vice-Chair

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Ahtziry Vasquez, NSA Secretary