

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda

June 6, 2019

7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno

87 West Stadium Way

Reno, NV 89557

Joe Crowley Student Union

Rita Laden Senate Chambers

(Third Floor)

ROLL CALL: Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA

Office Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN

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) 784-3447 or emailing her at rdavis@nshe.nevada.edu; or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

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

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the 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) 784-3447 or (775) 784-3443 so that arrangements may be made.

1. ROLL CALL

NSHE Assistant Vice Chancellor and NSA Advisor Renee Davis will take roll call of members and circulate a sign-in sheet for guests so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. 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. 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 NSA 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 NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, 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.

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**INFORMATION**

Renee Davis will introduce herself, welcome the new members to NSA and ask them to introduce themselves to the group.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Renee Davis will briefly discuss the duties of each of the NSA officers and open up the floor for nominations for the three 2019-20 NSA officers: chair, vice chair and secretary. Candidates for each office must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this (the first) meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. Chair and Vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will take place in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2018-19 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Christopher Roys, UNLV CSUN

Vice Chair: Andrew Sierra, CSN ASCSN

Secretary: Ahtziry Vasquez, TMCC SGA

At the completion of this agenda item, the new chair will take charge of the meeting.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW**INFORMATION**

NSHE System legal counsel will provide a briefing to NSA members regarding Nevada Open Meeting Law.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on February 28, 2019.

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

The newly elected NSA Chair will discuss with the Alliance the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later the same day (on June 6, 2019).

8. 2019 NSA MEETING DATES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Renee Davis will provide a brief overview of the NSA Meeting Dates document, the meeting dates scheduled for the remainder of 2019, and the procedure for an NSA member to appoint a proxy. Keeping in mind the quorum requirement, the group will be asked to decide whether they want to cancel either or both summer meetings scheduled in July and August. In addition, the group will be asked to provide feedback on the scheduled fall meeting dates and potential spring meeting dates in order to determine whether adjustments to the meeting calendar are in order.

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.

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Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241) at the following locations:
CSN, Building D, 1st 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), 1st and 7th 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, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

Nevada Public Notice Website - <https://notice.nv.gov>



CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

Effective 5-11-18

ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

Section 110 The purpose of the Nevada Student Alliance shall be:

- 110.1 To promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
- 110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;
- 110.3 To aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good, as well as the good of students; and
- 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 Each of the ten student governments (undergraduate and graduate) in the Nevada System of Higher Education (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 210 Each Student Government Organization shall have one voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance.

- 210.1 Each president of the student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Alliance.
- 210.2 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Section 220 Each president of the student governments may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve on the Alliance.

220.1 Officers from the member student governments shall be the only persons eligible to serve as ex-officio representatives.

Section 230 A representative serves one full year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office, unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body.

ARTICLE 3 –Meetings, Officers and Voting

Section 300 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 A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

In case of a member abstaining from voting, the necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to act shall be reduced as though the member abstaining were not a member of the body.

300.2 Any decision by the Alliance requires approval from at least a simple majority of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution.

300.3 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chair shall be elected by at least two-thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.31 The chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.32 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair.

300.33 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.4 The chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.41 The right to vote;

300.42 The responsibility for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting;

300.43 The responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order; and

300.5 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.51 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.52 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the vice-chair.

300.53 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.6 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties:

300.61 The right to vote;

300.62 The responsibility to fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair's absence, resignation or impeachment; and

300.63 The responsibility to oversee outreach efforts of the Alliance, including social media, or delegate an Alliance member to do so.

300.7 A secretary shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.71 The secretary will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.72 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the secretary.

300.8 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.81 The right to vote;

300.82 The responsibility to take minutes at every meeting and to ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting; and

300.83 If not able to attend a meeting, the responsibility to secure a substitute from the Alliance membership to take notes at that meeting and to obtain said notes and ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting.

Section 310 Provisions for Proxy

310.1 Each representative shall have the right to send a proxy in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote.

310.11 Any member of the Alliance wishing to exercise the right to a proxy shall, in advance of the meeting, notify the Alliance Chair in writing of the person designated to be his/her proxy and for which specific meeting. At commencement of the meeting the Chair shall, on the record, introduce the proxy by name and indicate for which member he/she is acting as proxy.

ARTICLE 4 - Amendment

Section 400 Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Any voting member may propose a revision to the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

400.11 A constitutional revision shall be introduced initially at a meeting of the Alliance as an information item.

- i. A final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to each member of the Alliance.
- ii. Each member of the Alliance shall distribute a final draft of the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

400.2 Action on said revision may not be taken by the Alliance earlier than at the immediately subsequent meeting. A two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Alliance is necessary for approval of any amendment of this constitution.

400.3 Once approved by the Alliance, any amendment to this constitution shall not be effective until approved by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

ARTICLE 5 - Impeachment

Section 500 Impeachment and removal of any member shall require the following procedures:

- 500.1 Any voting member of the Alliance, including the chair and vice-chair, shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting member for violation of the NSHE Code of Conduct, gross negligence of duties, and/or malfeasance of any kind.

In order for impeachment proceedings to commence, each Alliance member must receive a brief report from the Chair explicitly stating the alleged wrongful actions on the part of the member in question. The member in question has the right to submit a rebuttal report. Both reports must be distributed to the full Alliance prior to impeaching proceedings

Impeachment proceedings shall take place during the next scheduled meeting. The member in question has the right to be present for all discussions and will be given an opportunity to address the Alliance.

- 500.2 A two-thirds vote of the Alliance members shall be required to impeach the representative.
- 500.3 In the event of an affirmative two-thirds vote for impeachment, the impeached member shall be immediately removed from office.

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Meeting Dates for 2019 (updated 5-8-19)

Board of Regents – In Person Meetings

NSA meets twice on Thursdays at regular Board meetings, morning *and* evening. The Thursday morning start time may vary, but is normally 7:00 a.m. or 7:15 a.m. This meeting is an NSA Business meeting. The Thursday afternoon meeting will start upon adjournment of the Board of Regents' meeting that day. The start time will vary depending upon the length of the Board's agenda, but is estimated to be between 3 and 5 p.m. This meeting is attended by NSA members, Officers of the Board of Regents, and the NSHE Chancellor. All NSA members are expected to attend in person or appoint a proxy to attend on his or her behalf. Please follow the established NSA proxy communication protocol in advance of the meeting (see the bottom of this document for details).

- February 28-March 1, 2019 / Nevada State College, Henderson
- June 6-7, 2019/ University of Nevada, Reno
- September 5-6, 2019 / Western Nevada College, Carson City
- December 5-6, 2019 / University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Chancellor / NSA - Videoconferences

Except as otherwise provided below, NSA video meetings generally occur the second Friday of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is an NSA business meeting that ends no later than 11:00 a.m. The NSHE Chancellor attends schedule permitting. See specific dates and locations below. In the event a meeting is cancelled or changed, updates are emailed to the Student Body Presidents and posted on the NSA webpage:

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

- January 18, 2019
- ~~February 22, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. (alternate locations – see agenda)~~ [canceled]
- ~~April 12, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. (alternate locations – see agenda)~~ [canceled]
- ~~May 10, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. (alternate locations – see agenda)~~ [canceled]
- July 12, 2019
- August 9, 2019
- October 11, 2019
- November 8, 2019

Video meeting locations are typically scheduled at NSHE System Administration in Las Vegas and Reno, as well as at CSN, GBC, NSC and WNC. UNLV representatives join the meetings from SA Las Vegas; TMCC and UNR representatives join from SA Reno. DRI representatives join from either SA video site, depending upon their home location. Check the meeting agenda for specific locations.

Procedures for Proxy

Per the NSA Constitution, NSA members must notify the NSA Chair in writing in advance of the meeting. Members are asked to email this information to the NSA Chair using the following wording:

I, [VOTING MEMBER'S NAME], [TITLE] of the Nevada Student Alliance, hereby designate as my proxy [NAME OF STUDENT TO WHOM YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PROXY], to cast my vote(s) at the Nevada Student Alliance Meeting taking place on [DATE]. - [SIGNATURE & DATE]

Please also copy the NSA Secretary as well as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, who serves as the System liaison to NSA (contact information below).

Note: If you have questions about any information contained in this document, please contact NSHE Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Affairs Renée Davis at 775-784-3447 or rdavis@nshe.nevada.edu.