



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**  
**August 13, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

**Via Video-Teleconference**

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**MEMBERS:**

**Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)**  
**Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)**  
**Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)**  
**Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**  
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**1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Austin Brown will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on July 9, 2021.

**4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Melody Rose. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

**5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNDERGRADUATE HEALTH INSURANCE FEES AT UNR AND UNLV INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members Caren Yap and Austin Brown will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution opposing undergraduate health insurance fees at UNR and UNLV. The body will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may come back at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA .

**6. CAMPUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion regarding fundraising efforts in support of student initiatives on individual campuses. Members of NSA will provide suggestions and concerns regarding fundraising challenges at each campus to shape future discussions and collaborations across institutions.

**7. MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY**

Members will provide an update regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

**8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

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

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## NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

~~[51st Executive Session]~~

2021-2022

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### EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

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### AN ACT TO OPPOSE UNLV/UNR SHIP PROPOSAL

Author of Legislation: Caren Royce Marasigan Yap, UNLV CSUN Student Body President  
Abraham Lugo, UNLV CSUN Student Body Vice President  
Austin Brown, UNR ASUN Student Body President  
Keegan Murphy, UNR ASUN Student Body Vice President

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**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance is composed of the students within the higher education institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education, which are: University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV); University of Nevada, Reno (UNR); Nevada State College (NSC); College of Southern Nevada (CSN); Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC); Western Nevada College (WNC); Great Basin College (GBC); and Desert Research Institute (DRI); AND

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance must actively advocate and represent the needs of all undergraduate and graduate students; AND

**WHEREAS**, SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) works to add undergraduates to the UNLV/UNR Student Health Insurance Plan to offer coverage to undergraduate students on a hard-waiver basis, only

giving UNLV/UNR undergraduate students an opt-out alternative if an existing insurance carrier is held by the given student; AND

**WHEREAS**, student health insurance is a concept supported by the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno as a way for students to protect from and cover unexpected accidents and/or illnesses that may occur, however, should remain an optional addition for the individual student regardless of an existing carrier or lack thereof in light of the economic turmoil of the pandemic; AND

**WHEREAS**, low income students have been disproportionately affected by the economic conditions of COVID-19 at UNLV and UNR, also highlighted in *Addendum A and Addendum B (Addendum B to be added in final draft)*, and worsening racial and class inequality given the rising fee increases that can often deter low-income students and students of color from attending higher education institutions in Nevada; AND

**WHEREAS**, a student health insurance survey that was distributed to all UNLV undergraduate students in early April 2021 to receive direct student feedback on the SHIP has results that are displayed in *Addendum A* ; AND

**WHEREAS**, this SHIP would be a reflection of the existing UNR/UNLV Student Health Insurance Plan in place under the graduate schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Nursing, and graduate international students, which currently projects an approximate fee increase of \$2,700 - \$2,892 (exact number is pending); AND

**WHEREAS**, *Addendum A* displays that a majority of UNLV students are in disapproval of the SHIP plan ; AND

- 77.8% of students surveyed do not approve of a mandatory tuition increase of *below* \$2,000, even with the opt-out option
- 91.8% of students surveyed do not approve of a mandatory tuition increase of *over* \$2,000, even with the opt-out option

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that the Nevada Student Alliance: opposes the UNLV/UNR Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) as proposed in the September Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting.

## **ADDENDUM A**

## UNLV Student Health Insurance Survey

There is an ongoing conversation about including the undergraduate student population in the UNLV Health Insurance Plan. Read the excerpt below and then answer the questions to make sure your voice is heard in these ongoing conversations.

"All domestic degree seeking undergraduate students, who are enrolled in twelve or more credits in a semester, will be automatically enrolled and billed for the University sponsored health insurance plan for each term they are eligible. Students that have comparable insurance coverage can wave out of the student health insurance plan via our online portal."

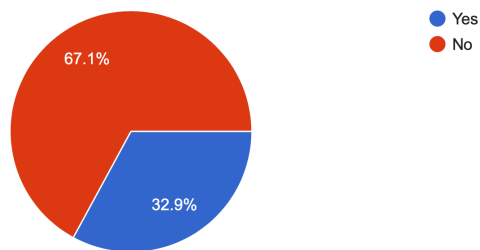
The University sponsored health insurance plan would be MANDATORY for all eligible students. Students that already have health insurance will be able to complete an online waiver form to waive out of the University sponsored health insurance plan.

Five students will be randomly selected to win a UNLV merchandise bundle. This bundle includes a hoodie, sweatpants, hat, and t-shirt (priced at \$200 together). This survey will close on April 30th, 2021 at noon. The winners will be announced shortly after.

\*The University sponsored Health Insurance Plan is different than the current per credit Health Fee.

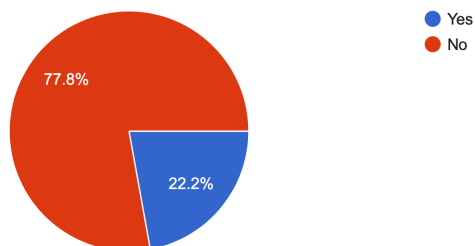
Regarding the excerpt from above, in general, would you be okay with being "automatically enrolled and billed for the University sponsored health insurance plan" if you do not already have health insurance?

158 responses

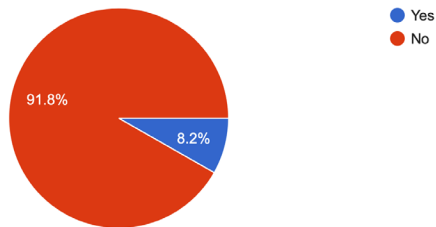


Would you be okay with being "automatically enrolled and billed for the University sponsored health insurance plan" if you do not already have health insurance if the tuition increase was \$2,000 or below?

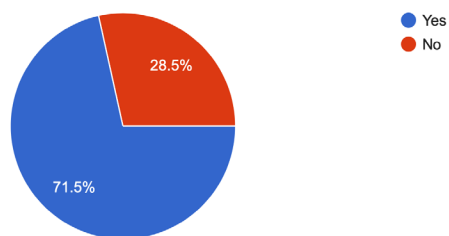
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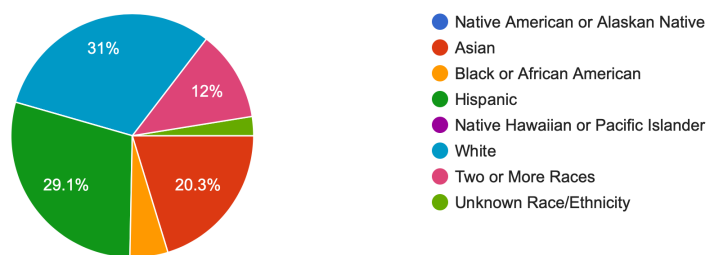
Would you be okay with being "automatically enrolled and billed for the University sponsored health insurance plan" if you do not already have ...nsurance if the tuition increase was above \$2,000?  
158 responses



Are the current economic conditions playing a part in your answer?  
158 responses



What is your race/ethnicity?  
158 responses



Survey was created by 2020-2021 CSUN President Joshua Padilla and 2021-2022 Senate President Blanca Pena with the approval of UNLV Associate Vice President of Wellness James Davidson.

This survey was distributed and available to every UNLV undergraduate student in a mass email sent on April 9, 2021.

**ADDENDUM B**  
**(to be added in final draft)**

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Attested by,

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Matthew Hawn, NSA Chair

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Caren Yap, NSA Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Austin Brown, Secretary

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## MINUTES for the NSA July 9, 2021 Meeting



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**Guests:** Carol McIntosh – WNC  
Terina Caserto – NSA Advisor  
Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson - NSHE Deputy General Counsel

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**Call to Order at 9:00 am****1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Austin Brown will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

**All NSA Members were present.**

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**There was no public comment.**

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on June 10, 2021.

Zachary Johnigan moves to approve the minutes. Caren Yap seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Melody Rose. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

The Chancellor was unable to attend so this item was pulled from the agenda.

**5. NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW PRESENTATION INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Deputy General Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson will provide a brief overview regarding the Nevada Open Meeting Law and its applicability to the NSA.

Deputy General Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson gave a presentation about Nevada Open Meeting Law to inform the members of how to function within these guidelines.

**6. MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will ask members to provide an update for their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

NSA Members gave updates about their campuses and the projects, events, and initiatives they are working on.

**7. NSA STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will ask the members of NSA to provide feedback and suggestions concerning the possible coordination of a statewide fundraising campaign to support student initiatives identified as challenges at each campus.

Chair Hawn led a discussion of creating a NSA statewide fundraising campaign. Members shared feedback they received about the idea from each of their institutions. Chair Hawn asked members to continue to get feedback from their institutions and to develop a more solidified plan to come to the next meeting with.

**8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Chair Hawn provided NSA members with an update about what his goals for the body are for the upcoming year.

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Members requested the following items be placed on the next agenda:

1. Potential Action item about the NSA symbol update
2. Discussion of meeting modality
3. Potential Action item for an agenda item air request form
4. Information item with a resolution considering the UNR/UNLV Health Insurance Fee.
5. Discussion about undocumented students within student governments.

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.**

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