



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**  
**November 12, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

**Via Video-Teleconference**

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PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY PRERECORDED MESSAGE BEFORE 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 VIA EMAIL TO [TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU](mailto:TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU) OR VOICEMAIL: (775) 784-3442. MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING.

**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)**  
**Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**  
**Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA**  
**Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**  
**Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN**  
**Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
***Office 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.

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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.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT****INFORMATION ONLY**

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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 October 8, 2021.

**4. DISCUSOIN 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. REMARKS FROM NSHE REGENTS INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Nevada System of Higher Education regents. They will hear remarks from regents and discuss aspirations and concerns of the higher education system.

**6. STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT INFORMATION ONLY**

Edith Fernandez, Ph.D., Vice President, Division of College and Community Engagement, Nevada State College, and/or other NSHE representatives will present information regarding the upcoming NSHE Student Leadership Summit (Featuring Topics Geared Toward Empowering Women-Identifying and Non-binary Students) to be held on November 20, 2021, and identify opportunities in which the NSA may promote the event to engage student participation. The NSHE Student Leadership Summit is a virtual event that is free to all registrants.

**7. NSHE PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES MANUAL INFORMATION ONLY  
PROPOSED REVISION: GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY,  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND PRONOUNS**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Renée Davis will share a proposed revision to the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* implementing [Senate Bill 109](#) (Chapter 489, *Statutes of Nevada 2021*), which requires governmental agencies to request information related to sexual orientation and gender identity and report it to the Legislature.

**8. DISCUSSION OF AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Hawn will lead a discussion about affordable student housing. NSA members will provide suggestions and concerns regarding affordable student housing at each campus.

**9. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION  
FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT HOUSING THROUGH  
AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS**

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn and NSA Member Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of providing funds from the American Recovery Plan (ARP) to individual NSHE institutions for affordable student housing. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or return at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

**10. MEMBER UPDATES****INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**11. NSA CHAIR UPDATE****INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**12. NEW BUSINESS****INFORMATION ONLY**

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, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

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NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015  
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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

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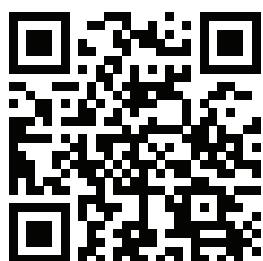
# NSHE STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FALL 2021

**NOVEMBER 20, 2021  
9 AM TO 3 PM**

**[WNC.EDU/FALL-LEADERSHIP-SUMMIT/](https://wnc.edu/fall-leadership-summit/)**

**FEATURING TOPICS GEARED TOWARD EMPOWERING  
WOMEN-IDENTIFYING AND NON-BINARY STUDENTS.**

**FREE AND OPEN **TO ALL CURRENT NSHE STUDENTS****



**REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND**

**OR VISIT [BIT.LY/NSHE-FALL-LEADERSHIP-SIGNUP](https://bit.ly/nshe-fall-leadership-signup)**

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**FREE TO STUDENTS**



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE



NEVADA STATE  
COLLEGE



Desert Research Institute



University of Nevada, Reno



WESTERN  
NEVADA  
COLLEGE



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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN  
RECOVERY PLAN TO INDIVIDUAL NSHE INSTITUTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE  
STUDENT HOUSING

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 110,000+ 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 representatives assert that housing costs for students attending a Nevada System of Higher Education institution should not be a “barrier to entry” for students who desire to attain a higher degree within the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2015, the average rent in the Reno-Sparks area has gone up in 23 of the last 27 quarters and is associated with the top cities nationwide in terms of average rent increase (Reno Gazette Journal). With the average asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in Reno-Sparks at the end of 2020 was slightly over \$1400/month and the current (2021) asking rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the Reno-Sparks area ranges from \$1499 (MyNews4 & NSAA - 2021); and

**WHEREAS**, the stipend provided by state-funded assistantships at the University of Nevada, Reno provides Masters students with a \$19,200 (\$1,600/month) stipend and for Ph.D. students in STEM is a \$22,800 (\$1,900/month) stipend over 10 months; and

**WHEREAS**, the asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in the greater Las Vegas area at the end of 2016 was \$909, which was 10.2% higher than the peak asking rent of 2008 (\$878) (Lied Institution of Real Estate Studies, 2017). The current (2021) asking rent of a one-bedroom apartment in the greater Las Vegas areas ranges from \$850 to \$1400 (Lied Institution of Real Estate Studies, 2021); and



**WHEREAS**, without outside funding the maximum stipend funding at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas provides Masters students with a \$11,250 (\$1,250/month) stipend for a 9 month contract and the highest stipend for Ph.D. students is a \$20,250 (\$2,250/month) stipend for a 9 month contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Nevada has an average rent which that is 10.9% higher than the national average across the country (World Population Review); and

**WHEREAS**, domestic and international students who are dependent on University and State funded graduate assistant stipends are extremely susceptible to these high costs of living, thereby decreasing the affordability of higher education and limiting social mobility in the State of Nevada; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 110,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the initiative of system-wide funding from the American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) to the Institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education to address the following:
  - o Provide safe and equitable student housing for all students; AND
  - o To consistently provide affordable student housing that establishes a community surrounding the institutions within Nevada System of Higher Education; AND
- Urges elected student representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education to actively pursue resolutions from their institutions regarding affordable student housing; AND
- Urges leadership of the Nevada System of Higher Education to work to find creative solutions and partnerships to address affordable housing on and off campus for students; AND
- Urges Local & City Leadership to prioritize that student housing within the Nevada System of Higher Education and new/existing housing developments, which provide housing to students who participate within the Nevada System of Higher Education, are held to a higher standard of safety, dependability, affordability, and equity; AND
- Urges State Leadership to provide funds to the individual institutions within Nevada System of Higher Education who have applied for American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) funds within the Nevada Recovers Program that support affordable housing for students; AND

- Urges Federal Leadership to provide more programs that help create more affordable housing for students within higher education systems; AND
- Urges the Board of Regents and Chancellor's Office of the Nevada System of Higher Education to establish an inquiry and development plan which addresses the feasibility of affordable student housing if the American Recovery Plan (ARP - H.R.1319 — 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)) funds are unable to be allocated toward individual institutional plans for affordable student housing.

**ADOPTED** by the Nevada Student Alliance on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

**Attest:**



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Matthew Hawn

NSA Chair & University of Nevada, Reno – Graduate Student Association (GSA) President

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Caren Yap

NSA Vice Chair & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Consolidated Student of the University of Nevada (CSUN) President

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