



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**  
**August 12, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**

**Via Video-Teleconference**

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**MEMBERS:**

**Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)**  
**John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)**  
**Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)**  
**Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA**  
**Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**  
**Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**  
**Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
**Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**  
**Office Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN**

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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**

The NSA Secretary 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 July 8, 2022.

**4. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Board of Regents Chair Cathy McAdoo to discuss aspirations and concerns for the higher education system.

**5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Dale Erquiaga. They will learn of the Chancellor's priorities and share updates of their respective institutions.

**6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING  
STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stanfill will revisit the April 2022 NSA approved resolution in support of engaging the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. Chair Stanfill will provide a briefing of the resolution's background and will lead a discussion of what the next steps may be for continued support.

**7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRADUATE  
STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND STIPEND  
INCREASE**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA members Matthew Hawn and Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of the proposed NSA resolution supporting graduate student tuition assistance and stipend increases. The body will discuss the proposed resolution as well as suggested modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

**8. COLLABORATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stanfill will introduce the topic of increasing voter registration on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating between institutions to this end.

**9. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR****FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stanfill will revisit the recently approved 2022-23 NSA goals from the July 8, 2022, NSA meeting. She may ask for members of the NSA to provide further insight and prioritization of the approved goals.

**10. EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF  
FEDERAL HOLIDAYS IN NEVADA****FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA member Issac Hernandez will discuss the ongoing efforts of UNLV's Consolidated Students of UNLV (CSUN) in supporting a proposed revision of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) Chapter 236: Holiday and Periods of Observance to more equitably recognize federal holidays.

**11. NSA APPAREL****FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion and may poll NSA members on the interest in creating NSA apparel for the membership to wear. The discussion will include ideas for designing apparel and possible funding sources.

**12. NSA CHAIR UPDATE****INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Stanfill will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2022-23 year.

**13. 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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TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512  
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**Nevada Student Alliance**  
Nevada System of Higher Education

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APRIL 7, 2022

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**A Resolution in Support of a Voting Student Member on the NSHE Board of Regents**

*Whereas*, the collection of higher education institutions in the state of Nevada is known as the Nevada System of Higher Education, or NSHE, which is governed by the Nevada Board of Regents;

*Whereas*, the Nevada Student Alliance (“NSA”) is comprised of the ten (10) student governments (undergraduate and graduate) within NSHE, each of which has a voting representative on the NSA, and is vested with providing NSHE students with a unified voice that promotes, fosters, advances, represents and protects their interests and welfare before all system and legislative bodies<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, the NSA strongly supports the inclusion of a voting student member to serve on the NSHE Board of Regents;

*Whereas*, Sections 4 and 7 of Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution<sup>2</sup> establish NSHE to be governed by an elected Board of Regents, and the Nevada Legislature has enacted NRS 396.040<sup>3</sup>, which establishes that the Board of Regents shall be comprised of 13 elected representatives serving six-year terms; <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/Academic-Affairs/Student-Govt/NSA-Constitution\\_Apprvd\\_by\\_Chancellor-5-11-18.pdf](https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/Academic-Affairs/Student-Govt/NSA-Constitution_Apprvd_by_Chancellor-5-11-18.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Const/NVConst.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-396.html#NRS396Sec040>

<sup>4</sup> <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/overview/>

*Whereas*, Regents are often Nevada institution alumni and/or higher education professionals, but there is currently no designated student member on the Board of Regents;

*Whereas*, thirty-nine (39) public state university Regent Boards have at least one student member, with twenty-nine (29) states granting voting privilege to the student Regents; <sup>5</sup>

*Whereas*, the California State University (CSU) System is governed by its fully appointed 30-person Board of Trustees that provides oversight to 23 college campuses and over 485,000 students;

*Whereas*, over 85% (25 members) of the CSU Board of Trustees are voting members, and the other five (5) members are ex-officio;

*Whereas*, the CSU Board contains two (2) student Trustees appointed by the Governor and proposed by the California State Student Association (CSSA) to serve staggered two-year terms; <sup>6</sup>

*Whereas*, the CSSA conducts a search process every academic year for 2-5 new trustee candidates to recommend to the Governor's Office; <sup>7</sup>

*Whereas*, CSSA candidates submit letters of recommendation, essays, and resumes and must have at least sophomore status and maintain good academic standing;

*Whereas*, the Arizona Board of Regents also includes two (2) student members, who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for two (2) year terms, each serving the first year as a non-voting member followed by the second year with voting privileges; <sup>8</sup>

*Whereas*, the NSA is eager to support the necessary process to ensure a student regent serves on the Board of Regents through an appointment process to be outlined by the Nevada Legislature with input from each of the NSHE Student Governments.

*Whereas*, in the interest of shared governance and balancing out student body officer responsibilities, the NSA supports the service of any student Regent simultaneously serving as an ex-officio member of the Nevada Student Alliance;

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.texastribune.org/2010/05/12/student-regents-have-a-voice-but-no-vote/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/about-the-bot.aspxc>

<sup>7</sup> <https://calstatestudents.org/student-trustee-search-info-session-2/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.azregents.edu/about/student-regents>

*Whereas*, the Board of Regents’ objectives include promoting affordable access to higher education and a “continued quest for excellence, economy and the balancing of basic goals that the public interest requires;”<sup>9</sup>

*Whereas*, students are directly affected by the pursuance of these objectives, as well as NSHE’s rules, policies, and procedures;

*Whereas*, including students in the governing process is equitable and advances the public interest as students are currently experiencing higher education without representation;

*Whereas*, the general public has recently considered an amendment to the Nevada Constitution via Ballot Question 1 in the 2020 Election to revamp the representation of the Board of Regents<sup>10</sup>;

*Whereas*, although Question 1 did not pass during the 2020 election, the 2021 Nevada Legislature again initiated the process to amend the Nevada Constitution to revamp the membership of the Board of Regents through Senate Joint Resolution 7;

*Whereas*, the inclusion of a student representative on the Board of Regents with voting power would establish better communication and accountability among Nevada institutions;

*Whereas*, Regents who have not recently been students in NSHE may not truly appreciate or comprehend the modern student experience;

*Whereas*, a student member would diversify the perspectives of the Board of Regents by providing firsthand representation of current student experiences in NSHE;

*Whereas*, a student Regent would provide for “an educated citizenry for public service” and cultivate the “general welfare,” bringing NSHE closer to meeting its mission of “[providing] higher education to the citizens of the state at an excellent level of quality consistent with the state's resources;”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> <https://nshe.nevada.edu/tasks/sites/Nshe/assets/File/BoardOfRegents/Agendas/2016/jan-mtgs/bor-refs/BOR-3b.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/indy-explains-question-1-a-measure-that-would-strike-the-board-of-regents-from-the-constitution>

<sup>11</sup> <https://nshe.nevada.edu/tasks/sites/Nshe/assets/File/BoardOfRegents/Agendas/2016/jan-mtgs/bor-refs/BOR-3b.pdf>



*Whereas*, a common argument against student Regents questions whether students have conflicts of interest and could remain impartial to certain issues, including, without limitation, costs of registration, tuition and fees, personnel matters, or other decisions directly affecting the student's private interests

*Whereas*, public service often calls for a balance and negotiation between a delegate and trustee role, and a representative position on the Board of Regents would provide students with a tangible opportunity to learn and exercise appropriate disclosures and recusal requirements for conflicts of interest, depending on the scope of topics presented before the Regents;

*Whereas*, not all Regents vote from the student perspective as that is not their purview, therefore it is worthwhile to have an actual student member present on the Board of Regents with a different set of constituents interests;

*Whereas*, student Regents should recuse themselves on issues to avoid conflicts of interest;

*Whereas*, another common argument against student regents is the opinion that students lack the maturity necessary to serve as full voting members, which includes but is not limited to understanding budgets, listening to long periods of public comment, and learning “buzzwords” directly related to educational governance; <sup>12</sup>

*Whereas*, students eighteen (18) years of age and older juggle a plethora of financial, legal, and personal responsibilities as a legal adult such as living alone, paying for education and utilities, working a job, voting and more;

*Whereas*, successful Regents are those who balance their time with other obligations of their adult life;

*Whereas*, most NSHE student government bodies manage their own budgets, practice parliamentary procedure, and develop bylaws that promote professional and intellectual discussion and deliberation;

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.edweek.org/leadership/few-student-board-members-can-vote-should-that-change/2019/06>

*Whereas*, studies show that internal political efficacy increases civic participation, meaning if students clearly see their interests represented, they will be more inclined to participate in NSHE's governing process;<sup>13</sup>

*Whereas*, students have the opportunity to make public comment and the NSA meets regularly with the Regents and the Chancellor to voice its concerns and those of the represented institutions, and a vote at the table is another way for holistic representation of the student voice;

*Whereas*, NSHE's student governing bodies have a larger responsibility to substantiate student voices in the System;

Whereas, the necessary legal path to achieve student Regent representation will require an amendment to the Nevada Constitution, as detailed in the process below:

1. Ideally, the NSA will contact a Nevada legislator(s) before the 2023 legislative session to sponsor draft legislation and garner support for a majority vote in both houses for a legislatively referred constitutional amendment<sup>14</sup>;
2. If the measure passes during the 2023 Legislative session, it must be referred to and passed by the next regular or special legislative session before being approved and ratified by a majority of the electors qualified to vote in the next general or special election (Section 1 of Article 16, Nevada Constitution and NRS 218D.800);
3. If the NSA wishes to begin the amendment process prior to the next legislative session or is unable to find a legislator(s) to sponsor its request, the NSA may file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State's Office,<sup>15</sup>;
4. The initiative petition process to amend the Nevada Constitution will require approval by the qualified voters during the next two (2) general election cycles (Section 2 of Article 19, Nevada Constitution and NRS Chapter 295);

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4894288/>

<sup>14</sup> [https://ballotpedia.org/Legislatively\\_referred\\_constitutional\\_amendment](https://ballotpedia.org/Legislatively_referred_constitutional_amendment)

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/initiatives-referenda/filing-a-constitutional-initiative>

5. The NSA will encourage all NSA members to coordinate these efforts within their respective student body governments;

*Therefore, Be it resolved that,* the NSA supports the inclusion of a voting student member on the Board of Regents;

*Be it further resolved that,* the NSA urges its institutions to pass resolutions or pursue advocacy related to this Resolution;

*Be it further resolved that,* the NSA supports continued communication with Nevada legislators and public officials into the 2023 legislative session, as well as outreach to constituents and prospective voters to promote the amendment of the Nevada Constitution necessary to include a voting student Regent;

*Be it further resolved that,* a copy of this resolution be sent to the following, one copy before November 2022, and one copy after November 2022:

- The NSHE Chancellor
- The NSHE Board of Regents
- The NSHE Council of Presidents
- Nevada Office of the Secretary of State
- Nevada Office of the Governor
- The Nevada Legislature

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on 7 day of April 2022.

Attest:



*Matthew Hawn*

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

*Caren Yap*

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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED GRADUATE ASSISTANT BENEFITS  
AND LIVING CONDITIONS

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**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 at local, state, and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance representatives assert and affirm the positive research and creative contributions of Graduate Assistants, of which there are over 6,000 in the NSHE system; and

**WHEREAS**, Graduate Assistants benefit all NSHE campuses by providing research, teaching, and professional development opportunities for undergraduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, Graduate Assistants continue to contribute directly to the Carnegie R1 Classification of both the University of Nevada- Reno and the University of Nevada- Las Vegas through contractual and scholarly work of 20 hours a week, and

**WHEREAS**, international students are limited by their student visa to a 20-hour assistantship at their respective institution and are unable to generate additional income, and

**WHEREAS**, without the support and training of graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno the \$330 Million received in Grants would not be possible without the research carried out by Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs), and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduation, graduate students will large contributors to the highly technical Nevada economy in Mining, Water Usage, Tourism, Industrial Manufacturing,

Electrical Infrastructure, Education, Green Energy, New Entrepreneurial Ventures, and emerging markets; contributing and building the jobs of the future of Nevada, and

**WHEREAS**, graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno have contributed to workforce from the investment of the local Reno economy through participation in the \$137M associated with capital for affiliated startups, 300+ companies/agencies/organizations through membership agreements, 39 companies based within University operations, and

**WHEREAS**, graduate students from the University of Nevada, Reno have supported efforts in the Nevada economy by providing workforce to \$8.7M Knowledge Fund Investment which has created \$32.5M in total grants on donations received, created 14 spin off companies, helped relocate 20 companies to Nevada, filed 42 patents by companies incubated in NCAR, and helped build the \$136.5M commercialization revenue with affiliated companies within the state of Nevada

**WHEREAS**, the current baseline stipend (\$11,250 at UNLV/ \$15,000 at UNR) for ten months as Graduate Teaching Assistants does not adequately provide funding for the rising cost of living in Nevada and does not [constitute a living wage](#)\*, and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Nevada, Reno & University of Nevada, Las Vegas rank highly among their peers concerning the stipend amount but after factoring in the cost of housing within the State of Nevada fall to bottom 3rd, and

**WHEREAS**, out of the 15% of the graduate student population in NSHE, 67% of graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno have stated that they struggle to pay rent on a regular basis, while 1 out of every 5 students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas have reported struggling with basic necessities such as food and housing;

**WHEREAS**, Masters students spend 51% and Ph.D students spend 48.5% of their stipend on housing in the Reno area. Masters students spending an average of \$1500 and Ph.D. students spending \$1750 on basis necessities to live at the University of Nevada, Reno - typically not including an emergency fund for the 2 - 6 years they are at the University.

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

- Supports graduate assistant stipend increases and cost of living adjustments;
  - Supports and recognizes the collective value of graduate assistant labor and asserts the right for graduate students to seek out equal compensation for their labor;
  - Urges leadership of the Nevada System of Higher Education to seek out alternative sources of funding and support for graduate assistants, including affordable graduate student housing and fair compensation;
  - Urges the leadership of the University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the Desert Research Institute to adequately provide support for their graduate students, including significant increases to graduate assistant stipends.
- Urges Local, City and State representatives to meet with the University of Nevada, Reno's Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Graduate Professional and Student Association (GPSA) to discuss Graduate Education in the State of Nevada.
  - Urges those candidates running for Local, City and State representation to meet with the University of Nevada, Reno's Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Graduate Professional and Student Association (GPSA) to discuss Graduate Education in the State of Nevada.
  - Urges Federal Leadership to focus on building new programs to support graduate studies within the State of Nevada which will keep graduates within the state of Nevada.

\* Living Wage for Nevada was calculated using the Living Wage Calculator provided by MIT. For one adult living with no children, a living wage in Nevada constitutes a base salary of \$33,788 before taxes.

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**ADOPTED** by the Nevada Student Alliance on the X Day of September 2022.





**ATTEST:**

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