NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
October 14, 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
Suzanna Stankute, 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.

The agenda and any supporting material, including materials submitted after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, may be accessed on the Internet by visiting the NSA page of the NSHE website: https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/, or by calling Terina Caserto in the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs at (775) 784-3442, or emailing her at tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu. Any supporting materials provided to members of the NSA at the meeting will be posted to the NSA website within 24 hours after the conclusion of the meeting.

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) 784-3442 so that arrangements may be made.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken and any members of the public that are present may be asked to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

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.

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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on September 8th and 9th, 2022.

4. **DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR**  
NSA members may meet with Chancellor Dale Erquiaga. They will learn of the Chancellor’s priorities and share updates of their respective institutions.

5. **DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE BOARD OF REGENTS HANDBOOK TO ALLOW THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CHAIR ACCESS TO THE AGENDA**  
Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion on the proposed resolution in support of revising the *Board of Regents Handbook*, Title 1, Article V, Sections 7 through 10, to provide access to the Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance to request agenda items be placed on the Board agenda. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

6. **COLLABORATION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**  
Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion on increasing civic engagement on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating and participating in a friendly competition between institutions.

7. **NSA APPAREL**  
Chair Stanfill will provide an update and lead a discussion on the design and logo of proposed NSA apparel.

8. **MEMBER UPDATES**  
Members may provide an update regarding their respective campuses’ planned activities and events.
9. **NSA CHAIR UPDATE**  

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**  

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.).

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  

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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, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
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Whereas, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 110,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education;  

Whereas, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns and advocating on behalf of students to their elected officials at local, state, and federal levels;
Whereas, the Nevada System of Higher Education has a vested responsibility to recognize the Nevada Student Alliance as “the overarching student government association for all NSHE student government organizations. The purpose of the NSA is to promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education”³;

Whereas, under Article V “Meetings of Board and Committees,” Section 7 “Agenda,” of the Board of Regents Handbook, it states: “Agenda items requiring action shall be accompanied by a specific recommendation by the requesting Regents, a committee of the Board, the Chancellor, or a President through the Chancellor supported by sufficient documentation to permit a full understanding of the facts applicable to the item”⁴;

Whereas, under Section 10 “Other Access to Agenda,” it states: “A faculty member or other employee, or student of the University, or any group of faculty members or other employees, or students of the University shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission to appear before the Board or its committees, through the appropriate institutional President and through the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees”⁵;

Whereas, per Article V, Section 9, “Presidents’ Access to Agenda,” Institutional Presidents shall submit matters to the Board for consideration and⁶;

Whereas, the duties of the Chair of the Board of Regents are to approve all Board and committee agendas per Section 4⁷;

³ https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/
*Whereas,* students may only request items to be placed on the agenda through their respective Institutional President, through the Chief of Staff, and the Chancellor for inclusion through Article V, Section 10 “Other Access to Agenda”\(^8\);

*Whereas,* the Board of Regents Mission Statement is to “provide higher education to the citizens of the state at an excellent level of quality consistent with the state's resources,” and should do so through partly acquiring knowledge throughout the State from higher education students who are represented by the Regents\(^9\);

*Whereas,* there is no written procedure of the NSA chair in the NSHE handbook;

*Whereas,* there is no student member on the Board of Regents;

*Whereas,* students of the Nevada System of Higher Education are those affected by the decisions of the Board of Regents and system administrators;

*Whereas,* this creates a systematic barrier in student’s involvement in the Nevada System of Higher Education;

*Whereas,* this hinders the mission of the Nevada System of Higher Education to provide that excellent level of quality education;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved,* that the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Handbook be amended to reflect the changes seen below;

*Be it further resolved,* that this resolution be sent to the following:

- The NSHE Chancellor
- The NSHE Board of Regents
- The Secretary of NSHE Board of Regents
- The NSHE Council of Presidents

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ARTICLE V - Meetings of Board and Committees

Section 7. Agenda

An item must appear on the agenda if three or more Regents request its inclusion on the agenda and notify the Chair, the Chancellor, and the Chief of Staff of the request. Agenda items requiring action shall be accompanied by a specific recommendation by the requesting Regents, a committee of the Board, the Chancellor, a President, or the Nevada Student Alliance Chair, through the Chancellor supported by sufficient documentation to permit a full understanding of the facts applicable to the item. All agenda items requiring Board action shall also be accompanied by a recommendation, analysis or comment to the Board from appropriate personnel in the Chancellor's Office. Agenda items will be submitted to the Chief of Staff in sufficient time to enable adequate review by the Chief of Staff and the Chancellor. Agendas of regular meetings shall be approved by the Chair and distributed to all members of the Board.

Section 8. Regents’ Access to Agenda

A Regent or group of Regents shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 9. Presidents’ Access to Agenda

An institutional President shall submit matters to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its
committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 10 Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda

The Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) Chair shall submit matters to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 11 Other Access to Agenda

A faculty member or other employee, or student of the University, or any group of faculty members or other employees, or students of the University shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission to appear before the Board or its committees, through the appropriate institutional President and through the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.
ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on the 14 Day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Dionne Stanfill
NSA Chair & University of Nevada, Reno – Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno - President

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John Fenton NSA Vice Chair & Truckee Meadows Community College - Student Government Association - President

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Yvette Machado NSA Secretary & College of Southern Nevada - Associated Students of the College of Southern Nevada - President
Tessa Espinosa NSA Member & Nevada State College Student Alliance (NSSA) President

Matthew Hawn NSA Member & University of Nevada, Reno – Graduate Student Association - President

Nicole Thomas NSA Member & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) President

Issac Hernandez NSA Member & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada - President

Zachary Stamp NSA Member & Great Basin College – Student Government Association (SGA) - President

Suzanna Stankute NSA Member & Western Nevada College – Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN) - President