



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**AGENDA
September 7, 2023
7:45 a.m.**

**Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Red Mountain Building, RDMT 255**

MEMBERS:

**Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN (Chair)
Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)
Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Secretary)
Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Brayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Pio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

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1. ROLL CALL

Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken.

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 two 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 (April 27, 2001), 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 11, 2023.

4. DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION**INFORMATION ONLY**

The NSA Chair will present for review an NSA constitutional amendment that adds the Associated Students of the University of Nevada School of Medicine (ASUNSOM) to the membership of the Nevada Student Alliance. The ASUNSOM is recognized as an NSHE student government through its Chancellor-approved constitution. Additionally, amendments to the NSA constitution include clarifying language concerning the votes required for the election of officers and for impeachment of a member. These amendments will be placed on a future agenda for possible action. Amendment will require a two-thirds vote of all voting members (*Attached Ref. NSA-4*)

5. DISCUSSION OF NSA 2023-24 PRIORITY FOR NSA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND MARKETING**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The NSA Chair will lead a discussion of possible civic engagement ideas to take place for NSA around the November 30 – December 1, 2023, quarterly NSA meeting. Possible suggestions will include, but not be limited to, a mixer at UNLV for students to meet with NSA members. Additionally, the members may discuss a separate NSA Day of Action around civic engagement as well as marketing involved in creating NSA civic engagement events.

6. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

Members may provide information on the goals of their respective student governments and updates regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

7. NSA CHAIR REPORT**INFORMATION ONLY**

The NSA Chair will provide information regarding the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents at their September 8, 2023, meeting.

8. 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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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

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NSHE NSA Website - <https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/>



Proposed Revision

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

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~~] ***eleven*** student governments (undergraduate, [~~and~~] graduate ***and professional***) ***representing the eight institutions of*** [~~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~~ ***University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; Desert Research Institute; Nevada State University; College of Southern Nevada; Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows Community College; and Western Nevada College***) shall be

members of the Nevada Student Alliance. *The eleven student governments represented in the Nevada Student Alliance membership are: Consolidated Students of UNLV (CSUN); Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) at UNLV; Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN); Graduate Student Association (GSA) at UNR; Associated Students of the University of Nevada School of Medicine (ASUNSOM); Graduate Research Assistants at Desert Research Institute (GRAD); Nevada State Student Alliance (NSSA); Associated Students of the College of Southern Nevada (ASCSN); Student Government Association (SGA) at GBC; Student Government Association (SGA) at TMCC; and Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN).*

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 *in attendance* 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; *and*

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 *in attendance* 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 *in attendance* 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 ***all voting members 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.