NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
February 9, 2024
9:00 AM

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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)
Robby Boparai, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Brayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Pío Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Allison Vanholder, Great Basin College, SGA
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 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

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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 January 12, 2024.

4. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE REGENT SUSAN BRAGER

   INFORMATION ONLY

   Regent Susan Brager will meet with NSA members to share her experience and the projects she is currently working on as a Regent. Regent Brager chairs both the Committee to Review the Policies Governing a Search for Chancellor and the Chancellor Search Committee. She will discuss her role within those committees as well as her experience on the Board this last year.

5. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE REGENT STEPHANIE GOODMAN

   INFORMATION ONLY

   Regent Goodman will meet with NSA members to share her experience on the Board this last year and the projects she is currently working on as a Regent. She will also provide an update on the committees she currently sits on as well as her recent appointment to Chair of the Board’s Health Sciences Committee.

6. CHANCELLOR’S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

   INFORMATION ONLY

   NSA member Kevin Osorio-Hernández will provide an update on the Chancellor’s ad hoc Committee on Public Safety. Kevin was appointed to the ad hoc Committee by the Chair of the NSA to represent the student voice in the work the Committee will be doing. Kevin may provide, but not be limited to, the charge of the Committee and information from the Committee’s first meeting. The NSA Chair may open the update for questions from NSA members.
7. TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

UNLV student Kevin Leon-Martinez will provide an update on the Task Force on Power Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education, created through the 2023 Nevada State Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 245. Kevin, appointed by the Board of Regents in consultation with the NSA, sits on the Task Force as a student member representing a group or organization that focuses on multiculturalism, diversity, or advocacy at a university. The update may include, but not be limited to, the charge of the Task Force and any information from the Task Force’s first meeting. The NSA Chair may open the update for questions from NSA members.

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING UPDATE

Chair Suzanna Stankute will provide an update on the ad hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding created through the 2023 Nevada State Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 493. Suzanna, appointed by the Chancellor, sits on the ad hoc committee as an advisory member. Her update may include, but not be limited to, the charge of the Committee and any information from the Committee’s first meeting. She may open the update for questions from NSA members.

9. NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

NSA member Kevin Osorio-Hernandez will introduce and lead a discussion on a proposed NSA Resolution supporting the prevention of gun violence on college campuses. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications. Possible action may include modifying the resolution and deciding whether to direct each NSA member to present the resolution to their respective student government organizations before final action by the NSA. (Ref. NSA – 9)

10. NSA 2023-24 PRIORITIES

Chair Stankute will discuss the 2023-24 priorities as set by the NSA members at their July 7, 2023, meeting. NSA members may discuss any of the several priorities and suggest further details and plans. Possible action may include defining what the priority or priorities may encompass, directions to take, plans going forward, and/or designating certain members to take the lead on each priority.

The 2023-24 NSA priorities are as follows:
1. Legislative priorities for 2025;
2. Creating campaign for civic engagement and marketing purposes that focuses on NSA as a whole;
3. Looking at outcomes for jobs in the area and student outcomes post-graduation; and
4. Looking at NSA relationship with the Board of Regents and having that on-record response and incorporating the access piece.
11. MEMBER UPDATES

Members may provide an update regarding their respective campuses’ planned activities and events.

12. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Stankute may provide an update on any projects or tasks she is currently working on that pertain to NSA business.

13. 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.).

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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
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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

DATE HERE

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance recognizes the profound impact of gun violence on college campuses and acknowledges the tragic incident at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on December 6, 2023, which claimed the lives of three esteemed faculty members - Dr. Patricia Navarro-Velez, Dr. Jerry Chang, and Dr. Naoko Takemaru, and which highlighted the urgent need for enhanced safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the victims of the UNLV shooting on December 6, 2023, were three faculty members of the university, identified as Dr. Patricia Navarro-Velez, a distinguished assistant professor of accounting; Dr. Jerry Chang, a respected professor of management and information systems; and Dr. Naoko Takemaru a dedicated associate professor of Japanese studies, all of whom were esteemed educators contributing significantly to the academic community; and

WHEREAS, it is deeply regrettable to note that each of these professors was a member of minority communities, further underscoring the need for a resolution that addresses the multifaceted aspects of gun violence on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, every student has the right to pursue their education in a safe and secure environment, free from the threat of gun violence; and
WHEREAS, the December 6, 2023, tragedy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, underscores the need for proactive measures to prevent future occurrences and protect the well-being of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to address the issue of gun violence comprehensively, taking into consideration mental health support, campus security enhancements, and responsible gun ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance is committed to advocating for the safety and well-being of all students within the state of Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE:

1. The Nevada Student Alliance strongly condemns gun violence on college campuses and calls for immediate and effective action to prevent future incidents.

2. The Nevada Student Alliance urges the Nevada State Assembly, State Senate, Governor, Board of Regents, and the Chancellor to prioritize the issue of gun violence prevention on college campuses.

3. The Nevada Student Alliance calls for the allocation of resources to enhance campus security measures, including but not limited to increased law enforcement presence, improved emergency response systems, and the implementation of advanced security technologies.

4. The Nevada Student Alliance encourages collaboration between educational institutions, mental health professionals, and law enforcement agencies to address the mental health aspects contributing to gun violence and to provide adequate support for those in need.

5. The Nevada Student Alliance advocates for comprehensive and mandatory training programs on responsible gun ownership for all individuals possessing firearms within the college community.

6. The Nevada Student Alliance shall send this resolution to each member of the Nevada federal delegation in Congress, each member of the Nevada State Legislature, each member of the Board of Regents, each member of the Council of Presidents, the Governor, and the Chancellor for immediate consideration and action.
7. The Nevada Student Alliance commits to working collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of these measures and to continuously assess and improve campus safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Nevada Student Alliance hereby adopts this resolution on this [insert date], expressing the collective voice and concern of students within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

ATTEST

Suzanna Stankute, NSA Chair
Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSA Vice Chair
Boris Guerra, NSA Secretary