



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA  
June 6, 2023  
7:00 a.m.**

**University of Nevada, Reno**  
Joe Crowley Student Union  
Rita Laden Senate Chambers  
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

**Zoom Option:**

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1 386 347 5053 US; 1 507 473 4847 US; 1 564 217 2000 US; 1 646 558 8656 US (New York);  
1 646 931 3860 US; 1 689 278 1000 US; 1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC); 1 305 224 1968 US;  
1 309 205 3325 US; and 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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**MEMBERS:**

**Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**  
**Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**  
**Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN**  
**Allister Dias, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**  
**Teresa Marie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
**Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State College, NSSA**  
**Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN**  
**Office Vacant, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**  
**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/system-administration/departments/asa/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](mailto: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.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

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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. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will introduce herself, provide an overview of the NSA, and welcome the new members and any person participating as a proxy for a member of the NSA. Members and any proxy will briefly introduce themselves.

### **4. 2024-25 NSA MEETING DATES AND PROXY PROCEDURES INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide an overview of the NSA meeting dates for 2024-25 and the procedure for a NSA member to appoint a proxy. (*Ref. NSA-4*)

**5. ELECTION OF NSA OFFICERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing NSA officers and the duties of each of the NSA officers. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for the three 2024-25 NSA officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. (*Ref. NSA-5*)

The 2023-24 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Suzanna Stankute, WNC, ASWN

Vice Chair: Kevin Osorio-Hernández, NSU, NSSA

Secretary: Boris Guerra, UNR, ASUN

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on February 29, and March, 1 2024.

**7. 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.

**8. NSA CHAIR REPORT INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide an overview of what the NSA Chair Report generally consists of. The NSA Chair may ask for suggestions from the membership of what to include in the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents on June 6, 2024.

**9. 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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speakers.

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241), at the following locations:

CSN, Building D, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124

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), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

Nevada Public Notice Website - <https://notice.nv.gov>

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



## Nevada Student Alliance Meeting Dates 2024-25

### **NSA Meetings**

The NSA meets from June through March each year on a monthly and a quarterly basis. See specific dates and locations below. In the event a meeting is cancelled or changed, updates are emailed to the Student Body Presidents and posted on the [NSA webpage](#).

- *Monthly* NSA meetings are conducted via videoconference and typically occur on the second Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., unless otherwise provided.
- *Quarterly* NSA meetings are conducted in-person, without a videoconference option, and coincide with the published dates and location of the quarterly Board of Regents’ meetings. The quarterly NSA meetings occur on the Thursday *and* Friday of the meeting cycle, typically at 7:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m., respectively, unless otherwise provided. The Friday quarterly meeting is attended by NSA members, Officers of the Board of Regents, and the NSHE Chancellor.

Meeting Dates 2024-25	Meeting Time(s)	Meeting Location	Modality
June 6 and 7	7 a.m. and 7 a.m.	University of Nevada, Reno	In-person only
July 12	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
August 9	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
September 5 and 6	7 a.m. and 7:15 a.m.	Western Nevada College	In-person only
October 11	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
November 8	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
December 5 and 6	7 a.m. and 7:15 a.m.	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	In-person only
January 10	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
February 14	9 a.m.	Videoconference	Online only
March 6 and 7	7 a.m.* and 7:15 a.m.	Nevada State University	In-person only

### **Attendance**

All NSA members are expected to attend each monthly videoconference meeting and each quarterly in-person meeting or appoint a proxy to attend on their behalf. See the procedure for proxy appointment below.

### **NSA and Nevada Open Meeting Law**

NSA is a public body and complies with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements (*Nevada Revised Statutes* 241; Board of Regents’ *Handbook*, Title 4, Chapter 20; and *NSA Constitution*, Article 3, Section 300). Members of NSA are provided Open Meeting Law training in May prior to the beginning of the NSA year in June.

### **Procedures for Proxy**

Per the NSA Constitution, NSA members must notify the NSA Chair in writing in advance of the meeting if assigning a proxy attendee. Members are asked to email this information to the NSA Chair and NSHE Senior Analyst Terina Caserto (contact information below) using the following wording:

*I, [VOTING MEMBER'S NAME], [TITLE] of the Nevada Student Alliance, hereby designate as my proxy [NAME OF STUDENT TO WHOM YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PROXY], to cast my vote(s) at the Nevada Student Alliance meeting taking place on [DATE]. - [SIGNATURE & DATE]*



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE**

*Effective 10-24-23*

### **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 eleven student governments (undergraduate, graduate and professional) representing the eight institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education (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.

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 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.