



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
November 8, 2024
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

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Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
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Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA
Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN
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.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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Estimated Time: 5 minutes

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on October 11, 2024.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Patricia Charlton. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for the higher education system.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

5. NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS STANDING COMMITTEE ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCESS (IDEA)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair will introduce and lead a discussion on a proposed NSA Resolution supporting the continuation of the NSHE Board of Regents' Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee. 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 – 5*)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

**6. LETTER TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
SUPPORTING, IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY, AN APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT
OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
ACCESS (IDEA)**

NSA Chair will introduce and lead a discussion on a proposed letter supporting the appointment by the Board of Regents of an appropriate interim Chair of the Board's Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA). With a possible vacancy of the Chair position, the NSA will discuss and may take action to support an appointment by the Board of a committee Chair who supports maintaining the IDEA Committee and moving it forward. Possible action may include modifying and approving the letter to be sent when a vacancy occurs. (*Ref. NSA-6*)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

**7. PROPOSED *NSHE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES* FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
*MANUAL PROVISION FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES***

NSHE Deputy Counsel Carrie Parker and NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will present a draft proposed *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* provision for student government guidelines that explains the relationship between student government associations and the administration of the System, as well as the relationship between student government positions and their respective institutions. If adopted by the NSHE Cabinet, the provision would require that any financial support, excluding reimbursement for approved costs, for positions within the student government association would be only in the form of scholarships, according to properly adopted constitution and/or bylaws. NSA members may discuss and provide feedback to the draft proposal. Possible action may include taking a position on the proposed provision. (*Ref. NSA-7*)

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

**8. REFLECTION ON CAMPUS AND SYSTEMWIDE INFORMATION ONLY
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES POST ELECTION**

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion with NSA Members reflecting on the campus and systemwide civic engagement activities that led up to the 2024 General Election. Discussion may include, but not be limited to, determining initiatives that should be considered as best practices as well as those that did not have an impact. Additionally, discussion may include support activities ongoing since the election.

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

9. NSA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion to identify the priorities of NSA for the upcoming 83rd (2025) *Session of the Nevada Legislature*. NSA members may then determine what the priorities of the NSA should be and how they want to engage during the 83rd *Session*.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

10. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

11. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

12. 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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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
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NSHE Website <https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/>



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF THE INCLUSION, DIVERSITY,
EQUITY, AND ACCESS (IDEA) COMMITTEE**

DATE HERE

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) recognizes that fostering a culture of inclusivity, where every student experiences a sense of belonging and has the opportunity to achieve excellence, is essential to the mission of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE);

WHEREAS, Nevada’s higher education institutions—including universities, community colleges, and specialized research institutions—are dedicated to fostering access, equity, and academic excellence statewide. With designations as Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Minority Serving Institutions (MSI), and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), they serve diverse urban, suburban, and rural communities, ensuring inclusive educational opportunities for students from all backgrounds;

WHEREAS, NSHE proudly represents one of the most diverse and inclusive higher education systems in the nation, with this diversity reflected in the student bodies across all NSHE institutions, enriching the academic and cultural landscape statewide;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Committee contributes to the strategic planning and direction of diversity efforts across NSHE by recommending best practices, identifying barriers, reviewing diversity strategies, and supporting efforts that further IDEA principles;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Committee’s efforts help cultivate a culture where every member of the NSHE community feels valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents, which in turn promotes a thriving academic environment where diversity, belonging, and excellence are celebrated;

WHEREAS, the NSA affirms that the IDEA Committee’s work protects the dignity and belonging of individuals from varied racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, including but not limited to Black, Latino, Asian, LGBTQIA+, Jewish, Muslim, women, unhoused, and persons with disabilities, ensuring that everyone feels valued and supported within NSHE;

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) offices are vital to building a culture where all students feel empowered and valued by providing essential resources and programming;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents established the IDEA Council to review, evaluate, and, as needed, formulate additional proposed NSHE inclusion, diversity, equity and access goals, policies, and practices, and provide statewide leadership in best practices.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance calls for the protection and reinforcement of the IDEA Committee, DEI offices, and IDEA Council within NSHE, emphasizing the following actions to celebrate culture, belonging, and excellence:

1. **Protection of the IDEA Committee:** We urge NSHE and the Board of Regents to protect the IDEA Committee from sunseting, ensuring its continued role in advancing IDEA principles and celebrating the diversity of Nevada's students and institutions.
2. **Sustained Funding and Support:** Prioritize increased funding for DEI offices to provide essential resources that advance IDEA principles and foster a diverse, inclusive, and high-quality learning environment.
3. **Commitment to Inclusive Belonging:** Strengthen initiatives that promote a sense of belonging for all students and demonstrate a dedication to equity, urging the Board of Regents to engage in anti-bias training and workshops to deepen their understanding of the essential role DEI plays in higher education.
4. **Strategic Utilization of IDEA Expertise:** Leverage the expertise of the IDEA Council to inform and support policies and practices that foster an inclusive and equitable NSHE environment, benefiting all students, faculty, and staff, by including the IDEA Council in decision making processes and actively consulting and empowering the IDEA Council to vet NSHE proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSA remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting the IDEA Committee's work, ensuring that NSHE continues to be a place where culture, belonging, and excellence are celebrated, and all individuals feel empowered to thrive.



Ref. NSA - 6

Chair Amy Carvalho
Board of Regents
Nevada System of Higher Education
4300 S. Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89119

November 8, 2024

Re: Appointment of an Interim Chair for the IDEA Committee

Dear Chair Carvalho,

As student body presidents representing diverse communities across Nevada, we sincerely appreciate your leadership amid the current challenges in higher education. Your commitment to fostering inclusivity and respect within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is vital to our mission. Ensuring every individual is treated with dignity is essential for creating an educational environment where all voices are valued. Upholding these principles is essential for the continued success of the IDEA committee, which plays a crucial role in promoting equity and inclusivity across our campuses.

As Regent Cruz Crawford, the current chair of the IDEA committee, transitions to the Nevada Senate, we urge you to appoint an interim chair for the IDEA committee who is known for their strong support of its objectives. This appointment is critical to maintaining the committee's momentum and reinforcing the values that you have championed throughout your tenure.

In a time when we are witnessing attacks on diversity efforts across the nation, including efforts to sunset the IDEA committee, it is crucial that we safeguard this committee with a leader who supports diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). This is essential for celebrating and sustaining the rich diversity of our state and the 106,366 students that NSHE serves.

Please consider the student body presidents in the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA), as a resource in your decision-making process. Our collective insight can help ensure that NSHE remains a safe and welcoming space for all students.

Thank you for your attention to this important request and for your continued dedication to the students of Nevada. We look forward to collaborating with you in enhancing inclusivity within our system and ensuring the integrity of the IDEA committee.

Sincerely,

PROPOSED REVISIONS – PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES MANUAL
CHAPTER 4, SECTION NEW
Student Government Guidelines

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

- 1. To the extent of its authority set forth in the bylaws, each student government association is self-governing and independent of the administration of the System, financially and otherwise, except as provided by NRS 396.547; Title 2, Chapter 1 of the Board of Regents' Handbook related to adoption, amendment or repeal of a student government constitution, bylaws, or policies; Title 4, Chapter 10 of the Board of Regents' Handbook related to the student association fee; Title 4, Chapter 17 of the Board of Regents' Handbook, related to student association participation; Title 4, Chapter 20 of the Board of Regents' Handbook, related to general policies regulating students and student government; and NSHE Procedures & Guidelines Manual, Chapter 5 related to contract policies.***
- 2. Participation in student government associations is an extracurricular activity serving a valuable educational purpose for students.***
- 3. Students elected to student government positions are not employees of their respective institutions based solely on their status as members of the student government association.***
- 4. If student government associations provide financial support, excluding reimbursement for approved costs, for positions within their associations they may do so only in the form of scholarships, according to their properly adopted constitution and/or bylaws.***
- 5. Where the provisions of student government constitutions, or other bylaws, procedures and regulations, conflict with this section __, this section __ shall prevail and the conflicting provisions of such student government constitutions, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.***
- 6. This policy becomes effective for the student government positions elected for the 2025-2026 academic year.***