

Legislative Priorities:

1. Open Educational Resources (OER):

- Advance legislation to expand OER access, reduce student costs, and promote academic equity.

2. Accessibility to Higher Education:

- Advocate for affordability and accessibility initiatives, especially for underrepresented groups such as DREAMers, first-generation students, and those with particular statuses.
- Consider higher education funding.

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):

- Support legislation for underrepresented student populations.
- Advocate for legislation that strengthens DEI protections.

4. Workforce Development and Career Readiness:

- Back measures aligned with economic development and workforce needs, ensuring students are prepared for future job markets.

5. Campus Safety and Well-being:

- Prioritize safety initiatives, including food security efforts and potential gun control measures.

NSA Engagement Strategies:

1. Stakeholder Collaboration:

- Maintain consistent communication with legislators and state officials to amplify student voices.

2. Student Advocacy Events:

- Organize an NSA Day at the Legislature to connect students directly with policymakers.
- Continue offering testimony during key legislative hearings and presenting NSA initiatives.
- Organize a listening session with legislators.

3. Legislative Monitoring and Rapid Response:

- Implement a system to track bills impacting higher education, ensuring timely responses to new legislative priorities.

4. Public Awareness Campaigns:

- Encourage student participation in initiatives like letter-writing campaigns and attendance of events to make our voices heard.