



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
February 14, 2025
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Chair)
Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)
Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Allister Dias, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Teresa Marie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
Denielle Kirkman, 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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a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

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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 January 10, 2025.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

5. REGENT PETE GOICOECHEA

INFORMATION ONLY

Regent Pete Goicoechea will meet with NSA members to provide his background and goals for his term as Regent. Mr. Goicoechea was appointed Regent for District 8 to replace former Regent Michelee Cruz-Crawford as she resigned to serve the Nevada State Senate. Chair Osorio-Hernández may then open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

6. DISCUSSION FOSTERING INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR NSHE COMMUNITY MEMBERS **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair will facilitate discussion with NSA members regarding efforts to foster an inclusive environment on their respective campuses in light of changing federal Administration and policies. NSA members may share the efforts or communications being implemented at their institutions.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

7. PROPOSED NSA LETTER TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR NSHE COMMUNITY MEMBERS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair and NSA Secretary Janeth Vences-Balvas will lead a discussion and review of a proposed letter to support inclusive environments on NSHE campuses. NSA members may provide feedback and suggest modifications to the letter. The proposed letter and any modifications may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for action by the NSA. (Ref. NSA- 7)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

8. NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF NEVADA STUDENT GOVERNMENTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA member Allister Dias will lead a discussion and review of the proposed NSA resolution supporting the financial independence and autonomy of the student governments at NSHE institutions. NSA members may discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution and any revisions may be approved or returned at a future meeting for action by the NSA. (Ref. NSA-8)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

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

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion to determine the legislative priorities of NSA for the upcoming 83rd (2025) *Session of the Nevada Legislature*. NSA members may vote on priorities at this time or at a future NSA meeting. The discussion and possible action may also identify the framework for NSA to engage with the 83rd *Session*. (Ref. NSA-9)

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: 10 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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Ref. NSA-7

NSHE Presidents
Nevada System of Higher Education
4300 S. Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89119

February 14, 2025

RE: Reaffirming Support for All Students, Regardless of Immigration Status

Dear NSHE Presidents,

As student leaders and elected representatives of our respective institutions, we are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of their immigration status, are supported and provided with the resources they need to succeed. In light of the current political climate, we urge you to reaffirm your dedication to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for every student within your respective institutions.

Undocumented students face barriers that put their education and well-being at risk. Our campuses can help by informing students of their rights, expanding access to legal aid and immigration support services, and strengthening partnerships with community organizations committed to this work. Providing clear information for our immigrant students and their families about available legal assistance ensures they can connect with knowledgeable professionals. Taking proactive steps to support these students reaffirms our commitment to fostering an inclusive and secure learning environment.

In this spirit, we encourage you to work closely with student bodies and community groups to ensure that your campuses continue to be supportive and inclusive spaces. This collaboration will ensure that the diverse voices and experiences of all students are heard, valued, and protected.

We are grateful for the leadership you have already demonstrated in supporting students, and we thank you for your ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusivity and respect. As representatives of Nevada's student body, we are committed to working alongside you to ensure the safety and success of all students, no matter their background or immigration status.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSA Chair _____

Dawson Deal, NSA Vice Chair _____

Janeth Vances-Balvas, NSA Secretary _____



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

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY
OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS OF THE NSHE**

February 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) recognizes that student governments serve as the primary representatives of the student body, actively advocating for student interests, funding student-led initiatives, and fostering an environment of growth and development on their respective campuses;

WHEREAS, the autonomy of student governments is crucial to ensure that student leaders can effectively address the needs of their constituents without undue institutional influence or consequence of association;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of consideration of student government fees within general institutional fees risks limiting the scope of student governments' ability to rightfully manage their own budgets and/or request expansions to their budget to address student needs;

WHEREAS, separating the consideration of student government fees from those of the general institution enhances transparency for accountability, enables oversight into more directive change, and independent revisions of budgetary adjustments;

WHEREAS, many student governments across the nation operate with institutional and financial independence, ensuring that consideration for their respective initiatives remain at the forefront of the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, NRS 396.547 provides for contingent independence. Separate consideration for student-led initiatives/fund requests at the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents meetings, apart from those proposed by the institution, provides detached deliberation and thought for student needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance calls for the implementation of policies and safeguards to ensure that the consideration of student government fees remain separate and distinct from the consideration of institutional fees, protecting financial independence and reinforcing the autonomy of student governments.

1. **Independent Decision-Making:** We urge NSHE and the Board of Regents to provide separate and independent decision making concerning student government initiatives, irrespective of the requests of their parent institutions.
2. **Priority to Student-Led Initiatives:** We urge NSHE and the Board of Regents to consider prioritizing funding efforts supported by students, especially those regarding the future of student government, its advocacy, ability to operate, and the further well-being and welfare of their constituents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance remains committed to ensure that student governments enjoy the operating level of autonomy required to serve the needs of their respective constituencies, while fostering an environment and growth and prosperity for all.

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.