



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

MARCH 6, 2025

7:30 a.m.

Nevada State University
Christenson Education Building, Room 251
1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson

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
Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, 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.

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 February 14, 2025.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

4. 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. The proposed resolution was first presented at the February 14, 2025, NSA meeting. NSA members may discuss and provide feedback to the proposal. The proposed resolution may be approved at this meeting or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

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Estimated Time: 10 minutes

5. 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.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

6. NSA CHAIR UPDATE AND REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

The NSA Chair will provide an update on his work with the NSA and information regarding the contents of the Chair's Report that may be delivered to the Board of Regents at their March 6-7, 2025, meeting.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

7. 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.*).

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

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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

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**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
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**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.