NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
August 14, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Via Video-Teleconference

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MEMBERS:

Kelechi Odunze, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Chair)
Dillon Moss, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)
Stephanie Flores, Nevada State University, NSSA (Secretary)
Brayden Boulter, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Trey Curtis-Brown, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
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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.

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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) 784-3444 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.

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 July 10, 2026.

Estimated Time: 5 Minutes

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR — INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Matt McNair or his designee to discuss current priorities, opportunities, and challenges facing the Nevada System of Higher Education. Topics may include updates on legislative priorities, federal higher education issues, and the Chancellor's recent advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., including engagement with Nevada's federal representatives regarding the protection of federal graduate student funding.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

5. DISCUSSION WITH DR. TYA MATHIS-COLEMAN FROM THE NEVADA STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE — INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Deputy Treasurer Dr. Tya Mathis-Colman from the Nevada State Treasurer's Office to discuss the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities administered through the Treasurer's Office. The discussion may include an overview of scholarship and financial aid programs, how these programs are administered, and opportunities for NSHE institutions and student governments to partner with the Treasurer's Office to increase student awareness, outreach, and engagement regarding available financial aid resources. *(Ref. NSA-5)*

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

6. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT STAFF — INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with staff from the Nevada System of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Department to learn about the programs, initiatives, and services supported by the department. The discussion may include an overview of student success initiatives, academic

affairs, student support programs, policy development, and opportunities for collaboration between NSHE Academic and Student Affairs staff and student governments across the System.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

7. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2026-27 YEAR **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion with NSA members regarding the Nevada Student Alliance's priorities for the 2026–27 academic year. Discussion may include consideration of legislative advocacy, cross-institution collaboration, and student affordability as the NSA's priorities for 2026-27. The discussion may also include the finalization of these priorities and any related goals or initiatives to guide the NSA's advocacy and work during the academic year.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

8. DISCUSSION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CURRENT BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY ON STUDENT ACCESS FEES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA members will review and discuss a draft resolution expressing the NSA's support for the current Board of Regents policy governing student access fees (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8). Discussion may include proposed revisions to the draft resolution, the purpose and impact of student access fees, and consideration of approval of the resolution. *(Ref. NSA-8)*

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

9. DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will discuss emergency medicine availability across NSHE institutions. Discussion may include medical kiosks similar to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Medi Cube to support student access to common necessities found at pharmacies. Members may also share information on existing or similar resources provided at their respective campuses.

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

10. NSA CHAIR UPDATE **INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

11. MEMBER UPDATES **INFORMATION ONLY**

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

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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CSN, Building D, 1st 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), 1st and 7th 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
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NSHE NSA Website - https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/

Ref. NSA-5

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- Nevada 529 Plans
- Governor Guinn Millenium Scholarship
- Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarship database
- Middle school essay contests (4)
- Art Contest
- Back to School Fair

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship

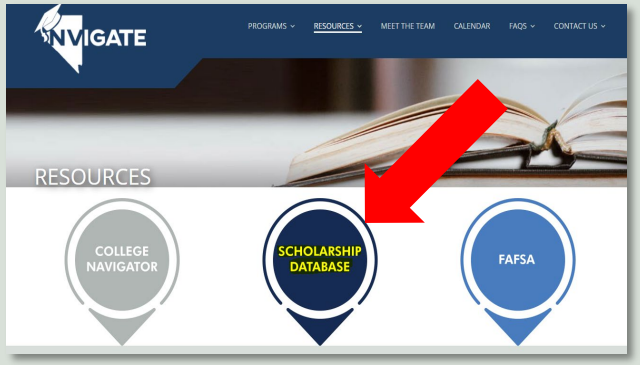
- $10,000 merit-based scholarship for eligible Nevada high school graduates attending an in-state college.
- Requirements: 3.25 GPA, 1070 SAT or 21 ACT; Nevada residency; and core curriculum completion.
- Students must meet continuing eligibility requirements to maintain scholarship Since program was implemented, **187,676** students have utilized the scholarship
- Amount distributed to date: **$755,514,077**

Type of Institution	GGMS Pays
Community College (CSN, GBC, WNC, TMCC)	$40
Nevada State University	$60
University (UNLV, UNR, Roseman)	$80

GGMS Enrollment and Disbursement Summary – Past Four Semesters

Institution	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
WNC	177 / $85,560	136 / $66,680	172 / $81,100	156 / $73,320
GBC	250 / $133,640	223 / $126,940	267 / $147,100	243 / $136,340
TMCC	840 / $409,600	350 / $316,120	829 / $401,360	670 / $314,740
CSN	3,166 / $1,512,212	2,369 / $1,135,134	3,347 / $1,164,403	2,459 / $1,179,345
NSU	984 / $790,404	843 / $684,900	1,072 / $864,440	939 / $760,900
UNLV	9,138 / $9,921,337	7,750 / $8,200,856	9,615 / $10,426,566	7,954 / $8,659,669
UNR	6,084 / $6,921,168	4,951 / $5,624,252	6,311 / $7,195,868	5,085 / $5,770,742
Total	**20,639 / $19,773M**	**16,722 / $16,154M**	**21,613 / $20,730M**	**17,506 / 16,905M**

Financial Aid Opportunities



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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY ON STUDENT ACCESS FUNDSS

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) represents over 110,000 students attending colleges and universities within the Nevada System of Higher Education**; AND**

WHEREAS, the NSA is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions, who under the authority of NSA Constitution section 110.1 and section 110.2, are empowered to "promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education" and "give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies"; **AND**

WHEREAS, NSHE Institutions are committed to creating community for all students and ensuring that each student has access to higher education; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Regents' Higher Education Opportunity Award (RHEOA), partially funded through Student Access Funds, is granted to students through financial aid; **AND**

WHEREAS, NSHE Institutions use Student Access Funds to recruit, retain, and graduate students across the system, disbursing $74.9 million in RHEOA to 35,507 students systemwide in 2024-2025 alone; **AND**

WHEREAS, 86% of Student Access Funds continue to come directly from student registration fees, demonstrating that students themselves are among the primary funders of this aid, and that this shared-investment model directly benefits the student body that contributes to it; **AND**

WHEREAS, Board of Regents policy requires that at least 80 percent of undergraduate and 50 percent of graduate Student Access Funds go to need-based programs, and NSHE publicly reports these disbursements annually by institution, making RHEOA a transparent and accountable fee-funded expenditure in the entire system**; AND**

WHEREAS, many of NSHE's student population has federally determined need, with 36,733 NSHE students receiving a federal Pell Grant in 2024-25, showing the need for the continuation of the RHEOA; **AND**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE ON BEHALF OF THE over 110,000 STUDENTS OF NSHE, that the NSA affirms its strong support for the continuation of Student Access Funds at their current levels, recognizing them as a vital, transparent, and accountable student-funded investment in access, retention, and graduation across the NSHE system; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSA calls upon the NSHE Board of Regents and institutional administrations to preserve Student Access Fund revenue for its intended purpose of direct, need-based student financial aid, and to oppose any effort to remove, reduce, redirect, or diminish this funding stream; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any equitable review of NSHE fee-funded expenditures should apply consistent standards of scrutiny, transparency, and accountability across all categories of institutional spending, rather than disproportionately targeting the funding stream that most directly and transparently benefits students with demonstrated financial need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSA urges NSHE to continue its annual public reporting of RHEOA allocations and disbursements at each institution, consistent with existing NSHE Financial Aid Report methodology; **AND**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the NSHE Board of Regents, the Chancellor of NSHE, and the presidents of each NSHE institution for their consideration and commitment to retaining the current Board mandated Student Access Funds.

ATTEST:

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Kelechi Odunze, NSA Chair & Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN) President

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Dillon Moss, NSA Vice Chair & Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno (ASUN) President

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