NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MEETING MINUTES
AGENDA
March 3, 2022
7:00 a.m.

Nevada State College
Christenson Education Building (CEB)
Room 211/212
1300 Nevada State Drive
Henderson

MEMBERS: Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair) Present
Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair) Present
Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary) Present
Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN Present - 7:29 am
Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA Present
Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA Present
Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN Present
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA Absent
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA Present – 7:06 am
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:
Yevonne Nevaraz-Goodson – NSHE Deputy General Council
Heather Rikalo - ASWN Advisor
Taissa Lychenko, graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno.
Kinghini Sengupta – GSA (UNR)
Blanca Pena – CSUN Senate President
Terina Caserto -NSHE

Called to Order at 7:00 AM

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1. **ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Austin Brown will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member.

Quorum present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

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Taissa Lytchenko: For the record, Taissa Lytchenko, graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno. In regard to the resolution of a voting student member, I think this document lacks in 2 specific areas. The first is major and the second is minor. The major is the lack of inclusion of a unified voice in the foundation of the argument, which encompasses and makes eligible only a part of the student population across Nevada for the position of a voting student member. Likewise, the many reasons that are listed are superficial and lack depth, which could be addressed if this was written from the perspective of all student voices rather than few. Finally, the minor is the language used to address counter arguments, it lacks formality of a usual resolution and, I think, serves as a barrier to present them in a light which will allow them to be taken seriously. With some major revision, I think this document can really have a shot. And I would urge you to consider the same. Thank you.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 11, 2022.

Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 11, 2022. Member Porter seconded the motion. Call for discussion. No discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION**

IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED AND DACA STUDENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of undocumented and DACA students. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or return at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

Member Yap motioned to approve the resolution in Support of Undocumented and DACA Students. Member Richards seconded the motion. Call for Discussion. No discussion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of a voting student member on the NSHE Board of Regents. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or return at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

Member Yap motioned to table the NSA resolution in Support of a Voting Student Member on the NSHE Board of Regents to a later date of this NSA body. Member Sanchez de Loza seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion included having time to work on revising or clarifying language and members taking the resolution back to respective student government bodies for further input to bring back at the next NSA meeting of this body.

6. UPDATE ON NSHE’S STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Vice Chancellor Caleb Cage will provide a presentation on NSHE’s ongoing strategic planning process and discuss opportunities for student involvement. Additionally, Vice Chancellor Cage will request input on topics students would like to have considered on the agenda of an upcoming student-focused summit in support of the NSHE strategic plan.

This item was not heard. Guest speaker was unable to attend.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

Members will provide an update regarding their respective campuses’ planned activities and events.

Each member provided the NSA with brief updates of their campus activities.

8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Chair Hawn noticed that this is NSA body’s last quarterly meeting and gave a brief update.
9. **NSA CHAIR’S REPORT**

NSA Chair Hawn will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair’s Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents during their March 3-4, 2022 meeting.

Chair Hawn discussed his report that will be read to the NSHE Board of Regents on behalf of the NSA later on this day.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

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.).

Member Johnigan has requested a special meeting of this NSA body on March 31st at 7:00 am.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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There is no public comment.

**The meeting is adjourned at 7:51 am.**

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