NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
September 8, 2022
7:00 a.m.

Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801
Leonard Center SGA Meeting Room 122

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS:
- **Present** Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)
- **Present** Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)
- **Absent** Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
- **Present** Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA
- **Present** Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
- **Absent** Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
- **Present** Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
- **Absent** Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN
- **Tardy 7:09** Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
- **Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

Guests:
Brayden Taeubel – UNR
Fatema Azmee – UNR
Lucile Purnell – TMCC
Amiyah Henly – NSC
Kevin Osorio – NSC
Dayton Vasquez – NSC

Staff:
Tina Russom – NSHE Deputy Counsel
Terina Caserto – NSHE Senior Analysis

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Call to order: 7:02 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

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

   *Vice Chair Fenton called roll. Quorum established.*

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 two 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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   *Fatema Azmee, Graduate student UNR.*

   I am here to support the resolution for graduate student tuition assistant and stipend increase. This will help the graduate student communities especially for those who work hard and with very small stipends that do not let them have a good standard of living. Graduate students are what bridges the gap between professors and undergraduate students. We hold the office hours, we do the research and also provide a lot of assistance to our undergraduate students. This resolution will help students, graduate student be able to afford a decent living. Many of them are limited to 20 hour assistantships. If they are international students they cannot seek outside work and this will help them live and make ends meet. This is from the last Board of Regents meeting in Reno. I would greatly appreciate your guys support in this. Thank you.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 12, 2022.

   **Fenton:** Motion to approve  
   **Hawn:** Second  
   **No discussion**  
   **Voice vote:** Passes unanimously

4. **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND STIPEND INCREASE**

   Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of increasing graduate student tuition assistance and stipends. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

   **Chair Stanfill opens discussion and passes to Member Hawn. Member Hawn delivers a briefing of the resolution and highlights the edits from the draft that was distributed at the August 12, 2022 NSA meeting. Members asked for clarification on a couple of points. Hawn provided clarification.**

   **Fenton – Motion to approve**  
   **Thomas – Second**  
   **No discussion**  
   **Voice vote – Passes unanimously**

5. **COLLABORATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**

   Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion on increasing voter registration on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating and participating in a friendly competition between institutions.

   **Chair Stanfill asks NSA members to share what their institutions are doing to bounce off ideas and what they are considering doing with other institutions.**

   Members Fenton, Hawn, Thomas, and Stamp share what their institutions are considering and suggest ideas.

   **Stanfill asks for a specific day for submissions due and suggests Oct 28, 2022. Everything will be worth one point that can be classified as civic engagement. Submit institutions points by the breakdown of what it was. Send to Stanfill email by Oct 28 by end of the day. Stanfill will put in a work order for social media that will hopefully be used across the campus.**

6. **NSA APPAREL**

   Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion on possible designs and logos of proposed NSA apparel. NSA members may authorize Chair Stanfill to seek approval for the use of a decided upon logo.
Stanfill asks for discussion regarding the design of the apparel.
Thomas suggests windbreakers in black.
Fenton explains ring knockers from the military culture that acts within the accordance of values and is akin to a class ring with the NSA on it
Stanfill likes both ideas and reminds it is an opt in and not mandatory.
Stanfill seeks a motion for Chair to reach out to the Secretary of the Board (of Regents) in seeking permission of the NSHE logo.

Member Thomas: Motion
Member Hawn: Second
No Discussion
Vote: Passes unanimously

Stanfill clarifies that NSHE logo on back, NSA on front of black windbreaker. Stanfill asks Fenton to design a ring. Fenton discusses the approximate price. Fenton will send out an email of thoughts on ring design to individual member and no offline conversation.

7. NSA CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Dionne Stanfill will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair’s Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on September 8, 2022.

Stanfill asks members if they have any comments they would like her to include in her NSA Chair report that will be given to the Board of Regents later that day. Members share what is current with their campus.

8. 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 Espinoza – Point of Privilege – will be giving public comment at Board tomorrow in support of item 19 renaming of NSC, asks for support from other NSA members to also give public comment.

Member Fenton – Student Veterans of America – if you get the chance to look them up.

Member Hawn– would like to have a discussion in the future for health and human services for mental health services. Also bring the food resources on campus discussion back.

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**No public comment.**

**Adjourn 7:41.**

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