

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
October 14, 2022
9:00 AM

Via Video-Teleconference

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MEMBERS:

Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair) Present
John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair) Present
Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary) Present
Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA Present
Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA Present
Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN Present
Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN Present
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA Present
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Unexcused Absence

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

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1. ROLL CALL 9:08 call to order – meeting via zoom

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.

Members of the Public:

Ryan Hathaway – Student Advocate
Amanda Vaskov – Student at University of Nevada Reno
Heather Rikalo -Coordinator Student life WNC
Kevin Osorio-Hernandez – Student at Nevada State College
Dayton Vasquez, Student Nevada State College
Amaya Henly, Student at Nevada State College
Evan Robinson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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9:12am Amanda Vaskov – Chair of Government Affairs- General comments about support for agenda item 5.

“ Hello and good morning. As president Stanfill said, my name is Amanda Vaskov I am a student at UNR I have the pleasure as serving as the director of government affairs for our associated students at the university of Nevada. It is such a pleasure to be here at this NSA meeting this morning. I am here to just show my support for an NDSA agenda item today regarding access NSA access to the NSHE Board agenda. This is something that I care deeply about when it comes to representation of student interest within government. Currently as it stands the Nevada student alliance does not have access to recommendations to the agenda that the chair can put on. This resolution if passed by NSA would change this hopefully. So long as it would get on the next board agenda and remove the structural barrier that exists to student representation within NSHE. So I would like to thank you all, for NSA, for being representatives of all Nevada Students and I hope that you consider increasing and amplifying your own voice by passing this resolution. So thank you so much.”

9:13 am – President Stanfill was disconnected off the call.

9:13- Vice Chair Fenton open up floor for public comment

9:14 – Dayton Vasquez Public comment about Chair Stanfill's comments from the September Board of regents meeting, during the discussion regarding the Nevada State College proposed

name change.

“Hello and good morning to you all. For the record my name is Dayton D-A-Y-T-ON Vasquez V-A-S-Q-U-E-Z. My public comment today is in regard to the comments made by chair Dionne Stanfill during the Board of Regents meeting that took place on September 9th, 2022. Chair Stanfill made comments that were not only disrespectful, but unnecessary towards Nevada State College. These comments were not agreed upon by the Nevada Student Alliance. And by Chair Stanfill using her position as chair to make remarks on behalf of NSA, that is wrong and not justifiable. In her remarks she claims that UNR is a “university for all.” With a university population that is well over 50% white and with the highest tuition costs in the state, you claim to be a university for all, I claim you to be a university for the rich, powerful, and white. And the undergraduate student body president as well as the university president very well represent and fit that narrative. Chair Stanfill also points out in her statement the high native population. However what Chair Stanfill did not mention was how UNR’s alumni has historically been hurting and screwing over the indigenous people of northern Nevada in the legislature for decades and they continue to do it now. I am a proud student at Nevada State College and there is nothing that can change that. I must remind us all, that there is no competition between us. We are all here for the same reason, to serve and represent the students at our own institutions. And when you consider something as simple as a institution name change as “competition”, then you lose the interest of who you serve. Chair Stanfill’s comments during the Board of Regents meetings will be tolerated, and for her to tell Nevada State College to stay in our lane, I tell her no. Thank you for your time.”

9:14 am Chair Stanfill enters the meeting

9:14 am Kevin – Public comment about Chair Stanfill’s comments from the September Board of regents meeting, during the discussion regarding the Nevada State College proposed name change.

**“ For the record, Kevin Osorio Hernandez,
I want to use this time to address the comments made by UNR
Student President Dionne Stanfill during the September Board of
Regents meeting on the agenda item to rename Nevada State**

College. Student President Stanfill had much to say during her comments on Nevada State's name change. In her comments, she said, "this name change promotes the stigma of attending a community college." Student President Stanfill, thank you for blindly supporting the premise of why we seek a name change. Nevada State is not a community college, and you so blindly mention part of the reason for our name change. So I thank you for your blind support. In addition, Student President Stanfill says, "There should be no need to validate your education." How dare a privileged person say such a disgusting comment knowing that Nevada State serves our high population of underserved minorities. Her remarks were microaggressive, making it clear to me that the white lady does not understand the needs of the new majority. I am part of a system that was not intended for me to succeed. The white lady does not get to tell me what I need to validate; my education is the last thing I need to validate. Then Student President Stanfill says, "UNR... is accessible, diverse and opportunistic." I laugh at that. How is UNR diverse? According to UNR stats, 52% of students are white, only 22% are Hispanic, 4% are black, and 8% are Asian. Nevada State flips those numbers where 48% of students are Hispanic, 24% are white, 8% are Asian, and 7% are black. How is UNR accessible and opportunistic? Nevada State serves and gives more opportunities to the underserved population in our state. From the single mother who has to work three jobs to the first-generation college student who cannot afford to move north to a new city. Nevada State is genuinely the true institution of accessibility, diversity, and opportunity. Do not underestimate Nevada State."

9:17 am – Amaya Henly, Public comment about Chair Stanfill's comments from the September Board of regents meeting, during the discussion regarding the Nevada State College proposed name change.

" Good morning. For the record, my name is Amiyah Henly (A-M-I-Y-A-H H-E-N-L-Y). Today my public comment pertains to remarks made by NSA Chair Stanfill during the Board of Regents meeting on September 9th, 2022. Make no mistake, I am proud to be a scorpion, and will say what school I attend with pride, and emphasis. With that being said, the "stigma" of attending a school with the word "college" in its name is real, and has little

to no chance of going away. Community Colleges have been around since 1901, with the majority of them dropping the community part, the word college has now been given the 2 year mark. A junior university if you will, which is amazing because it expanded and provided access to a little bit of higher education to those who need it. I didn't appreciate NSA Chair Stanfill making remarks about Nevada State students' mission to end that stigma. As a person of color, having the title university is crucial for me, as I mentioned during my previous public comment my skin color is my biggest barrier when it comes time to apply for jobs. Ending the stigma isn't the issue. There is no stigma actually. The issue is I don't want to be passed up for a job because my employer is assuming I hold an associate degree. NSA Chair Stanfill doesn't have this problem. For one, she is not a person of color, and her school has the word university in its name, so her education won't ever be questioned, jobs will fall in her lap, and that is not her fault, that is just the country we lived in unfortunately. At the end of the day, NSA Chair Stanfill made those remarks not knowing what the true meaning behind Nevada State's name change. We are an HSI institution, we are serving the new majority, and this name change is a way for our students to get opportunities that NSA Chair Stanfill will already does. Thank you for your time today."

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on September 8th and 9th, 2022.

9:19am Vice Chair Fenton motions to approve
9:20am – Secretary Yvette seconds that motion
9:20 – Unanimous voice vote- ay
Motion Carries

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members may meet with Chancellor Dale Erquiaga. They will learn of the Chancellor's priorities and share updates of their respective institutions.

9:20: Chair Stanfill bypasses agenda item 4 due to the chancellor not being present in the meeting at this time.

5. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE BOARD OF REGENTS HANDBOOK TO ALLOW THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CHAIR ACCESS TO THE AGENDA

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion on the proposed resolution in support of revising the *Board of Regents Handbook*, Title 1, Article V, Sections 7 through 10, to provide access to the Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance to request agenda items be placed on the Board agenda. 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.

9:21 Chair Stanfill makes general comments about the proposed resolution.

9:23 Secretary Yvette poses question about pathways for future NSA members in having a voice in collaboration with the governing chair.

9:23 Chair Stanfill reiterates the role of that the NSA chair would have in this legislative session.

9:24 Tina Russom answers with general comments about the proposed amendments and expectations of implementation date.

9:25 Vice Chair Fenton, asks about which board of regent meetings this would affect.

9:26 Chair Stanfill states that this document was passed unanimously through UNR and it could be the biggest legacy made by a university, should it pass.

9:27 Matthew Hawn gives general comments about the follow through items should this proposal be approved.

9:28 Chair Stanfill opens for further question.

9:28 Tessa Espinosa, poses the question about the recommendation process and whether a singular Chair of NSA would have the sole governing authority through this document or whether the NSA would have a collective voice.

9:30 Chair Stanfill clarifies details of the proposal.

9:31 Vice Chair Fenton clarifies with general comments relating to bylaws.

9:31: Chair Stanfill continues with general comments about the interest of this proposal and opens the floor for questions.

9:32 Matthew Hawn asks for clarification regarding the purpose of the process.

9:33 Tessa Espinosa asks if NSA would consider making the terms in the proposal more inclusive to the members of NSA and not limited to the control of the Chair.

9:34 Issac Hernandez makes general comments regarding the limitations imposed if the singular authority of the chair. Gives the opinion that he likes the idea of this piece if this legislation.

9:37 Matthew Hawn, agrees with President Hawn. Suggests an addition that the NSA can suggest to the NSA President items to be considered being added to the BOR meetings.

9:39 Terina Caserto will look up the specific procedure.

9:40 Tina Russom answers President Hawn's question about the voting procedures for NSA amendments.

9:41 Matthew Hawn poses general comments regarding the amendment process

9:41 Tina Russom clarifies further.

9:42 Chair Stanfill adds closing comments regarding the purpose of the proposal and reminds the body of the initial support of Chancellor Erquiaga.

9:46 Tina Russom clarifies that a friendly amendment would be an option if a member wanted to amend the agenda item.

9:46 Vice Chair Fenton states that he supports the process as is.

9:47am Secretary Machado motions to approve the agenda item as is.

9:48 Vice Chair Fenton seconds the motion.

9:49 Chair Stanfill holds a voice vote to call the vote.

9:49 Voice vote, majority aye vote with 2 nays

9:49 Matthew Hawn -Nay

9:49 Tessa Hernandez Nay

9:51 Chair Stanfill calls for a voice vote

9:52 John, Yvette, Isaac, Dione, Zachary, Aye

9:51 Suzanna, Tessa, Matthew – Nay

9:53 Terina Caserto clarifies process that will follow this passed agenda item.

6. COLLABORATION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

9:54 Chair Stanfill begins general comments regarding agenda item.

9:57 John Fenton suggests utilizing Canvas to register to vote.

9:58 Yvette Machado asks if other events or civic engagement opportunities hold more weight than another single registration.

9:59 Dione Stanfill confirms no weighted point measures.

7. NSA APPAREL

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will provide an update and lead a discussion on the design and logo of proposed NSA apparel.

9:59 Chair Stanfill give opening statement about the agenda item and has received approval to access the NSHE logo.

No questions.

8. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

10:00am Chair Stanfill opens the floor for member reports.

10:00 Issac Hernandez gives update on campus events for civic engagement.

10:05 Yvette Machado gives update on campus events for civic engagement.

10:05 Suzanna Stankute gives update on campus events for civic engagement and campus activities.

10:07 Matthew Hawn gives update on campus events for GSA on civic engagement and campus updates.

10:12 Zachary Stamp gives update on campus events, election, and institutional updates.

10:13 Tessa Espinosa gives update on institutional updates, campus activities, and mental health initiatives.

10:14 John Fenton gives update on institutional updates, campus updates, and his personal work in advocating in Washington DC on behalf of Veterans.

10:19 Yvette Machado gives update on ASCSN's commitment to supporting women's health and equal access opportunities for all students, regardless of student immigration status.

9. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Stanfill will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2022-23 year.

10:21 Chair Stanfill gives update on fostering tradition at UNR, civic engagement, and community engagement on campus.

10. NEW BUSINESS

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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.*).

10:21 Matthew Hawn discusses adding procedural updates on ensuring the collective NSA voice will be considered on agenda item 5.

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10:22 Public Comment- None

10:23 Dione Stanfill calls for Adjournment