



## MEETING MINUTES

### NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

#### AGENDA

December 1, 2022

7:00 a.m.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV  
Student Union, Room 211

#### MEMBERS:

Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)  
John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)  
Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)  
Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA  
Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
Kevin Leon-Martinez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA  
Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

#### Public and Guests in Attendance:

Heather Rikalo, WNC  
Chanikan Buntha, TMCC  
Amanda Vaskov, UNR  
Virginia Smercina, UNLV  
Terina Caserto, NSHE  
Lynda King, NSHE

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Call to order: 7:03 a.m.

## 1. ROLL CALL

NSA Vice-Chair John Fenton will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member.

Present - Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)

Present - John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)

Tardy Excused - entered meeting at 7:11 am - Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)

Present - Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA

Tardy Excused - Entered meeting at 7:10 am - Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA

Present - Kevin Leon-Martinez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN

Absent Excused - Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA

Present - Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN

Present - Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Quorum established.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Amber Vaskov of ASUN- Here to remind you all of agenda item 22 that is being heard today (at the Board of Regents meetings) for NSA access to the agenda, I strongly urge you to comment in

support this. I am from ASUN and students from ASUN will be doing the same. Also, with ASUN and I'm the Director of Government Affairs and I am spearheading advocacy efforts for session and the Borrowers Bill of Rights Bill that is set to come up. If you would at all like to get involved in legislative advocacy please let President Stanfill know so I can be in contact because the issues we are working on this session broadly effect those across NSHE. We would love to have you get involved. Thank you.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on November 10, 2022.

Motion: Vice Chair Fenton moves to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022 as written

Second: Nicole Thomas

Vote: Unanimous approval

### 4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NSHE 2023-2025 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST, ITEMS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: NUMBERS 1) RESTORATION OF BUDGET CUTS; AND 6) ENROLLMENT RECOVERY FUNDING

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Vice Chair John Fenton will review and lead a discussion on a proposed NSA Resolution in Support of NSHE Biennial Budget Request Items for Special Consideration: Numbers 1) Restoration of Budget Cuts; and 6) Enrollment Recovery Funding. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

Stanfill reminds the body that this is just a first reading of the proposed resolution.

Vice chair Fenton spoke to the importance of the budget items requested in restoration of budgets & enrollment recovery. Sought participation from other NSA members to include economic impact data from their institutions.

Terina Caserto spoke to language in the draft to bring in alignment with the actual wording in the proposed budget.

Pres. Thomas had a concern that the resolution does not include the support for the other items under special consideration when NSA does supports some of those items, too. She requested that additional language can be added to also reflect supporting the other budget priorities of 1-6, too.

Vice chair Fenton sought to ensure the other members could contact him with economic data should they receive it in time to revisit the item in January.

### 5. COLLABORATION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion on increasing civic engagement on members' respective campuses. The Chair will also ask NSA members for ideas for campus civic engagement collaboration leading into the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Pres. Thomas spoke about day on the hill and preparations to visit Carson City and state legislators

Pres. Hawn spoke about day on the hill and preparations to visit Carson City and state legislators

Pres. Espinosa spoke about day on the hill and preparations to visit Carson City and state legislators

Secretary Machado spoke about day on the hill and preparations to visit Carson City and state legislators

## 6. MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY

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

Vice Chair Fenton gave update on Toys-for-Tots drive and shared how to contact and get involved in any local area

Pres. Hawn - winter clothing drive, food drive thanksgiving meals; signature drive to support the increased graduate student stipends; preparing for day in Carson City at the capitol to meet with legislators

Pres. Stankute - food drive; de-stress events for finals week

Pres. Espinosa - food pantry issues, clothing drive, toy drive, and student government out-reach, land acknowledgement

Sec. Machado - holiday meals; entrepreneur workshops; mental health services, "Dream-Zone"

Pres Thomas - Cap & Gown lending; 1st gen bash; Campus survey,

Chair Stanfill - resolution urging the divestment from prison labor; spring concert; Nevada association of student councils; Celebrate Nevada day; food drive

## 7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

The NSA Chair will provide an update on developments following the passage of the NSA's Resolution in Support of Amending the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Board's Agenda. The Chair will also provide information regarding the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on December 1, 2022.

Spoke on agenda Board of Regents agenda item 22 and importance of civic engagement.

## 8. 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.*).

None.

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None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

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TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

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