MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
December 2, 2022
7:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV
Student Union, Room 208A

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
Ashley Martinez, ASUN
Terina Caserto, NSHE
Lynda King, NSHE
Cathy McAdoo, BOR
Amy Carvalho, BOR
Dale Erquiaga, NSHE

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1. **ROLL CALL** Call to order 7:19 a.m.

   Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken.

   **Tardy Excused - entered meeting @ 7:23am Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)**  
   Present - John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)  
   Present - via Zoom - Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)  
   Present - Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA  
   Present - Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
   Present - Kevin Leon-Martinez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
   Present - via zoom - Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA  
   Present - Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
   **Tardy Excused - entered meeting @ 7:21am Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
   Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD  

   **QUORUM ESTABLISHED.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** INFORMATION ONLY

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   In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047 (April 27, 2001), as restated in the Attorney General’s Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

   **None.**
3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS
ONLY
AND CHANCELLOR

Student representatives will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the officers of the
Board of Regents and the Chancellor. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns
of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Chancellor Erquiaga spoke of the legislative agenda, government relations, Alejandro Rodrigues
the NSHE Government Relations new hire, covered procedure to governor’s budget, and
possibility to student/NSA testifying. Chancellor concludes with call for help for legislative push.

Yvette Machado asks BoR Chair McAdoo to clarify whether utilizing a line of student testifying
in support of something is proper way or better through unified voice?

Chair McAdoo spoke that student comments should craft story, story arch, student stories matter,
create other options for NSA priorities.

Chancellor spoke of testimony strategy, message exhaustion, and what is the tipping point with
personal stories.

John Fenton speaks to NSA resolution and the lack of support from the BOR in yesterday’s
meeting to not pass the request that NSA be able to access the BOR Agenda, that current policy is
not representative nature. An example is dual enrollment (underaged constituents) who do not
have access in the current provisions.
Suzanne Stankute speaks of her dual enrollment personal story.
Matthew Hawn speaks of concerns for international students.
Chair Stanfill asks how to move forward.
Chancellor Erquiaga speaks with general political advice; talk to people, make compromises
when disagreements occur.
Regent Carvalho frames that this was brought forward as there is an obstacle in place currently
which may not be the case. Framing it the right way. The board is going through growth and
change and this may have come at a difficult time.

Stanfill thank McAdoo and Carvalho for the feedback and time.

4. 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.).

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.
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None.

Adjourned at 7:48 a.m.

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