

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9, 2023



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA March 9, 2023 7:45 a.m.

College of Southern Nevada
3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue
North Las Vegas
Building C, Conference Room B

MEMBERS:

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

Lynda King – NSHE Associate General Counsel

Terina Caserto – NSHE Sr. Analyst and NSA Liaison

Public

Brayson Gomez
Kevin Osorio Hernández
Brayden Taeubel
Ashley Martinez
Kimmy Claussen
Jada Maglinao

Call to order: 7:49

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1. ROLL CALL

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

Quorum established with 7 members and one proxy present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 10, 2023.

Machado – Motions for approval

Leon-Martinez - Second

No discussion

Motion passes with unanimous approval

4. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RENAMING OF NEVADA STATE COLLEGE

INFORMATION ONLY

Nevada State College Student Body President Tessa Espinosa and NSC Deputy Chief of Staff for Government Relations and Presidential Communications Anthony Ruiz will present information on the proposed Nevada State College name change that may be discussed as agenda item for the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on March 10th.

Anthony Ruiz presented information on the support to rename Nevada State College to Nevada State University is a mid-tier teaching college. A PowerPoint was provided in the meeting agenda. Points presented included, national trends in naming of 4 year institutions; Carnegie classification; impetus is the students – employers prefer university designation for bachelor degree or higher, earnings increase, increase in yield rates. Ruiz included next steps for the Board of Regents and the Nevada Legislature.

Ruiz then took open questions from NSA members: Clarified the original action by the Board when this request came up; clarified what President Pollard has done in working with the Regents and Chancellor; clarified the growth of the college without the renaming would have a negative impact on the students and business community.

Member Machado takes a moment of personal privilege to discuss her support for the Nevada State name change and asks members to consider giving individual support during the Board meeting.

5. TRANSITIONING LEADERSHIP

INFORMATION ONLY

The NSA Chair will lead a discussion of effective ways to transition NSA to new leadership. She will ask NSA members to share their plans for transitioning student body leadership on their respective campuses.

Chair Stanfill opens the floor to discuss ideas and suggestions for transition NSA and member's plans at their respective campuses. Ideas discussed included creating an NSA transition guide; outgoing members committing to meeting with incoming presidents at each institution; better communication with respective senates about NSA; and implementing longer terms at institutions.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

Members may provide an update regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events, including, but not limited to, activities pertaining to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

With respect to the time of the meeting, Chair Stanfill skips this item.

7. NSA CHAIR AND REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

The NSA Chair will also provide information regarding the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents on March 10, 2023.

Chair Stanfill asks the NSA members to individually email her any member updates from the previous item by 10:00 a.m. to include in her NSA Chair Report to the Board of Regents for the following day.

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.*).

No new business.

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Kevin Osorio Hernández – Student at Nevada State College.

I'm here today to express my strong support for the addition of the Nevada State University to our beautiful state. As you heard today, there was a wonderful presentation from Mr. Ruiz and as representatives of Nevada Student Alliance and your individual student governments, I urge you to consider the importance of your role in helping the student body of the state. And being a voice of progress. The chair said herself that NSA is a powerful body. So I ask of you, can you find it in your power to advocate for Nevada State University? Numerous federal, state and local officials have expressed their support and it is crucial to ask yourself. is your purpose in NSA to benefit higher education for students and make progress in the state? And I encourage you to reflect on the impact and support that the Nevada State University will have on state of Nevada and by adding university will bring numerous benefits to the community and to the economy of our state. We are all united in this sense. And by supporting this initiative, you have the opportunity to be on the right side of history and to help shape the future of higher education in our state. So let us work together to create a brighter future for all students and to ensure that our state continues to thrive. And so I'll end with this reminder, which side of history do you wish to be on?

Fatema Azmee – As a member of the public I just wanted to [recognize] Dionne Stanfill for her hard work this year. It's been incredibly difficult with everything that I know that ASUN presidents do and your willingness to listen to every side of all discussions and good job, thank you.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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