

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
June 9, 2023
7:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 422
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

MEMBERS:

Proxy Samara Woolfolk Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
PBrayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
PBoris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
P – arrived at 7:17 Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
PKevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State College, NSSA
PPio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Absent Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
PSuzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Proxy Teresa Marie Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Jane Neitz-Singleton; Zipporah Nixon; Isabella Hatt; Alexia Rivera; Robby Boparoi; Heather Rikalo; Benny Buchanan; Alyssa Bulter; Alicia Carr; Dawson Deal; Keri Nikalowski (BoR); Joe Arrascada (BoR); Byron Brooks (BoR); Terina Caserto (NSHE); Carrie Parker (NSHE)

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Call to order at 7:16 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Quorum established – 8 members present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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Samara Woolfolk- currently serving as the Student Body Vice President for UNLV CSUN and here on behalf of UNLV Student Body President Makayla Franklin and representing the student body as a whole. Excited to make a big impact with the state. The President sends her apologies for being unable to be here. However she is super excited to spend the year with everyone here and create change and impact.

“My name is Robby Boparai

President Elect, Associated Students of the University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine
President, UNR School of Medicine Class of 2026.

Students at the UNR School of Medicine have our own independent student government, with its own constitution. We have been approved by the NSHE Board of Regents for decades, and file financial statements annually with the Board of Regents. I am speaking today to inform this body that there is currently no representation for our student government to this body. We have always maintained our independence from the Graduate Student Association here at the University of Nevada, Reno, as the issues that affect us are fundamentally different to those of graduate students. At UNLV medical students sit on a joint student government with graduate students known as the GPSA, a solution that is likely vested in the history of how their medical school was formed. To my knowledge, UNR's School of Medicine was historically the University of Nevada, School of Medicine, and functioned as an independent institution, which has led to the existence of separate professional and graduate student governments at UNR. Medical students at UNR spend time here on campus, at rural sites throughout the state, and at the Renown Regional Medical Center. Because of the stark differences in issues affecting medical students at our institution, we do not see merging with the GSA for advocacy purposes as a viable solution.

I want to emphasize that I feel fundamentally supported by the administration, faculty, and staff at the UNR School of Medicine. However, these are not the individuals who determine my tuition and my fees. As a UNR medical student I currently have no representation at the UNR institutional level, on committees that determine my student fees. Furthermore, I have no representation on Nevada Student Alliance to advocate directly to the Board of Regents on issues pertaining to my tuition.

I am speaking today to implore this body to address this by providing our student government a seat on this body.”

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members 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.

NSA members engaged in dialog with the Interim Chancellor Dale Erquiaga, Board of Regents Chair Byron Brooks and Board of Regents Vice Chair Joe Arrascada. Members asked for a legislative update which the Chancellor provided but mentioned the greater legislative update and detail would be provided later that day at the Board of Regents meeting. Members asked what the biggest focus of the legislature was this Session. Funding was the focus and how it is needed to produce the most successful students in Nevada, how to ensure the best faculty members to support the students and included mention of the COLA. The Chancellor then provided updates on some of the other Bills. Members asked how the Board intended to promote inclusion, diversity, equity. It was suggested, after general discussion, that NSA contact the Regent Chair of the IDEA Committee. Members asked how the new chancellor will be set up for success. Discussion of some of the provisions in place.

4. 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.*).

No new business items.

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No public comment.

Adjourned at 7:43 a.m.

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

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