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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
July 7, 2023
9:00 AM

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Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS:

P Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN (Chair)
P Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State College, NSSA (Vice Chair)
P Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Secretary)
P Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
P Brayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
P Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
P Pio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
P Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
Tardy, 9:02 a.m. Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:
Terina Caserto – R. Policy Analyst NSHE
Carrie Parker – Deputy General Counsel NSHE
Dale Erquiaga – NSHE Acting Chancellor
Alexia Rivera Perez- NSHE student

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1. ROLL CALL
Quorum established- 9 members present
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.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Alexia Rivera Perez—comments on her appreciation for NSA and the advocacy NSA promotes and how impressed she is with the NSA so far this year.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on June 8 and 9, 2023.

- Nicole Thomas – motion to approve
- Osorio-Hernández - second
- No discussion
- Approval with one abstention (Zachary Stamp)

4. **DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR**

NSA members will meet with outgoing Acting Chancellor Dale Erquiaga as he reflects upon his experience as Chancellor and provides insight to the NSA members as they begin their new NSA year.

Members asked about the interim funding study and the Chancellor laid out a general timeline for that study. Follow up questions pertained to how students can advocate for themselves. Chancellor recommends that the study look at institution type and student type. Encourages NSA as a group to be in that conversation.
Chancellor speaks of what is lacking today in NSHE – what can NSHE provide the student as the customer and what that looks like for the experience and what are you getting out of it.

Chancellor then took additional questions. Members thanked the Chancellor for how he represents them and how inspiring it is to hear advice.

5. DISCUSSION WITH AN NSHE REGENT

Regent Laura Perkins will meet with NSA members to share her experience and the projects she is currently working on as a Regent. She will also provide an update on the goals and business of the Board of Regents Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Committee.

Chair Stankute tabled this item as Regent Laura Perkins was unable to attend the meeting due to technical difficulties.

6. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR

Chair Stankute will facilitate a conversation for NSA members to share the top priorities of their respective student bodies for the 2023-2024 academic year. Based on the discussion, NSA may then discuss and determine what the priorities of the NSA should be for the year.

Members discussed priorities for the NSA for the 2023-24 year. Suggestions included, but were not limited to, letting students across Nevada know we are there for them; tangible item like attendance at special board of regent’s meetings; getting the Board to collect outcomes for students and metrics; create legislation or partnership so that international graduate students can work outside of their specified institution as their Visa only allows them to work at their registered institution; community engagement and civic engagement; find some way to partner with different organizations and having an NSA sponsored legislation getting ready for next legislative session; and being prepared for student fee discussion that comes up in December at the Board of Regents.

Chair Stankute recaps suggestions into categories:

- Legislative priorities 2025 – making sure resolutions are in by March at the latest
- Outreach programs – how can we look at the outcomes of students that can be an NSHE priority to look at the metrics of student after graduation. And how that is part of the funding.
- What volunteering opportunities and internships are available.
- Looking at the outcomes of our students - Reaching out to companies for employment purposes
- Community building and social events to support well-being and student mental health

Discussion continued with suggestions of bringing back last year’s NSA attempt to be added to the Regent Handbook to have access to the Board’s agenda. Members present last year recapped the difficulties with that request and how time-consuming a cause it was. Suggested looking at student fees may be time better spent this year. Another suggestion was to go back through all
the old NSA resolutions to see what the Board has responded to. And formalize a process for response.

Hawn- motion to adopt three priorities for the 2023-24 academic year as:
1. Focusing on legislatives priorities that pertain to NSA in preparation for the 2025 legislative session.
2. Looking into jobs and outcomes associated with higher education and how that can be better incorporated into the NSHE.
3. Looking into what access of the NSA to the Board of Regents’ agenda or at least a response to NSA resolutions

Chair Stankute - Friendly amendment as to the structure of that:
1. Legislative priorities for NSA 2025
2. Possible campaign for marketing and uniting NSA to our various student governments
3. Looking at outcomes for jobs in the area and incorporating that inside NSHE piece
4. Looking at our relationship with the Board and having that on-record response.

Hawn- accepts amendment

Osorio-Hernández – friendly amendment – add in community and civic engagement in conjunction with the campaign

Hawn – accepts amendment.

Chair Stankute – so motion on the table is to accept four priorities as:
1. Legislative priorities for 2025
2. Creating campaign for civic engagement and marketing purposes that focuses on NSA as a whole
3. Looking at outcomes for jobs in the area and student outcomes post-graduation
4. Looking at NSA relationship with the board and having that on-record response and the access piece is incorporated in that.

Osorio-Hernández – seconds

Discussion – supportive comments

Vote – Unanimous approval of four priorities

7. MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY

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

Members provided updates on their campuses planned activities and any upcoming events.
8. **NSA CHAIR UPDATE**  

Chair Stankute may provide an update on the any projects or tasks she is currently working on that pertain to NSA business.

Chair Stankute thanked the members for discussion and interaction with the Chancellor at today’s meeting. Will send out a call for agenda items.

9. **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.).

No new business.

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No public comment

Adjourned: 10:24 a.m.

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