**Meeting Minutes** 



# NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

### AGENDA August 11, 2023 9:00 AM

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**MEMBERS:** 

P-Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN (Chair)

P-Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair) A- Excused -Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Secretary) A - Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN P-Brayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA Proxy Taissa Lytchenko- Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA P-Pio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN A - Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA P Tardy – 9:14 a.m. Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Terina Caserto – NSHE Sr. Analyst /NSA Liaison Carrie Parker – NSHE Deputy General Council Alejandro Rodriguez – NSHE Director Government Relations Laura Perkins – Regent, NSHE

#### Call to order: 9:03 a.m.

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

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.

Roll call taken and quorum met with six members. Nicole Thomas then arrived at 9:14 a.m., making it seven members present.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 July 7, 2023. Motion to approve – Osorio-Hernández Second – Rejas Discussion - None Vote - Unanimous approval

# 4. DISCUSSION WITH AN NSHE REGENT LAURA PERKINS <u>INFORMATION ONLY</u>

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 and the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee.

Regent Laura Perkins stated she just became Chair of the Audit Committee this year. She described the Audit Committee as the complaint hotline which is anonymous complaints can come in and then investigated. The other committee she Chairs is the IDEA Committee – and the blind hiring is a pet project this year. Regent Perkins then opened up for questions. A member asked her if the committee is working on anything regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action. Regent Perkins responded to come to the IDEA Committee on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> to hear what the Committee will be doing.

Member asked if anything worries the Regent about other states' movements in this area. Regent responded by discussing the benefit of our System being separate in the Nevada Constitution and the ability to make these choices.

Member asked for clarification about the complaint hotline mentioned earlier in the discussion. Regent provided clarification.

### 5. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE DIRECTOR OF <u>INFORMATION ONLY</u> GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ

NSHE Director of Government Affairs Alejandro Rodriguez will meet with NSA members to discuss the process of preparing and prioritizing NSHE legislative priorities and requests for the biennial Nevada Legislature. NSA members may share NSA priorities and how NSA can collaborate with NSHE in the legislative process.

Director Rodriquez discussed some of the wins of the 2023 Nevada State Legislative Session – fee waiver, AB245, undocumented students, and committee on the future of higher education. He then discussed the budget development cycle and conversations start with institutional presidents and leadership. He encouraged students to work with their institutional presidents. And to work with the government affairs reps with any policy revisions they may have.

Director Rodriquez then took questions from the membership. Member asked why NSHE doesn't have BDRs and then asked about the funding formula. Rodriguez responded with a brief overview of the history of NSHE BDRS and then discussed how the current funding formula committee will have a diverse group of members present.

Member asked about how to work with their institutional Government Affairs. Rodriquez spoke about working with the government affairs early in the process.

Member commented their experience working with Assemblywoman Mosca.

#### 6. NSA 2023-24 PRIORITIES

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stankute will discuss the 2023-24 priorities as set by the NSA members at their July 7, 2023, meeting. NSA members may discuss any of the several priorities and suggest further details and plans. Possible action may include defining what the priority or priorities may encompass, directions to take, plans going forward, and/or designating certain members to take the lead on each priority.

The 2023-24 NSA priorities are as follows:

- 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; and
- 4. Looking at NSA relationship with the Board of Regents and having that on-record response and incorporating the access piece.

NSA Priority #1:

Chair Stankute Open the floor for discussion, starting with NSA Priority #1 - Legilsative Priorities for 2025. Members suggested priorities:

Available graduate housing and cost, and public private partnerships for those; Push for globalization and getting more international students to come but then there are

regulations in place that limits them from employment and housing; Expanding the Nevada Promise Scholarship program where it can expand for more CC and to the universities; Increase state funding for public institutions to be able to have more resources for quality education but also mental health support; Renewable energy education and research support; Fostering STEM in the K-12; Having statewide internships and apprenticeships and partnerships; Supporting first gen student; Advocating for policies that promote civic engagement; Expanding the Nevada Promise scholarship; and Civic engagement.

Members discussed varying levels of support for items.

Discussion ensues about how to approach all the suggested priorities in two ways – advocacy/support and action – a two prong approach.

Prong 1. Action Oriented Items-

Investigating the treatment of grad students -, expanding NPS, supporting statewide civic engagement on campus, and supporting any legislation for first-gen students. Chair Stankute asked for clarification on the grad student action needed grad student work hours, grad student housing, international grad students visas and other ways to support grad students, globalization, grad students being able to teach on other NSHE campuses.

Prong 2. Support/Advocacy Items -

Above mentioned, ability for NSHE to enter into public private partnerships, expanding NPS, increasing funding for public institutions, mental health, renewable energy, fostering STEM programs in k-12 schools, and supporting civic engagement and our first-gen students.

Motion: Motion to approve our legislative priorities as the action items in prong 1. Osorio- Hernández –Move to approve the action prong of the priorities Gomez - Second Discussion- No additional discussion Vote – Unanimous approval

Motion to approve the NSA advocacy half in prong 2. Osorio-Hernández : Motion to approve the advocacy portions Thomas - Second Discussion: Taissa questioned sustainability. Chair Stankute- yes that was the renewable energy. Vote – Unanimous approval

NSA Priority #2:

Chair Stankute Open the floor for discussion, with NSA Priority #2 – Creating a campaign for civic engagement and marketing opportunities for NSA

Listening tour by volunteering our time to an organization across the state. Organize date and times with group activities to support the community in a Date of Action done by different institutions. Terina and Carrie discuss the logistics of having an event and being cognizant about not breaking NOML. Social event/mixture in nature for December meeting. Motion to approve the NSA Priority #2 Osorio-Hernández -Motion to approve the priority Gomez - Second Discussion- No additional discussion

Chair Stankute Open the floor for discussion, with NSA Priority #3 and #4 – Job Opportunities Post Graduation and NSA relation to the Board of Regents

NSA and as individual institutions to bring up concerns during Chancellor listening session to build out how they will interact with the board and constituents. Terri discusses logistic of Regent responses in the past and moving forward

Motion to approve the NSA Priority #3 and #4 aspects with including Board of Regent responses and that institutions are allowed to communicate their concerns considering job opportunities Gomez -Motion to approve the priority Thomas - Second Discussion - No additional discussion

### 7. MEMBER UPDATES

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

Members shared what updates/events are transpiring at their institutions.

# 8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

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

Mentioned that she sent out an email on Task Force on Power Based Violence. Please email her with questions. Deadline to submit nomination is Aug 17.

# 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: 10:59 a.m.

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