

MEETING MINUTES



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
October 13, 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)
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
Proxy-Emmaculate Kipyansang Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
P Pio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
A Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
P Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
 Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Robby Boparai- President ASUNSOM
Carrier Parker-NSHE
Terina Caserto – NSHE

Call to order 9AM

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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 8 members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Robby Boparai made Public Comment about the agenda item #5 and the proposed revisions to the NSA Constitution and that he is willing to give any information why the NSA revision is important and any context about ASUNSOM.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on September 7 and 8, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes
So moved by Brayson Gomez
Second by Pio Rejas
Unanimous approval

4. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF REGENTS VICE CHAIR

INFORMATION ONLY

Vice Chair of the Board of Regents Joe Arrascada will meet with NSA members to discuss how the Board of Regents and NSA may increase collaboration and communication on topics of NSA priority this academic year.

Chair Stankute pulls item #4; Regent Arrascada was unable to attend the meeting.

5. REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA members will consider the approval of an amendment to the NSA constitution that adds the Associated Students of the University of Nevada School of Medicine (ASUNSOM) to the membership of the Nevada Student Alliance. Additionally, revisions to the NSA constitution include clarifying language concerning the votes required for the election of officers and for impeachment of a member. The proposed amendments were first presented for information at the September 7, 2023, NSA meeting.

Amendment will require a two-thirds vote of all voting members (*Attached Ref. NSA-5*)

Chair Stankute introduces the item. She explains she will ask for a motion, and a second and then will open for discussion prior to a vote.

Moved to approve the amended constitution by Nicole Thomas

Second by Proxy Emmaculate Kipyansang

Chair Stankute provides background on the item and proposed revisions and that it is the second reading of the item.

NSA members discuss technical revisions of the Constitution; the structure of ASUNSOM and how they differ from the resources that UNR GSA offers. Questions were asked to clarify what the differences are between this medical school association and other graduate associations within NSHE and any historical context about representation.

A roll call vote is taken and the motion passes unanimously.

The next step is that the Constitution will be sent to the Chancellor for final approval. NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will prepare the paperwork for that.

6. **NSA PRIORITY FOR MARKETING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – DECEMBER NSA MIXER** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Stankute will lead a discussion regarding a proposed NSA mixer during the week of November 27th to coincide with the next quarterly NSA meetings at UNLV that take place on November 30 and December 1, 2023. Members may contribute feedback or ideas to develop an action plan and/or funding for the mixer.

Chair Stankute lists details about the mixer that will be happening at the next quarterly meeting at UNLV. She will be sending out an RSVP.

7. **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.

Members give updates of what they are doing at their campuses around the NSA priorities and members asked of adding onto the priorities. It was suggested that NSA could find one specific priority in which can be advocated for with the Nevada legislature through a BDR (Bill Draft Request).

8. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Each member gave their respective reports on what their student associations have been doing this last month and anything that is planned for the near future.

9. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

The Chair gave her gratitude of NSA member engagement in the meetings and approving the representation of ASUNSOM in the Constitution. She also mentioned she would be sitting on the NSHE Funding Formula Committee and would keep this group updated.

10. 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.*).

Member Gomez asked that Agenda item #4 be brought back so that Regent Arrascada could be invited to the next meeting.

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inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

Robby Boparai President of ASUNSOM gave public comment giving his gratitude to NSA for passing the amended Constitution and giving the ASUNSOM students an opportunity to have their voices heard.

Adjourned: 10:30AM

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UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
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Proposed Revision

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

Effective ~~5-11-18~~

ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

Section 110 The purpose of the Nevada Student Alliance shall be:

- 110.1 To promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
- 110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;
- 110.3 To aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good, as well as the good of students; and
- 110.4 To aid member schools' student governments in the attainment of their goals without undue interference in their internal affairs.

ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 200 Each of the [~~ten~~] ***eleven*** student governments (undergraduate, [~~and~~] graduate ***and professional***) ***representing the eight institutions of*** [~~in~~]the Nevada System of Higher Education (~~University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College at Henderson, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College, and Desert Research Institute~~ ***University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; Desert Research Institute; Nevada State University; College of Southern Nevada; Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows Community College; and Western Nevada College***) shall be

members of the Nevada Student Alliance. *The eleven student governments represented in the Nevada Student Alliance membership are: Consolidated Students of UNLV (CSUN); Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) at UNLV; Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN); Graduate Student Association (GSA) at UNR; Associated Students of the University of Nevada School of Medicine (ASUNSOM); Graduate Research Assistants at Desert Research Institute (GRAD); Nevada State Student Alliance (NSSA); Associated Students of the College of Southern Nevada (ASCSN); Student Government Association (SGA) at GBC; Student Government Association (SGA) at TMCC; and Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN).*

Section 210 Each Student Government Organization shall have one voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance.

210.1 Each president of the student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Alliance.

210.2 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Section 220 Each president of the student governments may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve on the Alliance.

220.1 Officers from the member student governments shall be the only persons eligible to serve as ex-officio representatives.

Section 230 A representative serves one full year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office, unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body.

ARTICLE 3 –Meetings, Officers and Voting

Section 300 Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance may coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and shall be held in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

300.1 A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

In case of a member abstaining from voting, the necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to act shall be reduced as though the member abstaining were not a member of the body.

300.2 Any decision by the Alliance requires approval from at least a simple majority of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution.

300.3 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chair shall be elected by at least two-thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives *in attendance* at the first meeting.

300.31 The chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.32 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair.

300.33 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.4 The chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.41 The right to vote;

300.42 The responsibility for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting; *and*

300.43 The responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.~~[-and]~~

300.5 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives *in attendance* at the first meeting.

300.51 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.52 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the vice-chair.

300.53 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.6 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties:

300.61 The right to vote;

300.62 The responsibility to fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair's absence, resignation or impeachment; and

300.63 The responsibility to oversee outreach efforts of the Alliance, including social media, or delegate an Alliance member to do so.

300.7 A secretary shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting

representatives *in attendance* at the first meeting.

300.71 The secretary will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.72 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the secretary.

300.8 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.81 The right to vote;

300.82 The responsibility to take minutes at every meeting and to ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting; and

300.83 If not able to attend a meeting, the responsibility to secure a substitute from the Alliance membership to take notes at that meeting and to obtain said notes and ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting.

Section 310 Provisions for Proxy

310.1 Each representative shall have the right to send a proxy in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote.

310.11 Any member of the Alliance wishing to exercise the right to a proxy shall, in advance of the meeting, notify the Alliance Chair in writing of the person designated to be his/her proxy and for which specific meeting. At commencement of the meeting the Chair shall, on the record, introduce the proxy by name and indicate for which member he/she is acting as proxy.

ARTICLE 4 - Amendment

Section 400 Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Any voting member may propose a revision to the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

400.11 A constitutional revision shall be introduced initially at a meeting of the Alliance as an information item.

- i. A final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to each member of the Alliance.

- ii. Each member of the Alliance shall distribute a final draft of the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

400.2 Action on said revision may not be taken by the Alliance earlier than at the immediately subsequent meeting. A two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Alliance is necessary for approval of any amendment of this constitution.

400.3 Once approved by the Alliance, any amendment to this constitution shall not be effective until approved by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

ARTICLE 5 - Impeachment

Section 500 Impeachment and removal of any member shall require the following procedures:

500.1 Any voting member of the Alliance, including the chair and vice-chair, shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting member for violation of the NSHE Code of Conduct, gross negligence of duties, and/or malfeasance of any kind.

In order for impeachment proceedings to commence, each Alliance member must receive a brief report from the Chair explicitly stating the alleged wrongful actions on the part of the member in question. The member in question has the right to submit a rebuttal report. Both reports must be distributed to the full Alliance prior to impeaching proceedings

Impeachment proceedings shall take place during the next scheduled meeting. The member in question has the right to be present for all discussions and will be given an opportunity to address the Alliance.

500.2 A two-thirds vote of ***all voting members of*** the Alliance ***[members]*** shall be required to impeach the representative.

500.3 In the event of an affirmative two-thirds vote for impeachment, the impeached member shall be immediately removed from office.