

**MEETING MINUTES**



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**  
**November 30, 2023**  
7:00 a.m.

**University of Nevada Las Vegas**  
Student Union, Room 211  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

**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)  
**A** Robby Boparai, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM  
**A** 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** Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
**Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA**  
**Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

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**Catalina Wilson- ASWN**  
**Logan McAlister-ASWN**  
**Alyssa Butler-ASWN**  
**Heather Rikalo-WNC**  
**Alexia Rivera Perez-NSSA**  
**Lahana Pierce-NSSA**  
**Teresa Marie-GPSA**

**Call to order 7AM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

Roll call taken and quorum met with 7 members present.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

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Alexia Perez Rivera (NSSA Vice President): As a proud member of the Nevada State University student body, I would like to express my perspective on the recent announcement of an 11% cost of living adjustment and a 5% student fee increase. Firstly, I want to emphasize the recognition of our dedicated professors who work tirelessly to provide us with a quality education. The commitment and hard work demonstrated by our professors at Nevada State University are truly commendable. They invest time, energy, and passion into education. I can honestly say the professors in the science department at Nevada State are my besties. Because of this, I urge the Nevada Student Alliance to support the full 11% COLA increase and the 5% student increase.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on November 9, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes.  
So moved by Brayson Gomez TMCC  
Second Nicole Thomas UNLV  
No discussion  
Unanimous approval.

#### **4. NSA STANCE ON COLA**

#### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The NSA Chair will lead a discussion of the upcoming Board of Regents November 30 – December 1, 2023, agenda item on FY25 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for Professional Employees. Discussion may include determining a position for NSA to take on the COLA recommendations that may be presented at the Board of Regents November 30 – December 1, 2023, meeting. NSA members may also consider providing a formal written or oral statement or adopting a resolution to the Board of Regents regarding NSA's position on the COLA recommendations.

Chair Stankute opened the floor for each institution to discuss their respective student stance on the COLA options that would be presented at the Board of Regents meeting. President Thomas and President Gomez gave information about the committee they sat on regarding the options of the COLAs. No official stance was taken by the NSA because each institution needs vary and opinions vary as well.

#### **5. PRIORITIZING IMPACTFUL SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT NSHE'S STUDENTS**

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Member Kevin Osorio-Hernández will lead a discussion with the NSA members to identify one or two of NSA 2023-24 priorities that can create the most significant positive impacts on NSHE students' lives. The discussion will consider factors including, but not limited to, feasibility, funding, and the potential for bipartisan support from legislators, Student Government Associations, and Regents, and alignment with the NSA 2023-24 priorities as adopted.

Chair Stankute opened the floor to look for solutions to help support NSHE students. President Osorio Hernandez led this conversation and wanted to see what other student governments are doing regarding NSA priorities. Other members talked about their respective student association priorities and how that can reflect on the state level.

#### **6. NSA PRIORITY FOR MARKETING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – DEBRIEF OF NSA DECEMBER STUDENT MIXER**

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

The NSA Chair will provide a debrief of the NSA December Student Mixer as hosted by the UNLV Graduate and Professional Student Association held on the UNLV campus on November 29, 2023. The Chair will ask for feedback on the event to take into consideration for planning possible future mixers.

Chair Stankute pulled this item from the agenda. Appreciated the people who joined the mixer.

**7. MEMBER UPDATES****INFORMATION ONLY**

Members may provide information on the goals of their respective student governments and updates regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

Chair Stankute asked each member to give them their respective updates about their institutions. Members shared updates.

**8. NSA CHAIR REPORT****INFORMATION ONLY**

The NSA Chair will provide information regarding the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents at their November 30 – December 1, 2023, meeting.

Chair Stankute is thankful for the NSA mixer that occurred the previous evening hosted by UNLV and will give her updates later today at the Board of Regents' meeting.

**9. 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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No public comment

Adjourned: 7:45AM

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