

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
January 12, 2024
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

PSuzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN (Chair)
PKevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)
Proxy – Isabella Valdivieso Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Secretary)
PRobby Boparai, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
PMakayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
ABrayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
PMatthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
PPio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
P, and 9:28 Proxy Teresa Marie Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
AAllison Vanholder, Great Basin College, SGA
 Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Regent Carol Del Carlo
Nevada Assemblywoman Erica Mosca
NSHE Deputy General Counsel Carrie Parker
NSHE Sr. Analyst Terina Caserto
NSHE Marinela Maskuti

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Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

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.

Quorum Present – 8 members, including one proxy, present.

2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Stankute will announce and welcome the new Great Basin College student body president. Chair Stankute informed the body that Allison Vanholder was elected this fall to student body president role at Great Basin College. Allison was unable to attend today but looking forward to working with her.

Chair Stankute recognized GBC elected a new student body president. President Allison Vanholder was unable to attend this meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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No public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on November 30, 2023 and December 1, 2023.

Motion to approve minutes for meetings November 30, 2023 and December 1, 2023: Osorio-Hernández

Second: Rejas

Discussion: None

Vote: passes unanimously

5. DISCUSSION WITH NEVADA ASSEMBLYWOMAN ERICA MOSCA

INFORMATION ONLY

Nevada Assemblywoman Erica Mosca will meet with NSA members to provide an overview of her experience in the Nevada Assembly. She will also discuss her engagement with student advocacy and how student focused policies can have an impact on and help NSHE students. Chair Stankute will open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Erica Mosca discussed her background in Education and graduate school. Acknowledged what happened at UNLV and grateful for UNLV community.

She spoke how she values those that are experiencing the policies and that they have a voice. She started Leaders in Training in 2012.

Mosca discussed her experience in the 2023 Nevada Legislature. Has a youth committee, and a Community to Carson program to bring constituents to Carson between February and June. Some of the Bills that she sponsored – E-Sports Day and AB212 – for example.

Mosca discussed AB212 provisions for NSHE students to obtain transcripts when they have an overdue account. Talked to NSHE institutions to make sure this Bill is working. Call to action to find out if it is working. Let her know if it is not working.

Chair Stankute opened up for discussion:

Mosca answered a question pertaining how to effectively talk to legislators and how to reach out. She provided the link to the legislator page:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/whosmylegislator/>

Mosca answered a question pertaining to how students could visit the legislature on an ongoing basis, how to have multiple touch points - invite candidates during campaign season to campus, follow up with each, and then meet them in Carson if possible.

Mosca shared her personal email with the group: erica.v.mosca@gmail.com

6. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE REGENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Regent Carol Del Carlo 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 accomplishments of the Board of Regents Workforce Committee that she chaired during the 2023 year. Chair Stankute will open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Del Carlo gave her background of 8 years as a Regent for 8 rural counties and a small piece of rural Washoe, too. She talked about the number of Regents being decreased through legislation in 2023 that takes effect a few years from now. She specified that she did not support that. Del Carlo mentioned that she will file for re-election this year to retain her seat as a Regent.

She discussed her responsibility as a regent for budget and policies. She paid tribute to former Regent Geddes and his passing this week. She has been on every committee of the Regents and has been involved with over 10 searches including Chancellor. She sits on the Funding Formula Committee. Feels the current formula disadvantages the community colleges. It is very university-centric. A consultant has been hired to work with the committee. Encourages students to follow the Committee and to make public comment.

Del Carlo spoke about that ACCT– her history and aspirations with the organization. She is also a member of the Nevada Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission where they look at different subjects about things that effect marginalized persons.

Stankute- thanks Del Carlo for her work and her support for equity on the funding formula for community colleges.

Del Carlo answers a question about her goals when she started on the Board of Regents – truly believe in system-ness. With Question 1 on the ballot, 2018- wants to take the Board out of the [Nevada] Constitution. Del Carlo is against it. She asked the new Board Chair to put on an agenda and take a position on it. In 2018 they were against it.

Del Carlo answers a question on her thoughts of pros and cons of having an appointed Board versus an Elected Board, in regarding to Question 1 on the Ballot. Del Carlo shared some of her thoughts on appointed Boards. She feels the right to vote is something that should not be lost.

Del Carlo shared her email address through the Chat:
cdelcarlo@nshe.nevada.edu: Cell # 775-846-9909

7. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS OFFICER

INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Mental Health Wellness Officer Dr. Marinela Maskuti will discuss how the Nevada System of Higher Education is collaborating with each of the institutions to offer the following federally funded FREE training programs for mental health: Mental Health First Aid and Livingworks' Suicide Awareness and Prevention (safeTalk, START Online, ASIST). These programs offer free training for faculty, staff and students, and are available to be completed online or in person until March 31, 2024. The available trainings provide certification and CEU credits for anyone of interest. (Ref. NSA – 7)

Maskuti introduced herself, her educational background, and shared information about the mental health survey that was used across the System. The survey has been completed and she will be sharing the report with the Regents. She discussed the upcoming mental health first aide training (general mental health training)– both online and in person. And suicide awareness and prevention – Livingworks – this training is more specific to suicide awareness and prevention. The Livingworks training is online and self-paced and in-depth understanding of suicide. The funding from this grant is also for Safetalk and Assist workshops in person.

Maskute answered a question about how to get the word out on campus and talks about the NSHE website and links to the trainings. Will forward additional information to those who want it.

Closing remarks included the importance to be comfortable with the topic of mental health and the training opportunities can teach everyone, create advocates, and be comfortable with talking with those that need help.

She shared her contact information:
mmaskuti@nshe.nevada.edu, (702) 522-7029

8. NSA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PRIORITY: A DAY OF ACTION INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Stankute will facilitate a discussion of NSA members creating a statewide day of civic engagement action. The discussion will include, but not be limited to, choosing a date, clarifying a service project or event, and a timeframe of what needs to happen.

Stankute discusses bringing everyone together to do a day or a week of action and opened the floor for comments and questions.

It was suggested by a member that it be sometime after the March Board of Regents meeting. An example was partnerships with different organizations and did a wetlands cleanup for hundreds of lbs. of trash in a couple of hours. Connected with the environment around them.

Stankute would like to do before the March 2024 Board Meeting.

WNC is looking at February 16 or that week.

UNR Grad – Committee for Service meets end of January – maybe later in February? Suggested a registration drive for the primaries, that is the 6th and 8th, so maybe just brand it is a voter registration drive for the general that could be done. Suggested something not as political that maybe we could do something more services oriented like a food drive.

Stankute- understands the option that each campus could do what they would like out in the community. February 12-16 and 19-23 are the two weeks prior to board of regents.

NSSA has Jan and Feb already planned. But could do the first week of February – maybe do a month of action?

Stankute – would like to do a week of action – a month may be too broad.

Stankute – will keep in February prior to the Board meeting. Will send out a poll of the best week to pick for the week of action.

9. 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.

This is a standing item. Chair Stankute asked UNLV Grad Association Proxy to consider in the future to utilize this body to get students involved in a trip to the legislature.

10. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Stankute opens the floor to member updates. Each member of the NSA gave an update as to events and activities they are working on respective to their own student governments and institutions.

11. 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.

Chair Stankute thanked the members for speaking up during the COLA item at the last Board Meeting. She then spoke of ending out year at NSA. Currently she sitting on the ad hoc Committee for Higher Education Funding and will update at a later meeting the work of that committee. She comments that students can join that meeting and give public comment. And reach out to her with any questions.

12. 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: 11:02 a.m.

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GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
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