

MEETING MINUTES



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
March 1, 2024
7:15 a.m.

Desert Research Institute
Southern Nevada Science Center (SNSC) Building, Conference Room 182
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

MEMBERS:

P- Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN (Chair)
P- Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)
Absent- Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Secretary)
P- Robby Boparai, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
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- Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Absent - Allison Vanholder, Great Basin College, SGA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Lynda King, NSHE Senior Associate General Counsel
Terina Caserto, NSHE Sr. Analyst and NSA Liaison
Patricia Charlton – NSHE Chancellor
Jeffrey Downs - Regent
Amy Carvalho - Regent
E. Crawford – NSHE student
Lahaina Cyrille Estomin – NSHE student
Alejandro Rodriguez – NSHE Director of Government Affairs
Catalina Wilson- NSHE student
Araceli Salazar – NSHE student
Heather Rikalo – WNC
Teresa Marie- NSHE student

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Call to order: 7:16 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Roll call taken and quorum established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND NSHE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the officers of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Chair Stankute opened up for NSA members to ask questions of the Chancellor and Board officers.

Regent Carvalho answers a question regarding her goals during her term as Chair of the Board. Carvalho states she would like better communication, getting the Board in one direction and one vision. Regent Downs adds he is looking for cohesion on the Board and goals common to everyone. Specifically he wants

the co-requisite policy to allow for boot camps for math and English; work on the Peoplesoft system to be able to transfer credit around; and a common application.

The Chancellor answered a question about how graduate students at Nevada State, who do not have a student association, can be heard in shared governance. Board has policy and procedures for students to establish a student association. Chancellor reminds NSA Members that they have full access to her at any time and student voice is important. Regent Carvalho provides additional comment that student voice was important when provided for the recent conversations around COLA.

Chancellor addresses an additional question regarding having a standing safety committee. She wants policy to come forward regarding structure to be sustained. Working with the legislature may help and financial support is needed.

Chancellor addresses a question regarding how the student body presidents can work with the System during the upcoming 2025 legislative session. Chancellor introduces Alejandro Rodriguez who is sitting with the public during the meeting. Alejandro comments about starting early in the legislative session and working together.

Regent Carvalho responds to a question regarding how the Board will work with the professional schools and how the Board will include the professional schools in the strategic plan. She comments about the Health Sciences committee and has entertained the thought of having a committee that focuses specifically on the professional schools. The Chancellor adds that medical is a priority for the state of Nevada.

Regent Downs addresses a question regarding the recent legislation placing a reduction in the number of Regents and their terms by stating that it was passed in the legislature without any specific plan. Regent Carvalho addresses that Ballot Question 1, if passed, will take the Regents out of the Nevada Constitution and there is no plan yet for how that would look yet. Regent Downs expresses that he would prefer an elected board, not appointed.

Regent Downs answers a question about the future of dual enrollment by expressing we must be careful to not enroll students who are not ready as it could hurt students. Regent Carvalho expresses that it is important to give underrepresented students the opportunity to enroll while in high school. She also comments that a discussion regarding mission differentiation and affordability with the institutions must be had and strengthening the partnership with K-12. The Chancellor then comments that we need consistency with institutions, compliance with accreditation and those discussions are being had with the Academic Affairs group and Presidents.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

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No new business.

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Member Nicole Thomas – thank you for everyone being here, the work you do, and thank you for showing up and honoring our students. And to Suzanna who has been an amazing and wonderful chair. Appreciate everyone.

Teresa Marie – GPSA Treasurer, a comment about dual enrollment, I was a high school student here and high school guidance counselor told me I would never graduate from a university. And I wanted to do dual enrollment and he was not supportive. So, I took classes at CSN and paid out of pocket and was a homeless youth. Three degrees later and now doing a fourth, I share my story and mentor kids. The partnership with K-12 is important because there are kids similar to what I was that are missing out on the opportunity.

Member Matthew Hawn – this is my last NSA meeting and thank you to the Board. Working with them over the last three years we have been heard, whether the Board has been supportive or not, but that is part of the legislative process. I want to thank you for listening. Thank you to Terina for being an incredible mentor and keeping NSA cohesive year after year.

Adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

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