

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
July 15, 2024
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

- P Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Chair)**
- P Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)**
- P Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**
- P Proxy Charity Danyo Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**
- P Allister Dias, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**
- P Teresa Marie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**
- P Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM**
- Absent Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA**
- P Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**
- P Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN**
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

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Guests:

- Erica Mosca – Nevada Assemblywoman**
- Alejandro Rodriquez - NSHE**
- Carrie Parker - NSHE**
- Terina Caserto - NSHE**
- Michelee Cruz-Crawford- Board of Regents**
- Liesel Kemmelmeier – NSHE Student**

Call to Order at 9:01 AM PST

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 met with 9 members.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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No public comment.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on June 6 and 7, 2024.

Majority Vote Approval – No motion in place as of 9:05 AM PST

Terina Caserto advised that a motion would be needed.

Motion to Approve: Teresa Marie motioned to approve minutes

Second: Catalina Wilson

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

4. DISCUSSION WITH NEVADA ASSEMBLYWOMAN ERICA MOSCA**INFORMATION ONLY**

Nevada Assemblywoman Erica Mosca will meet with NSA members to provide comments on her experiences in the Nevada legislature, legislative bills passed during her service, insights on the upcoming 83rd (2025) *Session of the Nevada Legislature*, and her perspective on the best way for students to engage with legislators during the 83rd *Session*. Chair Osorio-Hernández may then open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Assemblywoman Erica Mosca introduced by Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez.

East Las Vegas Assemblywoman for district 14 and finished 1st term last session with a pass rate of 5 of 6 bills with majority of them in education. AB212 was passed and transcript access was granted which would allow students to access transcripts even though debt is present by students.

Who is my rep was advised to be used to learn who is one's legislator and to learn to contact them.

Assemblywoman Mosca is part of the School Funding Formula Committee. The last meeting for the decision of state dollars is this month.

Assemblywoman Mosca is working on open education resources where students can access resources online, Food Insecurity and how assembly team can partner with Department of Agriculture to access resources, and pilots to allow students to go back to school with payment plans availability. NSHE institution graduation for students is not allowing them to access a job and a roll to work to the state and give back to the state is something being considered.

Tanya Akter had questions for Graduate Student Stipend increases and food insecurity from students and requested information about funding regarding to cover food insecurity.

Assemblywoman Mosca advised that Graduate Student funding hasn't been discussed, but she will advise her colleagues that this remains a topic at hand. Additionally, Assemblywoman Mosca advised no budget has been discussed regarding food insecurity, but it is easier to pass legislation regarding policy versus budget allocations. She advised that other state legislators have partnered up with the Department of Agriculture or access to SNAP benefits depending on the students FASFA details.

Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez asked how students can continue engaging in the legislative process.

Assemblywoman Mosca advised that it is best to continue inviting assembly people to their campuses and meetings. Additionally, working with individuals and helping with their campaigns even though our governing body is non-partisan. After November and the elections, it would be good to start communicating with those who will be on the education committee so that issues and policies we as students would like to see will be top of mind.

Erica Mosca provided her contact information via Chat: 702.250.2320 and erica.v.mosca@gmail.com

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

1. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE REGENT MICHELEE CRUZ-CRAWFORD

INFORMATION ONLY

Regent Michele Cruz-Crawford will meet with NSA members to provide comments on her experiences and current projects as a Regent. Chair Osorio-Hernández may then open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Regent Cruz-Crawford was introduced by Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez.

Cruz-Crawford advised she was elected to the NSHE Board last session but now she is running for Nevada State Senate.

Regent Cruz-Crawford was doing a research study over barriers for teaching licensure for K-12 teachers of color and was able to create policies and laws and a few bills were passed due to this research. She ran for Board of Regents after these policies were passed and then the party asked her to run for the State Senate position.

Regent Cruz-Crawford advised that issues that the rural areas had were things such as shortages of teachers, internet access, food deserts, and medical deserts. She has been able to support individuals with internet access.

Paraprofessional training program is something she has assisted with, and this was part of her doctoral research.

Collective bargaining was discussed and how the board can make the most impact without causing budget constraints.

She shares the IDEA Committee which is the Boards DEI committee. She learned that more outreach was needed for data and how professors of color could be retained more. An unfunded recommendation for a DEI officer has been brought up to work on.

She advised that due to her Principal position she is able to see students' needs and she becomes a social worker for the parents of the schools and connecting them to resources as needed.

Vice Chair Dawson Deal had a question about the biggest struggles passing policies as an NSHE Board Regent and how she overcame them.

Regent Crawford advised that she was able to get acquainted with her teams and then was able to have trust in the process and see things through. Her doctoral is in organizational research and she knows things don't happen in an instant and she needs to continue following up.

Chair Kevin Osorio Hernandez asked about her role as the chair of DEI, some ways we can continue celebrating cultural diversity, and how we can continue doing so in Nevada.

Regent Cruz-Crawford advised that getting to the root cause of why they don't want DEI changes and what is the impact of allowing diversity. As individuals, communicating needs and coming to the middle one could make the needed change. Monitoring and allowing people to work in all aspects is also a guardrail that can be established.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Patricia Charlton. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for the higher education system.

Terina Caserto advised that the Chancellor was not present and explained that the Chancellor, at the Chair's request, has agreed to be a standing item on the agenda and sometimes she will be able to attend, and other times may not.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

6. ELECTION OF NSA OFFICERS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing an NSA Secretary and the duties prescribed to the position. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for the 2024-25 NSA Secretary. The 2024-25 NSA Chair and Vice Chair were elected during the June 6, 2024, NSA meeting.

(Ref. NSA-7)

The 2023-24 NSA Secretary was held by Boris Guerra, UNR, ASUN

The 2024-25 NSA Chair is held by Kevin Osorio-Hernández, NSU, NSSA

The 2024-25 NSA Chair is held by Dawson Deal, UNR, ASUN

Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez advised that officers were selected back in June, but an opening remains. He introduces Terina Caserto to explain open position.

Terina Caserto advised that new member has joined since June, CSN President Janeth Vences-Balvas.

2/3 votes are needed, and at least 6 people will be needed to select the Secretary role.

UNR ASUN held this position last year.

The secretary has the right to vote, and then Terina advised of the role duties from the NSA Constitution.

Terina Caserto opened up for nominations for the role of Secretary.

Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez nominated President Janeth Vences-Balvas for the role of Secretary. Vences-Balvas states she is interested in the position and gives some of her background and qualifications to meet the needs of the position. She then opened the floor to questions. No questions are asked. Vences-Balvas formally accepts the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Kevin Osorio-Hernandez: Vences-Balvas

Vice Chair Dawson Deal: Vences-Balvas

Tania Akter: Vences-Balvas

Proxy Charity Danyo: Vences-Balvas

Allister Dias: Vences-Balvas

Teresa Marie: Vences-Balvas

Miguel Sison: Vences-Balvas

Janeth Vences-Balvas: Vences-Balvas

Catalina Wilson: Vences-Balvas

Unanimous for Secretary: Vences-Balvas

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

**7. TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE INFORMATION ONLY
AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AVAILABLE APPOINTMENT**

NSA Chair will discuss Assembly Bill 245 of the *2023 Nevada State Legislative Session* and its creation of the Task Force on Power Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education. Assembly Bill 245 requires the Board of Regents to consult with the NSA regarding the appointment of two eligible student members, one from a community college and one from a university. The Task Force currently has an opening for a student member from the university. NSA Chair will discuss the process and timeline of how a recommendation will be made at a future meeting. (*Ref. NSA-8*)

Estimated Time: 10 Minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez introduced Terina Caserto to explain the Task Force.

The task force was created in 2023 Legislative Session and was renamed back in 2023 from Sexual Misconduct to Power-Based Violence. Assembly Bill 245 allowed for the creation of committee members and in the bill 14 members are appointed by the Board of Regents and 2 students are to be appointed in consultation with the NSA. 1 appointment is open due to the graduation of a past member.

Between now and September a method to take nominations will be needed by Chair Osorio-Hernandez.

Term is that of 2 years.

President Teresa Marie had a question regarding the parameters if a student needed to have experienced violence in the past. Terina advised that the nominee did not have to have had experience with power-based violence.

Carrie Parker advised that the vacancy is open to someone who will represent multiculturalism and diversity.

8. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

President Tania Akter Graduate Student Association and a task force has been created for the creation of clubs' recognition and they are planning their retreat as well as being ready for the Graduate student orientation.

President Allister Dias advised that CSUN is working on voting outreach events with diversity programs and service learning to get local representatives to learn about the ballot details and they're working on getting students to learn about their civic duty.

President Catalina Wilson with Western Nevada College advised that they are working on a two-week training with faculty and staff July 22nd. They are now planning their welcome-back events when school begins during the 3rd week of school. During this week a career fair will be held and an FYE kick off is planned Aug. 19th and blood drive Sept 3rd and planning for BOR meeting Sept 5th and 6th.

President Teresa Marie GPSA is working on updating on their constitution and By-Laws to be more compliant with NRS and BOR. Active shooter training has been requested and will be done during orientation week due to another incident on campus recently. Memorandum with leadership being worked on for graduation fees which will assist with the cost of Caps and Gowns due to cost. More graduate appreciation dates will be created for collaborative community.

Proxy for TMCC President, Charity Danyo is working on welcome back for students and are working on electric chargers on campus. TMCC is working on democratic efforts for voter outreach.

President Janeth Vences-Balvas advised that updates to the bylaws for CSN are being worked on, outreach for voting registration are being done and teams are working on their welcome back events scheduled for the first week of September.

9. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised a calendar is being worked on for legislators to be welcomed to NSA meetings. He opened to have requests sent to him to add to calendar for future meetings. The board will be working together to brainstorm the Power-Based violence appointment.

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

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.*).

No New Business

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No Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM PST.

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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
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
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