

Meeting Minutes September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**

**September 6, 2024**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Western Nevada College  
2201 West College Parkway  
Aspen Building, Room 226**

**MEMBERS:**

- Present** Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Chair)
- Present** Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)
- Present** Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
- Present** Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
- Present** Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
- Present** Allister Dias, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
- Present** Teresa Marie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
- Excused Absence** Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno,

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- Excused Absence** Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA
- Present** Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN
- Office Vacant**, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

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Chair Osorio-Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:02 am.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

Secretary Vences-Balvas takes roll call.  
Quorum Present with 8 members.

Also Present:

- Heather Rikalo – WNC ASWN
- Amy Carvalho – BOR Chair
- Jeffrey Dawns – BOR Vice Chair
- Patricia Charlton – NSHE
- Carrie Parker – NSHE
- Terina Caserto – NSHE
- Alejandro Rodriguez – NSHE
- Jane Neitz-Singleton – CSN ASCSN
- Benny Buchanan – WNC ASWN
- Lahaina Estomin – WNC ASWN
- Liesel Kemmelmeir – UNR ASUN
- Gabriella Detrich – UNR ASUN

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: opened public comment

No public comment

Terina Caserto: no public comment was received via phone or electronically

### 3. **NSA RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT MEMBER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TASK FORCE ON POWER BASED VIOLENCE AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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. NRS 396.141(1)(c)(5) – (6). The Task Force currently has an opening for a student member from a university. NSA will discuss the following recommendation and possibly take action to forward the recommendation to the Board of Regents for consideration of formal appointment to the Task Force.

- “Mack” Millan Gledhill, UNLV
- Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Explained who was selected and that we received 2 interests from UNLV.

Janeth Vences-Balvas: Per Mack's letter of interest, he is most qualified for the role due to the fact that he not only has experience with Power Based Violence but has also assisted students who have gone through such violence.

Mack Gledhill: Introduced himself and said he is a resident assistant at UNLV's housing complex and deals with a lot of calls with power-based violence, and residents deal with these things every year. He has worked with advocacy groups in the past that are related to justice in the face of violence when it comes to students' violence. He is a survivor of 06-Dec and wants the campus to be a safe place to be.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Read Mack's autobiography sent to the NSA board.

Teresa Marie: Mack was asked about his senior status and about the projected graduation date.

Mack Gledhill: Gave graduation date of May 2025.

Teresa Marie: Asked how the graduation date impacts the seat date.

Patricia Charlton: Said there is no issue but that the appointment has to go to the full board for ratification. The board recognizes that students graduate and understand the transition.

Terina Caserto: Stated that the NSA recommendation will go to the BOR for final approval and appointment at their December 2024 meeting.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Opened up questions and motioned.

Motion to recommend Mack for appointment:

1<sup>st</sup> by Janeth Vences-Balvas

2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisha Allison

Approved Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Chair)

Approved Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)

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**4. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS  
AND NSHE INTERIM CHANCELLOR**

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NSA members will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the officers of the Board of Regents, Chair Amy Carvalho and Vice-Chair Jeff Downs, and Interim Chancellor, Patricia Charlton. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government

Teresa Marie: Asked about legislative priorities about safety on campuses and asking for funding from legislation. Her main concern is for students to feel safe, and if funding is requested, how do we ensure that funding is taken to the unhoused population? Public institutions should not be responsible for housing and is concerned that housing can be created for the unhoused population. How can as an institution focus on getting housing and not use money to house.

Patricia Charlton: The funding will be used for lighting and other security upgrades, and the request for other upgrades has also been addressed. She Advised this is becoming an issue in all communities and the board/NSHE does not have the opportunity to introduce BDRs.

Alejandro Rodriguez: Chief Garcia and he is working on reviewing the homeless bill of rights, and they are going to continue to be looking at this. If not working with the leg. Directly, this is something they will be working closely with.

Patricia Charlton: President/Chair of the ad hoc committee will be reviewing this. That will be on the table, and Alejandro is part of this committee as well.

Tania Akter: Stated that last regent meeting pointed out about food insecurity and any priorities to help in this matter.

Patricia Charlton: Budget is considered and was discussed in the 23-Aug meeting; there will be a budget ask in the next legislative session.

Janeth Vences-Balvas: What is being done to provide undocumented/DACA students the same opportunities on campus such as student government and on campus employment?

Patricia Charlton: Vice Chancellor Beton advised that institutions are working on this and that the students' affairs side is reviewing and circling back on this item. Anyone in NSHE can work with the regulations of the US government.

Terina Caserto: Charlton and Academic student affairs have been working with CFO Beton, HR, and doing research and looking at state/federal regulations. Some campuses are working on things differently and making recommendations and thoughts for the chancellor.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: What is the timeline and the research to bring this to the board?

Terina Caserto: Is not sure about the timeline and advised that Carrie is part of these conversations.

Carrie Parker: They have been working on it diligently and advised that student gov. and that some students cannot work including receiving the stipend. The issue is on their list, and they are almost ready to make a recommendation on this item.

Dawson Deal: Civic engagement will fall per campus and is there any NSHE or chancellor guidance on how to proceed with voting or how to work on this?

Patricia Charlton: They are supportive in the election process, and they have to keep in line to not recommend a candidate and that ballot questions can't be recommended. The letter that NSA worked on was a good idea.

Alejandro Rodriguez: The item will be done at institution/campus letters. NSHE will stay away from anything political due to question 1 on the ballot. Working closely with public information officer can be used to amplify the message.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Is working with the Sec. of State with the task force and advised that Director Rodriguez is working on a voting registration competition. Wants to have institutions enroll in the initiative/competition and said it copies the Michigan initiative for what is being worked on. Is excited to see what voter turnout will be.

Dawson Deal: is aware of the nonpartisan part of our body and knows that we don't have to support any policies and candidates but wants to highlight that it's important for civic engagement.

UNR recently faced the same issue and was able to figure out a way to provide a scholarship. This was an option that they explored for officers to bypass the undocumented status.

Patricia Charlton: Each campus may handle it differently, and CSN has gone through a different process. This may be part of the research currently being done. I would want the resolution to be for all students, not just certain populations.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: The funding formula committee just ended their meeting and wants to know what came out of the funding formula.

Patricia Charlton, a presentation will be made on the funding committee recommendations. It was a funding formula leg. The committee met from November to July, and it was decided on August 16.

The body came up with recommendations with feedback from the presidents with the needs of their institutions and no performance goal will be created. Outcomes-based will be used as part of the same drivers. The big difference to the formula is that there will be a carve-out for student characteristics PT/FT and Pell students, which will be walked through today. Formula study was completed but it not a big institution, and WNC/GBC was affected the most.

If one institution received more funding it would have to come from another institution. The board will review the recommendations of the committee and will be asked for budget items of 21.1 million dollars that would not require a shift but that the 2 R1 institutions and the needs of the community colleges. The Vice Chancellor and the presidents will be working on the 'wish list', and then there are institution requests. It is important to have the allocation done right.

They are addressing student characteristics and needs of the students.

Patricia Charlton: Advised the goal is to have it completed before the session and need the business officers to be a part of this.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Stated the need for the advocacy and everyone to be together and this ties to the ask. What is needed from NSA?

Patricia Charlton: This is going to be a tough legislative session, and the state and government stepped up on the cost of living awards. There are current Medicare challenges and continued needs of the environment. There will be opportunity and competition for limited resources. The first goal is to get the request into the Governor's recommendations and will occur in the next couple of months. There isn't much opposition to advocate in the governor's office. Alejandro will be engaged and will be working on legislative issues, and it will be testifying and talking to legislators. She hopes the board accepts the request for the recommendations. She was concerned years back with the state universities and colleges at the time for the budget. This is not any type of institution or other.

Alejandro Rodriguez: Is working closely with the government relations representatives at the institutions for day at the legislature with each of the legislators.

Teresa Marie: Wanted to see what the shift of UNR and UNLV for the budget will be and there were concerns in the background for the budget.

Patricia Charlton: It will be clarified on the record today and that 21.1 million request will be discussed by Vice Chancellor. Formula allocation will have board look at the positive and that the deficit will go to zero. Other recommendations would be for the state to fund summer school. This would secure additional resources. If the state would allocate this the institutions would not get funding from the fees. Another factor was to look at the smaller institutions, looking at the headcount and credit hours. The academic affairs officers will review this matter first before it is presented to the board. Other characteristics, such as student poverty, will be reviewed, and Pell eligibility is not part of this. IR officers will study college readiness, and one positive recommendation is to review the formula.

If this were all accepted, it would take 10-14 years to review, and we recommend modifying this.

Allison Vanholder: She has been informed that there are international students on campus who have transportation issues. She recognizes that it is not NSHE's issue, but students aren't being notified about transportation issues. Are there any programs or funding for transportation?

Patricia Charlton: Will be crafting with the president a recommendation. Southern Nevada has partnerships for example at CSN there are Uber cards. Will work with TMCC's president and circle back with this.

Teresa Marie: There should be discussion about housing/transportation for international students. Students can't get housing or their SSN until they have been here for 10-14 days. They have to then reside in hotels. UNLV is going through similar issues and need assistance with them getting support.

Patricia Charlton: They have heard about issues with housing for international students.

Tania Akter: I agree with Teresa Marie that when international students come to the US, they can't get housing due to their SSN. They have to stay in temporary facilities, and transportation is an issue.

Teresa Marie: UNLV wants to have international students feel welcomed and how we can go about supporting them.

Chair Osorio Hernandez: There was a presentation on safety, and there was an added ask to have the safety committee be a standing committee. He wants to express gratitude and that the last NSA board wanted this to be a standing committee.

Patricia Charlton: Wanted to present the information to the board not just as an ad hoc safety committee recommendation, NSA, but also as a faculty senate. They will be taking the language from the ad hoc committee and the goal would be to get the input for the presidents and then bring to the board in Dec. The board has a safety committee, but this would be a counsel as a recommending body. The IDEA counsel is done the same way. The expectation will be that it will be chaired by the two chiefs.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

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No new business

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No public comment.

Adjournment at 7:44 AM PST.

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TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

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

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

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## **Biography**

“Mack” Millan Gledhill (they/them) is a senior at UNLV studying political science and film with a minor in public policy. As a student leader on campus, they have served as a Resident Assistant and Covid Response provider for UNLV Housing. They also have a long history of community organizing and civic engagement, working specifically with groups such as Advocates for Youth, Rise

Nevada, the Young Democrats, and the Youth Voice of Nevada.

## **How do they represent a relevant group or organization?**

As a Resident Assistant at UNLV, I am on the front lines for student well-being on campus. I have personally had to respond to calls about domestic violence and sexual assault occurring in our dorms. It happens every year, and even though classes have yet to start, I have already had to respond to such a case. Working for UNLV Housing gives me insight into the daily struggles of our students, many of which are related to power-based violence.

My work with the Nevada Youth Activist Alliance (partnered with Advocates for Youth), also speaks to my relevant experience. This group is focused on youth-based reproductive justice advocacy. One of our primary goals is to create equal access to comprehensive, inclusive sex education in schools. An essential part of these curricula includes consent and healthy relationships to mitigate abuse and assault, abuse that can often start quite young. Our schools are one of the most powerful tools we have to enact justice in our society. I understand this and strive to make them safe places and teach students to perpetuate healthy lifestyles.

## **What is their commitment to the task force?**

My commitment to this task force is full and sincere. I want to leave this campus better than I found it. I want students at UNLV to feel safe and understand that people and services are available to advocate on their behalf. While I may not be a victim of power-based violence, I know what it is like to feel unsafe or vulnerable on this campus. As a queer and gender non-conforming student, I know what it is like to fear hate-based violence or discrimination. As a survivor of December 6th, I know what it is like to fear returning to school after severe trauma. Through gun violence prevention activism, I have given public comments at an NSHE meeting and spoken to our president about how our school can do better for our students. In all, I want to empower students and inform our public servants how we can best represent them and keep them safe.