

## Meeting Minutes



### NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**AGENDA**  
**October 11, 2024**  
**9:00 AM**

#### Via Video-Teleconference

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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 Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)**
- Proxy Elizabeth Walsh Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**
- P Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**
- Tardy - 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**
- P VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA**
- P Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN**
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

**Guests:**

- Cal Boone, Office of the Nevada Secretary of State**
- Tillery Williams, NSHE**
- Carrie Parker, NSHE**
- Terina Caserto, NSHE**
- Alejandro Rodriquez, NSHE**

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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.

**Roll call taken and quorum present with eight members and one assigned proxy.**

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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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 September 5 and 6, 2024.

**Motion to approve: Teresa Marie**

**Second: Catalina Wilson**

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous approval**

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

### **4. DISCUSSION WITH THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

Cal Boone of the Office of the Secretary of State Francisco V. Aguilar will meet with NSA Members to discuss the initiatives of the Youth Advisory Task Force on Participatory Democracy to engage the youth of Nevada to exercise their right to vote.

**Chair introduces Cal Boon. Cal Boone, Tribal Outreach Coordinator. Spoke of the new voter management system from into one main system instead of 17 different from the counties.**

**Youth Advisory Task Force Overview – 12-13 students ages 17-24 throughout the state that are involved with civic engagement and the voting process – both high school students,**

college students, and youth in the workforce. The task force highlights youths of all walks of life to be intentional in how they are promoting the youth voice. The Student Mock Election has had an overhaul so that teachers in the high school classroom could have an added level of engagement with students – not just around current candidates – but with historical data in Nevada and policy focus. Also, the Canvas platform. And then they created the grade specific lesson plan to tie with specific standards. Also works with Kevin Osorio-Hernandez on how to support civic engagement in NSHE.

As the office looks at increasing collaboration, they are currently having conversations with university of Nevada Reno, Michael flores, to have an event at the UNR campus for the All-In Democracy Challenge.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opened the floor to questions. Member Vences-Balvas asked about the UNR All-in Democracy Challenge in northern Nevada, but what about having that in southern Nevada. Boone responds that it is for all colleges. The event is UNR, TMCC, NSU and CSN is also possible. Boone encourages everyone to attend the Task Force meetings as they are open to the public. Kevin is a co-Chair and can reach out to him regarding agenda items. After the election they will be mindful of in-person events due to safety but will have virtual events.

Member Osorio-Hernández asks about how the office addresses dis-information which is prevalent in colleges and institutions – how does the Secretary of State focus in an address those matters? Boone responds that sometime this weekend the Secretary of State will be releasing a statement regarding their text-message system throughout the state and the factual and true information about the general election. They know that Nevadans are being bombarded with election information. But there is also the Ballot Tracking Service that is provided by the Secretary, sign up for that. They will also be releasing information about factual information, election officials, what legitimate and official election mail or email looks like. They have also been listing out the important dates for the election – all located in one place for key dates. The office is doing a lot to ensure voters know what the correct information for the election.

Check your voter registration information on their website and list the primary phone number and email address.

They are launching a Hey Nevada, Your Voice, Your Campaign with PBS – collaboration that created several videos of how to register to vote and participate in an election so voters feel more comfortable.

Member Osorio-Hernández, final question, what are some key things to keep in mind to share with students in the last few days that students should be remembering. Boone, that they are students first and foremost, doesn't mean they have to answer the big questions. So engage with your student body but when you are not able to answer the questions, refer them to the email (in chat) [Nvelect@sos.nv.gov](mailto:Nvelect@sos.nv.gov). Sometimes it is harder for some students than others to know what to do. Like students in the dorms and what is their address, non-resident students. Ask students to check their voter registration and make sure all information is up to date. Prepare students in advance for polling location and long lines.

**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.

Chair pulls item – Chancellor was unable to attend.

*Estimated Time: 15 minutes*

**6. DISCUSSION WITH NSHE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION****INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with NSHE Director of Community Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion Tillery Williams to discuss his role with NSHE. Mr. Williams will also discuss how the Board of Regents' Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee intersects with the NSHE IDEA Council, the role both play in fostering an inclusive academic environment, and how they are a vital part NSHE.

Chair Osorio-Hernández introduces NSHE Director of Community Engagement Tillery Williams.

Williams commends all NSA Members on what they are doing as leaders on campus. Mentions the Southern Nevada Diversity Summit from last week and gives an overview. Discusses how the Regents govern our system through the *Handbook* – specifically how they can establish standing committees like Business Finance Facility, IDEA, and special committees like those currently filling critical positions in the system - Chancellor search. The Board must establish these different committees to be able to efficiently get work done. William provides a brief overview of the IDEA committee. This year the Board Chair scaled the IDEA Committee meetings to twice a year. Tillery works with the IDEA Committee, the IDEA Council, and the institutional players as well. Also works with community groups. Williams states that policies are best guided by the people the policies effect. So, if we are making policy that impact NSHE students, we need to make sure that this NSA group can help advise those decisions.

Separately, the IDEA Council is made of key leaders and diversity officers across the system that meet to review, evaluate current policies, propose policies and recommend. The IDEA Council has a rotating Chair and Co-Chair. The Council was a part of the Anti-Discrimination/Anti-Bias that was approved in Elko a couple of years ago. And then again, this last year a revision. Also worked with the Governor to pass a Juneteenth recognition and observed day. This Council helps navigate national concerns, too.

Most of the time people want to talk about IDEA in only racial and ethnic terms, but it is really for students across the spectrum – and diversity officers can work with student leadership to help get that message out.

Tillery has been stressing that often time people are most passive about things they care about the most but we should all, when we see or hear, certain words being used and behavior that are calling out students, to be heard.

Across the county, opponents think this DEI work is divisive, but as we have seen over the last several months we have seen this not just across America they exist right here in NSHE. We have examples of overcoming some oppression, but the reality is every step that we take forward as an inclusive society there have been intentional steps to thwart the movement. History shows us most folks do not do the right thing when left unmonitored.

Chair thanks Tillery for the information and for the call to action and then opens the floor for questions –

Dawson thanks Tillery and then asks about programs across the United States that are being closed or merged with other departments and forcing programming to take a step back. Is there a concern about that happening in NSHE or what we can do to prevent that from happening. What is your take on that?

Williams – speaking from what he knows, there was a request from a Regent at the last meeting to sunset the IDEA Committee – which would impact then the IDEA Council as it works bubbles up the IDEA Committee. Regent Cruz Crawford when she spoke at the Diversity Summit about her venture into election into the State Legislature is interested in making sure that any State entity should use its funding to establish the DEI. Also, be aware of what is being slid in at the Federal level.

Chair asks regarding the election and the structure of the Regents. How would the structure of the Committee be maintained if the current Regent – Cruz Crawford – leaves her Regent position to serve on the legislature.

Willaims – she has called on the current Chair and Vice chair of the Board to maintain the structure. But after the election the Regents change up and that may change up the Committees.

Tillery provided his email [TWilliams@Nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:TWilliams@Nshe.nevada.edu) .

*Estimated Time: 30 Minutes*

## **7. UPDATE ON CAMPUS AND SYSTEMWIDE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion with NSA Members regarding campus and systemwide civic engagement activities. Discussion may include, but not be limited to, an update on the civic engagement support letter sent from the NSA Chair to NSHE institution presidents in September; ideas of campus civic engagement initiatives in the context of the 2024 General Election; and sharing of best practices.

Chair asks for any new initiatives that are taking place on campus since the September meeting and the letter regarding civic engagement that went out to the institutional presidents.

Osorio-Hernández reports on the activities at NSU – President Pollard formed a committee to help provide information and campaigning about the election and voting; put out some information on how to make a plan to vote; partnered with different community to have

events regarding votes – ACLU. They have also been distributing small Constitution books.

Chair opens the floor for other updates.

Wilson – set up voter registration at their center and celebrated constitution day by giving away small books. Then they also gave away free hot dogs.

Dias – The past couple of weeks have been about getting students out to vote. They have had voter registration. Yesterday was CSUN election and at the same time they had a voter registration party. Last week two events – CSUN Town Hall with the Provost and Leadership and they had a lot of students attend. Then they had a voter education event with Nevada Attorney General encouraging students to make a plan to vote. Next week they will be doing some smaller voter education events. And then they are partnering with student orgs across the campus to get the information out.

Deal – had the Secretary of State for a Pizza and Politics event and he talked about the work they have been doing; Partnering with other organizations and Center for Student Engagement, Multicultural Center, Residence Hall Association, etc. ASUN website was created for the voting resources, All-in Democracy Challenge, and showing all Secretary of States across the nation sites. Curated a comprehensive list of off-campus resources for voter registration and engagement. The ASUN Government Affairs has a week of voter registration and education on election resources – exercise your right to vote. And with the Resident Halls out-of-state but not out of mind – to help those coming from other states to still engage. Cortez-Masto and President event. Sent a letter to the Provost to disseminate to academic faculty to make sure they are supporting student engagement in voting. Early voting starts next week so pointing out sites. Idea of doing a video that each of the student body presidents support getting out to vote and then mash them all together.

Walsh – started an email campaign that is sent to grad students once a week with voting information. Started monthly meetings with UNR Police to talk about safety.

Marie – National voters registration party. And will be having a voting block party on Oct 30. Sending emails out. Organization on campus doing a lot of work in these initiatives. UNLV has early voting opportunities in the Lead Library and then on the day of.

Lisha Allison – TMCC is gathering perspectives of what students know about voting, and then delivering resources to help. Created pamphlets of how to register, make sure account is active, to make sure they know the resources.

Chair gives comments about how deeply inspired he is with all the thoughtful approach to make sure students get all the accurate information as possible. Thanks each for ensuring that students across the state are actively engaged. Suggestion he puts out for them to consider – post-election planning to provide spaces of decompression, talk about, to offer the students the ability to express show they feel. The stress may be high for some students. This is an intentional way to provide space to support student to listen and to not feel alone.

*Estimated Time: 20 minutes*

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

Chair opens for any additional updates other than the ones given in the last agenda item.

Wilson – on Oct 2 ASWN held their annual coffee with a cop event with highway patrol, police services, etc. Breast Cancer event will be later this month. On Oct 31 will be a Halloween event with games and trivia.

Maria – Provides a graduate student housing update. GPSA graduate appreciation day. Creating involvement and potential two new Town Halls for Campus Safety.

Walsh – GSA is working with Grad School to host workshops that support grad students. Concluding 150 Anniversary campaign to raise scholarships for grad students. Holding annual Poster Symposium.

Lisha Allison – currently in mid-term week and has been busy few weeks. Sept 17 they celebrated first ever Spirit Day and had great participation. Did a tailgate to fundraise for the athletic and scholarships given. Had a town hall with the President. Mental Health and National Coming Out day with food, games, crafts. Upcoming Brew and Ballots event to gain more perspective on students' knowledge is on voting and encouraged to participate.

Dawson - Tail end of the 150 Anniversary events. Dedication of their conference room to Frankie Sue Del Pappa. Official birthday celebration is tomorrow at the football game. ASUN published their biennial student engagement report. They received responses back from just over 3000 students for a 22% return.. This is important for budget requests. Doing a series of videos talking about ASUN budget and funding, etc and educating how students can influence the budget. Wants to work with the university that just published budget webpage for transparency that is interactive, ASUN wants to do the same.

Vences-Balvas –Working with committees to make changes to their bylaws. Will have an end of semester poster fair for their clubs. Pizza with the President. Survey went out regarding student fees, so they can bring forward more funding for athletics. Town Hall on fees. Oct 24 Monster Mash for all clubs and orgs.

Osorio-Hernández – recently held election and added 5 new senators. Inquired about the student association fee structure and found that grad students are paying \$3 toward that. NSSA will be having a conversation with their institution leadership. NSU is growing and they are looking at the land they own and needs to be developed. Diversity Summit was held at their campus and he discussed the theme of the summit and read comments of the keynote. Encourages everyone to look at the keynote speaker's book The 1619 Project.

*Estimated Time: 15 minutes*

## 9. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

**INFORMATION ONLY**



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

Will be scheduling individual meetings with each of the Regents.  
Will start the process to recommend appointment for the Task Force on Power Based Violence.  
Highlight that the Southern Nevada institutional presidents will be having a round table around the upcoming election and want to have some students join them in that discussion.

*Estimated Time: 5 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.

Adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

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