

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
November 8, 2024
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

Present Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State University, NSSA (Chair)
Present Dawson Deal, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Vice Chair)
Proxy Chelsea Robinson Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

(Secretary)

Present Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Absent 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
Absent Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
Present Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA
Present Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Also Present:

Chelsea Robinson – ASCSN – CSN
 Blanca Pena
 Brenda Romero
 Dr. Marcela Rodriguez Campo
 Jose Castillo
 Karina Duenas
 Mariana Saramiento
 Terina Caserto
 Carrie Parker
 Alejandro Rodriguez

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Chair Osorio-Hernandez called meeting to order at 9:04am.

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.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opened public comment

Teresa Marie – Student council meeting held 07-Nov and how the Department of Education may change due to the most recent elections. The UNLV institution is funded by 150 million dollars and if the Department of Education is disbanded how that will directly impact the institution and going to the legislation for further funding. Funding is already being requested this legislation cycle and it's best to be proactive to start looking into how this will directly impact each of our institutions. This is a concerns for students and how their rights are being met.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on October 11, 2024.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opens the floor for a motion for approval of minutes.

1st Motion: Vice Chair Dawson Deal

2nd Motion: Teresa Marie

Approved unanimously

4. 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.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez removed agenda item

5. NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS STANDING COMMITTEE ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCESS (IDEA)

NSA Chair will introduce and lead a discussion on a proposed NSA Resolution supporting the continuation of the NSHE Board of Regents' Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications. Possible action may include modifying the resolution and deciding whether to direct each NSA member to present the resolution to their respective student government organizations before final action by the NSA. (*Ref. NSA – 5*)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Provides context after the sunset of the committee was proposed in the September Board Meeting.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Asks if a pop-corn style can be done to read the resolution.

Terina Caserto: Advised Chair Osorio-Hernandez he can do this.

Resolution is read by members of NSA.

Teresa Marie: She advised that nationally is there a way to include this at a larger state level.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Will table this to the December Board meeting to make needed verbiage changes that he will consult with Teresa Marie.

**6. LETTER TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIR FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
SUPPORTING, IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY, AN APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT
OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
ACCESS (IDEA)**

NSA Chair will introduce and lead a discussion on a proposed letter supporting the appointment by the Board of Regents of an appropriate interim Chair of the Board's Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA). With a possible vacancy of the Chair position, the NSA will discuss and may take action to support an appointment by the Board of a committee Chair who supports maintaining the IDEA Committee and moving it forward. Possible action may include modifying and approving the letter to be sent when a vacancy occurs. (*Ref. NSA-6*)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: A draft letter to Chair Carvahlo is read out and its purpose is due to changes occurring with the Board with the Cruz-Crawford election win.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Opens the floor for questions or feedback.

Teresa Marie: She has no edits or revisions but agrees with the letter.

Allister Dias: The letter is well written, and it expresses into what we believe in.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Opens the floor for a motion to send the letter to the Board.

1st: Dawson Deal

2nd: Allister Dias

Unanimous Approval

**7. PROPOSED *NSHE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES* FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
*MANUAL PROVISION FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES***

NSHE Deputy Counsel Carrie Parker and NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will present a draft proposed *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* provision for student government guidelines that explains the relationship between student government associations and the administration of the System, as well as the relationship between student government positions and their respective institutions. If adopted by the NSHE Cabinet, the provision would require that any financial support, excluding reimbursement for approved costs, for positions within the student government association would be only in the form of scholarships, according to properly adopted constitution and/or bylaws. NSA members may discuss and provide feedback to the draft proposal. Possible action may include taking a position on the proposed provision. (*Ref. NSA-7*)

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez presents Carrie Parker.

Carrie Parker Deputy General Council: NRS 396.547 guideline is read. This was passed in 1983 and separate from the NSHE Board. Pay and financial support was provided varying from fundraising, teaching assistantships, and payroll.

Student Government participants are not considered employees.

Language of the proposed policy from the working group was provided to meeting participants and read out loud. This would live in the procedures and guidelines section. Student Government Constitution and Bylaws would need to be modified to reflect the new procedures and guidelines.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opens the floor for questions regarding the policy changes.

Teresa Marie: Asked regarding GA positions as they go through payroll and that they would not longer be permissible and would need to be paid by scholarship per Carrie Parker.

Vice Chair Dawson Deal: He is worried about the change due to the scholarship as it may max out the scholarship amount, they receive. They can hire and fire at will and it would be a challenge to retrieve the scholarship amount in full. He has questions in the disconnect and how they can resolve how student officers are paid not in the form of scholarships. When would this take affect and who created the policy?

Carrie Parker: If an officer is removed the scholarship can be paid per how the bylaws are written and this could help with not paying the scholarship entirely at the beginning and be distributed in parts. Workday is used by students but there can be a way to decipher between employee and student. An employment relationship is determined per the Fair Labor Standards Act. The research was done on what other institutions throughout the country were doing the same and how pay was established. This would allow for Student Government bodies to be independent from the institution and NSHE Board. The intention behind this is to get Student Government bodies to reinforce their independence from the institution but continue providing financial support to members.

Dawson Deal: The maxed out of scholarship will be affected and how will this be determined? The finances for each association also include an individual to overview the government bodies and how this affects them.

Carrie Parker: Feedback from Financial Aid officers from each of the institutions is pending feedback regarding how this will affect scholarship recipients. Handbook provisions would establish who is employed. Question is then asked how the role of advisor works at Dawsons Deals institution and whats the employee relationship.

Vice Chair Dawson Deal: The advisor oversees the backend of items handled by the student government body and does not get assigned work by the body. He has a follows up with the cabinet who approves this policy.

Terina Caserto: The Chancellor Cabinet consists of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, CFO, General Council, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. The stakeholder groups are the Financial Aid Directors, Academic and Student Affairs Officers, and HR Executive Director and Human Resources Advisory Council. The general councils for each of the institutions as well are included.

Teresa Marie: She feels this is an extreme and that there isn't enough information to move forward with this item due to Financial Aid feedback is needed. The scholarship pay would deter people and affect individuals such as herself with the GA opportunity that she currently holds.

Catalina Wilson: Does not support the new policy due to the financials that will affect students. The scholarship model will affect those with financial need and her institution has already made changes to include those students that are undocumented. The current model of payment and scholarships will affect direct financial support. Highschool and dual enrollment student will also be affected due to them not being able to receive financial aid. Follow up question regarding how the scholarships will be paid.

Carrie Parker: Payment is done through general improvement funding for WNC. The other institutions would be paid through their Student Fees.

Allison Vanholder: It is difficult to get people to participate in GSA and if they had the option to get individuals paid through payroll would help get better-qualified individuals. Vanholder's institutions pays a scholarship at the end of the term upon completing their term.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Can feedback be provided about those individuals that are may be overlooked and ineligible to participate in student government. The policy provides uniformity in regards to pay in the NSHE system.

Carrie Parker: This came through their attention through various public comments through board meetings and the board chair asked to investigate this. In public comments, it was noted that students aren't all able to go through payroll. Financial support for the financial officers was investigated through

advisors and academic student affairs. GBC provides scholarship only at this time. Lack of uniformity and equity is present throughout all institutions.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: International Students would also be able to apply for roles with this new policy correct?

Carrie Parker: Yes, international students would be eligible and provide more equity in the roles.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: This is a step in the right direction to provide more equity in the system.

Proxy Chelsea Robinson: Read a statement from Pres. Vences-Balvas and is in support to this model to provide more diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Catalina Wilson: States how much funding she will lose if this model is implemented.

Teresa Marie: She states that scholarship is trying to focus on one group of individuals but will affect a larger group of individuals.

Vice Chair Deal: Originally proposed to them as a labor issue but now it's being presented as an equity issue. Justification is confusing to him and the middle ground would be the hybrid model and why it's not being considered. Due to travel and often use the vehicles provided by the association and how these changes will affect workers compensation.

Blanca Pena, public comment: Broader context is being missed and why it's being brought to their attention. In the process of becoming a senator, she wasn't able to be paid through CSUN. Spring of 2022 they were able to build a hybrid system and a number of students such as foreign, international, and undocumented students were able to be paid. She understands how this would negatively affect students. She is going to share a resolution done by NSA back in 2022.

Allister Dias: He echoed what Pena stated in her comment. Having a structure in place that will benefit those who have been overlooked and those who will be affected by the changes is important.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: When is feedback needed for this?

Terina Caserto: Feedback is due on 14-Nov as that is when the other constituent groups were given as a deadline.

Carrie Parker: Will not be tabled and will be moved to another agenda item for another meeting.

8. REFLECTION ON CAMPUS AND SYSTEMWIDE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES POST ELECTION

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion with NSA Members reflecting on the campus and systemwide civic engagement activities that that led up to the 2024 General Election. Discussion may include, but not be limited to, determining initiatives that should be considered as best practices as well as those that did not have an impact. Additionally, discussion may include support activities ongoing since the election.

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

Teresa Marie: Provides feedback how early voting affected the campus and was able to record participants.

Allister Dias: He was glad to see students voting and participating in the election. Personalized stickers were provided to voters, and this motivated students.

Catalina Wilson: Digest of election was done and WNC then followed up with an event for students.

Proxy Chelsea Robinson: Read the statement left from Pres. Vences-Balvas.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Likes the decompress session from WNC and reminds everyone to prioritize community and mental health.

9. NSA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion to identify the priorities of NSA for the upcoming 83rd (2025) *Session of the Nevada Legislature*. NSA members may then determine what the priorities of the NSA should be and how they want to engage during the 83rd *Session*.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Legislative priorities discussed and how textbook costs and food insecurity can be addressed. NSA day at the legislator is suggested as an idea.

Tania Akter: She likes the NSA day at the legislature idea and supports the food insecurity item.

Teresa Marie: She advised of the funding pie and how 20mil is going to be reappropriated to community colleges but there is an ask for the legislature to back fill that funding. UNLV will be travelling to the state legislature soon to discuss items.

Alejandro Rodriguez: He states that he has been working with the government affairs leads of the institutions. There will be a retreat next month (December) to discuss their strategy in the session. Each institution has its day of the legislature. An NSA day at the legislature day would be a good idea to and would need to be planned due to the ongoing construction going on at the capital.

10. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Catalina Wilson: Advised of the campus updates such as blanket making station for local cancer treatment patients, tie dying, and their plan for November for their Veteran Staff and Students. Friendsgiving will be done and they also plan to have a distress week before finals.

Teresa Marie: Graduate appreciation events discussed. A night of the symphony will do with no cost to grad students. UNLV Dental School is doing work for the community. Each semester will have an active shooter training. Scooters have been problematic and will be worked on with the police department. NSA mixer will be held during the Board or Regents week.

Allister Dias: CSUN updates for post-election and did an event with distress. Student Fee will be on the docket for the Board of Regents. The philanthropy office is being contacted do work with CSUN on holiday events. Anniversary of 06-Dec. is being navigated and providing resources for people.

Chelsea Robinson: ASCSN updates provided from Pres. Vences-Balvas statement. Halloween Monster Mash, Pizza With the Presidents, and travel opportunities discussed. Fees that will be presented at the BOR meeting are being presented to students throughout the events. Finals week preparation is also taking place to prioritize mental health.

Tania Akter: Events have been organized in the last months. Workshops for professional development went well with great participation. Students have presented their research in an event with various participants. Events are coming up such as coffee in the morning.

11. 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.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez: Presidents Roundtable will happen in 22-Nov. where the post-election will be discussed and plan for institutions. Tickets are limited and will be set aside for those who reserve them from each of the institutions.

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.*).

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

No New Business

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