

**Meeting Minutes**



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA  
December 5, 2024  
7:00 a.m.**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Student Union, Room 208A  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

**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)**
- P- Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**
- P- 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**
- A- Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM**
- P- Allison VanHolder, Great Basin College, SGA**
- P- Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN**
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

**Guests:**

- Heather Rikalo- WNC**
- Lynda King – NSHE**
- Terina Caserto – NSHE**
- Ashley Salisbury – NSHE**
- Elizabeth Walsh - UNR**
- Lahaina Estomin – ASWN**
- Elizabeth Walsh – UNR-GSA**
- Liesel Kimmelmeier – UNR**
- Gabriella Detrick – ASUN**
- Sheley Bravo-Bezod – ASCSN**
- Alejandro Rodriguez -NSHE**
- Patricia Charlton - NSHE**
- Keri Nikolajewski – Board of Regents**
- Amy Carvalho – Board of Regents**
- Jeffrey Downs - Board of Regents**

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Call to order: 7:03 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**Roll call taken and quorum established with 9 members present.**

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

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**No public comment.**

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

**3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**AND NSHE INTERIM CHANCELLOR**

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.

Chair opens the floor for questions/discussion:

Chair – how are the recent Regent vacancies filled?

Carvalho – vacancies are filled through the Governor. The late Regent Tarkanian has not yet been replaced.

Vences-Balvas – what are the Board’s legislative priorities

Chancellor – lists several priorities, including, back filing COLA; implementation of funding formula changes; continuation of funding that was one-time; working with the education committee on fee waivers; food insecurity; and an update will be giving at the Board meeting concerning where we stand with the budget.

Deal – regarding COLA, understands that the legislature did not take the Governor’s request last session.

Chancellor – it came later in the last session.

T. Marie – concerning the fraud occurring at institutions and the two week drop process when a student is not attending.

Chancellor – CSN is working on that process. They are requiring attendance. For institutions that take attendance, there is a process to go through.

Downs – acknowledges the series of student fees that will be discussed and voted on at the Board meeting and would like some feedback.

NSA members provide various feedback of their respective student governments and student bodies regarding the fees on their respective campuses.

T. Marie – questions a fee increase at UNLV that does not seem to coincide with inflation but a set fee.

Chancellor – will look that up.

*Estimated Time: 15 minutes*

**4. 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 public comment.

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

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Allister Dias thanks the Chancellor and Board for being at the meeting. Offers for NSA members to store any luggage in a dedicated office for the day.

*Estimated Time: 5 minutes*

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

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