

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA February 14, 2025 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)
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
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Present Denielle Kirkman, Great Basin College, SGA
Tardy – 9:12 a.m. Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Pete Goicoechea – Board of Regents
Carrie Parker - NSHE
Ashley Salisbury- NSHE
Terina Caserto – NSHE
Patricia Charlton – NSHE
Alejandro Rodriguez - NSHE

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Call to Order: 9:01 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 – quorum established.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Teresa Marie – as we shift nationally and politically in getting rid of DEI and the issue of DACA and undocumented at the institution and NSHE in general. There is a confusion between the terms of undocumented and DACA. She has talked to some of the Regents. She is doing her dissertation and would like more information and wants to avoid conflation of the two and to avoid conflating the terms.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on January 10, 2025.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Motion opened by Chair Osorio-Hernandez

1st by President Allison

2nd by President Marie

Vote: Unanimous approval of minutes as written

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez pushed item to later time due to Chancellor being at the Legislature in Carson City.

Alejandro Rodriguez Advised that he is not with the Chancellor and present at the Legislature in Carson City.

Chair determines to introduce next item and return to this item when the Chancellor joins the meeting.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that he is returning to the agenda item as Chancellor Charlton is now present in the meeting.

Chancellor Charlton advised that she has had experience of working with Regent Goicoechea. She advised that his experience at the legislative level will be helpful during these times. NSHE is fortunate to have the regent working with us because of the implications that decisions will have with higher education and the budget.

Chancellor Charlton advised that the weather has been challenging in Carson City and the legislature is in process and a hearing is going on at this time and Legislative Counsel Bureau is discussing the cost of living (COLA). Over the last week or two weeks there have been meetings with legislators advocating for students regarding the Governors Budget. There are several other priorities that are also being discussed. Bills are dropping rapidly with over 500 bills currently. She is also preparing for the next board meeting as it is around the corner and will be at Nevada State University. The CSN Presidential search is going forward with semi-finalist interviews going on next week. Chancellor's search is underway, and Regent Brager and Regent Carvahlo are leading this. The president search for TMCC is also ongoing. The state of the system will be addressed and presented to the legislators.

Chancellor Charlton advised she would open it up to Alejandro Rodriguez and Terina Caserto if anything else is missing.

Alejandro Rodriguez advised that there are bills dropping left and right but it's best to discuss with each institutions government team to bring up any items.

Terina Caserto advised that Chancellor Charlton touched based on everything. The immense amount of work being done by the support staff is appreciated. She advised that she has also been working on data requests and language requests from legislators and has been non-stop. Chancellor Charlton advised they are also working on collective bargaining for grad students as well as changes to the millennium scholarship.

President Marie advised she saw an increase in all institutions that she saw in a report regarding increase in registration.

Chancellor Charlton advised that part of the budget comes from legislation and student registration fees. Fees that are projected are based on enrollment, including residents, non-resident, undergraduate, and graduate. The budget will include any projections that each institution also provides. Some institutions must modify their anticipated enrollment which impacted the budget. When enrollment is up there will be more revenue and the revenue stream details can be shared.

Chancellor Charlton advised that Counsel Parker is on the line as well and there is a working group that are discussing those items. There is a difference with how they are being treated within the institutions and opened it up to Counsel Parker.

Carrie Parker advised she has no new information and it's still a working process and if a change were to be made at the NSHE level we will see it in the procedures and guidelines manual and has to be approved by the cabinet.

Chancellor Charlton that leadership will also be addressed and will dive into this item including the institutional presidents.

Chancellor Charlton advised that she and the rest of the system will be sharing messaging and will be distributing it to the shareholders. She understands that there are concerns with the Department of Education and Nevada does not have the infrastructure if the duties return to the state. The federal government made changes to NIH which impacted our R1 institutions which is an item that the system was diligently working on as this also impacted our students. The Attorney General assisted with this and there is now a temporary restraining order, but this is only temporary and there are great concerns. If there are stories from students that can be shared it will help with the discussion of legislature.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that he knows that each of the institutions are going through various scenarios, and we must continue advocating for students.

Chancellor Charlton advised that it's important to keep working through confines of the law and that these four years are going to be difficult.

President Marie advised that as a lawyer and teaching classes to her undergrad is difficult as there are issues with the current administration.

Chancellor Charlton thanked NSA and that each of our semesters are going well.

5. REGENT PETE GOICOECHEA

INFORMATION ONLY

Regent Pete Goicoechea will meet with NSA members to provide his background and goals for his term as Regent. Mr. Goicoechea was appointed Regent for District 8 to replace former Regent Michele Cruz-Crawford as she resigned to serve the Nevada State Senate. Chair Osorio-Hernández may then open the floor for questions from NSA members.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez provided an introduction for Regent Goicoechea.

Regent Goicoechea introduced himself and his background as well as details of his family's immigration journey to the U.S. He advised about his educational journey and did higher education in Utah. His children went through the education system in Nevada and went on to higher education in both the state and out of state. Regent Goicoechea advised one of his goals as a regent is to keep higher education affordable due to his children's experiences. He advised that he was sworn in on the 4th but there is an issue with budgets and knows it is problematic. He stated there is a lot to learn in being a regent, but his experience will guide him in his decisions. The regent advised that the budget that goes into higher education is about 50% of the budget and he wants students to be able to access higher education and overall keep it affordable.

Regent Goicoechea knows that many students he knows want to pursue veterinary medicine but it's difficult for them to continue and he knows that this has to do with affordability as well as change of majors. But he wants students to pursue their dreams and doesn't want them to give up because of availability.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opened the floor for questions.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez asked how does Regent Goicoechea feel that a previous Regent (Cruz-Crawford) and his experience now as a regent will be able to work together?

Regent Goicoechea advised that he can't lobby but as an elected regent he can have a position that is approved by the Board and that no specific items are not discussed with legislatures. He believes there will be an opportunity as the session goes on to talk to the legislatures and understand the budget from the NSHE board side and legislative side as they don't work well together.

President Allison thanked Regent Goicoechea for being present at the meeting and taking the time to talk to NSA.

Regent Goicoechea advised he looks forward to work with NSA and working with presidents of the other institutions. He advised that he is best reached by phone and if we all have any questions or concerns, he is open to any feedback.

Vice-Chair Deal thanks Regent Goicoechea for taking the time to talk with us and he has questions for him once he is more settled into the role. President Deal also provided details about his background and his past experiences with the large veterinary field due to his family's education.

6. DISCUSSION FOSTERING INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION ONLY FOR NSHE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

NSA Chair will facilitate discussion with NSA members regarding efforts to foster an inclusive environment on their respective campuses in light of changing federal Administration and policies. NSA members may share the efforts or communications being implemented at their institutions.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that he wanted to have this discussion as he has had various conversations with students even at his own campus and knows there's uncertainty at the institutions. He wanted to see what other campuses are doing to foster inclusive environments. President Pollard and Chair Osorio-Hernandez released a statement including the DEI office having 'Know Your Rights' panels. Students have also been a part of the work by creating red cards and sharing them with students. Escape routes have also been discussed and making plans in case ICE raids were to occur on campus. Step-by-step guidance has also been shared in case there is ICE presence on campus and those instructions will be on classroom doors and shared within the institution. He opened up the floor for others to share.

President Wilson advised that WNC is working with their DEI committee and passing out Red Cards and working with President Dalby and having an open forum via Zoom and open it up to the students to discuss safety concerns. A statement across Canvas has been sent out with President Wilson and President Dalby.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that having an online forum for students to attend has been difficult and wants to know what President Wilson has been doing.

President Wilson advised that food is what helps with student attraction and having various times to accommodate students' schedules helps. Having posters around campus and letting them know what is going on. There are no student emails, so Canvas is what has been helpful with student notifications.

President Diaz advised that CSUN has been working together on an event with Legal Aide of Southern Nevada and had two other events in early February but want these to be discussions with students so questions can be answered. They hope to have this done by the end of March. A resolution will be made for DEI initiatives and that student body representatives are in support of them and are with them as we continue with the future of our country. UNLV does not have the same thoughts at CSUN and a Chief Diversity Officer search is no longer in progress and is closing that office on campus.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that we have seen other institutions and organizations that are making a reactionary environment for this administration regarding diversity work. He wants to know how the institutions are maintaining the work. The state is one of the most diverse systems across the nation and it's concerning to hear that they are scrubbing some of the ethos of the work of the institution and there is a broader strategy.

President Diaz advised that while planning the event they hope to have and if ICE were to show up to campus, they haven't been provided any directive if this were to happen. He wants to ensure there's a safe learning environment but it's early on and not even a month in with it being frustrating. Students having to travel for CSUN or any events make it difficult, and things remain up in the air.

President Marie advised that there are discussions by not placing a target on ones back. She shared the book she read title the 'Hidden Children'. The search for the CDO and the closing of

the DEI office moved to other offices but there is a goal to not have a target by the administration. She worked with youth in diversion in the past with the first administration and is now going on with her current students. With their executive board they are working on getting a directive as to what should happen. She also states that she is locking her door for her classes and knows what to do if an ICE officer were to show up. She is hopeful that more directives will come down, but students are doing what they need to do to support each other.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised a great point was made regarding what happens if ICE shows up. General Counsel advised that private spaces such as classrooms are off limits.

President Deal advised that there was a hard thing to acknowledge but churches and schools are no longer safe spaces. UNR is doing similar events and partnering with ACLU and doing a 'Know Your Rights' training in the student union and the director of the ACLU will be present. There will also be an online option for those that don't feel comfortable being in person. Having the support of President Sandoval is also important. It's important to watch out at UNLV when relocating staff to other departments.

Regent Goicoechea advised if Carrie Parker has any guidance regarding a warrant. Carrie Parker advised that NSHE is working on messaging for the institutions.

President Allison provided an updating for TMCC which is titled 'Kindness Day' which will be educating students about their rights and an anonymous feedback box regarding their worries and concerns and being able to address them in their weekly meetings that they are safe and will always be welcomed and supported.

Secretary Vences-Balvas shared what CSN is doing regarding messaging and advocating for students. The red cards are in various languages and a plan has been set forth if ICE were to show up on campus such as a chain of command with legal counsel being contacted and then CSN UPD. While schools and places of worship are no longer safe, messaging for students is important.

President Akter advised that UNR are working on a 'Know Your Rights' events and that UNR is supportive of this. Besides these issues graduate students are worried about NIH funding. Graduate students are concerned about this and had a meeting last week and how to resolve these issues. The Graduate Student Association had a get together and invited all the graduate students for coffee and doughnuts and will be working on an upcoming event with other graduate students about how they're feeling around campus.

7. PROPOSED NSA LETTER TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ENVIRONMENTS FOR NSHE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

NSA Chair and NSA Secretary Janeth Vences-Balvas will lead a discussion and review of a proposed letter to support inclusive environments on NSHE campuses. NSA

members may provide feedback and suggest modifications to the letter. The proposed letter and any modifications may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for action by the NSA. (Ref. NSA- 7)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that the item was brought on by Sec. Vences-Balvas. Secretary Vences-Balvas advised the reasoning behind the letter. The letter was read by President Vences-Balvas.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez that the suggestion is to also include this letter for NSHE Regents as they may have different thoughts or opinions about what is ongoing. While the work is already being done by the presidents per the previous agenda item it's important to also address the NSHE Regents.

President Marie thanked the team for working on this letter and to keep pressuring administration.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez also advised that adding privacy is important.

Secretary Vences-Balvas advised that adding privacy is also important due to FERPA.

General Counsel Parker advised that it's also important to address this to the Chancellor as this is being addressed to presidents.

Motion is opened by Chair Osorio-Hernandez

1st Motion by President Akter

2nd by President Allison

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

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

Aye Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)

Aye Tania Akter, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA

Aye Lisha Allison, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA

Aye Allister Dias, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN

Aye Teresa Marie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

N/A Miguel Sison, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM

Aye Denielle Kirkman, Great Basin College, SGA

Aye Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN

8. NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF NEVADA STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA member Allister Dias will lead a discussion and review of the proposed NSA resolution supporting the financial independence and autonomy of the student governments at NSHE institutions. NSA members may discuss the proposed resolution

and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution and any revisions may be approved or returned at a future meeting for action by the NSA. (Ref. NSA-8)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opens the item and hands the agenda item to CSUN President Dias to discuss the agenda item.

President Dias advised the reasoning for the agenda item. He provided details about the UNLV administration and the lack of planning in the December BOR meeting and the repeat during the special BOR meeting in January. He wants to ensure that there is autonomy from the UNLV administration as the CSUN fee was separate from the fee funding that UNLV has. Funding efforts that happen in our respective student governments should be a priority and prioritized. He advised there are current laws that provide contingent independence of student governments and have our funding initiatives considered.

A resolution letter was shared with the NSA and explained.

President Dias opened up the conversation to NSA for feedback.

President Wilson is concerned about separating the fees from the institution. WNC gets a separate budget from their institutional fees. More than half of their student population are jumpstart students, and they don't receive any funding from these students. The institution steps in and helps them and their concern for separating this. Including incarcerated and internship students would be affected by this resolution. A student fee increase was passed and was not enough with this fee. The wages for their student government are paid with institutional fees.

Vice Chair Deal has a few questions and may be for General Counsel Parker. Would this resolution need to be considered by the board through a provision change in the handbook or the BOR procedures and guidelines. If this recommendation is pushed forward, would it mean that it would be considered or will a statute may need to be done.

Deputy Counsel Parker advised was to not change the structure of fees but to be a separate consideration at the BOR meetings and have them separated.

President Dias advised this resolution is to be a separate item on the agenda.

Vice Chair Deal agrees with President Dias about the fee being delayed and putting the work behind getting it approved. Having administration inaction also was not fair to CSUN. Question if Regents would be able to pull the item and discuss the fee item separately.

Deputy Counsel Parker stated it would depend on the agenda item is written and per OML it is dependent on this.

President Dias stated it depends on how the agenda item is written. Regent Brown, at the special meeting in January did pull the student fees from the agenda item and it is something that regents are able to do.

Secretary Vences-Balvas shared concerns for resolution due to ASCSN funding structure as registration fees is how CSN allocates funding for student government. President Dias advised that the resolution is just for the agenda to be modified on the BOR agenda.

President Marie advised that it be stated in the resolution that fees not be separated from registration. As well as not modifying and structure at independent institutions.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised the resolution will be shared with the rest of the student bodies to get their feedback for the March BOR meeting.

President Dias stated that there are privacy rules in NSA. The resolution has been posted, and it is available with the public and can be shared as it stands. The chair can also receive feedback ahead of the meeting so that he is able to bring it back to the meeting in March. During the meeting can be discussed up into March and a motion can be made then to include the amended language that has been discussed.

9. NSA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion to determine the legislative priorities of NSA for the upcoming 83rd (2025) *Session of the Nevada Legislature*. NSA members may vote on priorities at this time or at a future NSA meeting. The discussion and possible action may also identify the framework for NSA to engage with the 83rd *Session*. (Ref. NSA-9)

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez opened up the agenda item and stated it is a great time to discuss the priorities. He quickly went over the legislative priorities. The legislative priorities were discussed, and the modification of DEI was mentioned and included a change to inclusive environments. NSSA approved the priorities and are pending approval of NSA.

Motion is opened to approve the priorities.

1st motion by President Marie

2nd motion by President Dias

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

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

Aye Janeth Vences-Balvas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)

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Aye Catalina Wilson, Western Nevada College, ASWN

10. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that this item will be pulled due to time constraints.

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: 10 minutes

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised that this item will be pulled due to time constraints.

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

President Marie advised that she would like NSA to work on a differentiation between undocumented and DACA.

Chair Osorio-Hernandez advised this item may be discussed and brought up at the March meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM

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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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Ref. NSA-7

NSHE Presidents
Nevada System of Higher Education
4300 S. Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89119

February 14, 2025

RE: Reaffirming Support for All Students, Regardless of Immigration Status

Dear NSHE Presidents,

As student leaders and elected representatives of our respective institutions, we are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of their immigration status, are supported and provided with the resources they need to succeed. In light of the current political climate, we urge you to reaffirm your dedication to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for every student within your respective institutions.

Undocumented students face barriers that put their education and well-being at risk. Our campuses can help by informing students of their rights, expanding access to legal aid and immigration support services, and strengthening partnerships with community organizations committed to this work. Providing clear information for our immigrant students and their families about available legal assistance ensures they can connect with knowledgeable professionals. Taking proactive steps to support these students reaffirms our commitment to fostering an inclusive and secure learning environment.

In this spirit, we encourage you to work closely with student bodies and community groups to ensure that your campuses continue to be supportive and inclusive spaces. This collaboration will ensure that the diverse voices and experiences of all students are heard, valued, and protected.

We are grateful for the leadership you have already demonstrated in supporting students, and we thank you for your ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusivity and respect. As representatives of Nevada's student body, we are committed to working alongside you to ensure the safety and success of all students, no matter their background or immigration status.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSA Chair _____

Dawson Deal, NSA Vice Chair _____

Janeth Vances-Balvas, NSA Secretary _____



Ref. NSA-8

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY
OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS OF THE NSHE

February 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) recognizes that student governments serve as the primary representatives of the student body, actively advocating for student interests, funding student-led initiatives, and fostering an environment of growth and development on their respective campuses;

WHEREAS, the autonomy of student governments is crucial to ensure that student leaders can effectively address the needs of their constituents without undue institutional influence or consequence of association;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of consideration of student government fees within general institutional fees risks limiting the scope of student governments' ability to rightfully manage their own budgets and/or request expansions to their budget to address student needs;

WHEREAS, separating the consideration of student government fees from those of the general institution enhances transparency for accountability, enables oversight into more directive change, and independent revisions of budgetary adjustments;

WHEREAS, many student governments across the nation operate with institutional and financial independence, ensuring that consideration for their respective initiatives remain at the forefront of the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, NRS 396.547 provides for contingent independence. Separate consideration for student-led initiatives/fund requests at the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents meetings, apart from those proposed by the institution, provides detached deliberation and thought for student needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance calls for the implementation of policies and safeguards to ensure that the consideration of student government

fees remain separate and distinct from the consideration of institutional fees, protecting financial independence and reinforcing the autonomy of student governments.

1. **Independent Decision-Making:** We urge NSHE and the Board of Regents to provide separate and independent decision making concerning student government initiatives, irrespective of the requests of their parent institutions.
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Ref. NSA-7

NSHE Presidents
Nevada System of Higher Education
4300 S. Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89119

February 14, 2025

RE: Reaffirming Support for All Students, Regardless of Immigration Status

Dear NSHE Presidents, (add Regents and Chancellor)

As student leaders and elected representatives of our respective institutions, we are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of their immigration status, are supported and provided with the resources they need to succeed. In light of the current political climate, we urge you to reaffirm your dedication to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for every student within your respective institutions.

Undocumented students face barriers that put their education and well-being at risk. Our campuses can help by informing students of their rights, expanding access to legal aid and immigration support services, and strengthening partnerships with community organizations committed to this work. Providing clear information for our immigrant students and their families about available legal assistance ensures they can connect with knowledgeable professionals. Taking proactive steps to support these students reaffirms our commitment to fostering an inclusive and secure learning environment. (include a statement that supports the importance and maintenance of privacy)

In this spirit, we encourage you to work closely with student bodies and community groups to ensure that your campuses continue to be supportive and inclusive spaces. This collaboration will ensure that the diverse voices and experiences of all students are heard, valued, and protected.

We are grateful for the leadership you have already demonstrated in supporting students, and we thank you for your ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusivity and respect. As representatives of Nevada's student body, we are committed to working alongside you to ensure the safety and success of all students, no matter their background or immigration status.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSA Chair _____

Dawson Deal, NSA Vice Chair _____

Janeth Vances-Balvas, NSA Secretary _____



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY
OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS OF THE NSHE**

February 14, 2025

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) recognizes that student governments serve as the primary representatives of the student body, actively advocating for student interests, funding student-led initiatives, and fostering an environment of growth and development on their respective campuses;

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