



Meeting Minutes

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

June 12, 2025

7:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union
Rita Laden Senate Chambers
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

Zoom Option:

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1 386 347 5053 US; 1 507 473 4847 US; 1 564 217 2000 US; 1 646 558 8656 US (New York);
1 646 931 3860 US; 1 689 278 1000 US; 1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC); 1 305 224 1968 US;
1 309 205 3325 US; and 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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MEMBERS:

- Present** Carmina Aglubat, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
- Present** Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
- Absent | Correction: Miguel Sison** Devan Glensor, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM
- Present** Sovereign Hone, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
- Present | Proxy: A'liciah Carr** Devin Lopez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
- Present** Brianna Malasaga, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
- Present** Kelechi Odunze, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
- Present** Lahana Pearce, Nevada State University, NSSA
- Present** Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, Great Basin College, SGA
- Present/Tardy: Entered at 7:30 AM** Karla Salas, Western Nevada College, ASWN
- Office Vacant**, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

GUESTS:

Ashley Salisbury, NSHE

Terina Caserto, NSHE

Carrie Parker, NSHE

Jane Neitz-Singleton, CSN, ASCSN

Rochelle Perez-Perez, CSN, ASCSN

Jose Castillo, NSSA

Becca Franssen, TMCC, SGA

Isabelle Hatch, UNR, ASUN

Hilda Villafana, WNC, ASWN

Jordany Arevalo, WNC

Catalina Wilson, WNC

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Call to Order: 7:20 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, quorum established with 8 members present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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Rachanya Dev Chinnappan provides a brief description of a proposal within item 34 on the Board of Regents meeting agenda, explaining how it entails a 2.95% fee on every credit card payment for students. Chinnappan expresses concern that the proposed fee places a financial burden on students. Chinnappan urges members within the NSA who share similar thoughts or are willing to offer suggestions in any way to make public comments during the upcoming Board of Regents meeting.

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will introduce herself, provide an overview of the NSA, and welcome the new members and any person participating as a proxy for a member of the NSA. Members and any proxy will briefly introduce themselves.

Terina Caserto extends a warm welcome to the new NSA members. Caserto introduces Ashley Salisbury, NSA Liaison, and Carrie Parker, NSHE Deputy General Counsel, describing their roles as staff of the NSA. Caserto congratulates all the student body presidents on their elections and explains the role of the NSA in serving as a public body advocating for the unified voice for students of NSHE. This is done through monthly meetings, agendas, action items, legislation, and representing the NSA at the Board of Regents meetings.

Caserto calls for NSA members to introduce themselves to each other.

Kelechi Odunze introduces himself as the undergraduate student body President of UNLV, CSUN.

Brianna Mae Malasaga introduces herself as the student government association President of TMCC, SGA.

Lahana Pearce introduces herself as the student body President of NSU, NSSA.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano introduces herself as the President of GBC, SGA.

Sovereign Hone introduces herself as the student body President of CSN, ASCSN.

Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan introduces herself as the graduate student body president of UNR, GSA.

A'liciah Carr introduces herself as the Vice President of UNLV, GPSA.

Carmina Aglubat introduces herself as the student body President of UNR, ASUN. Aglubat extends a warm welcome to the University of Nevada, extends appreciation for hosting, and comments that all NSA members are welcome in the ASUN office. NSHE Director of Student Affairs, Ashley Salisbury, introduces herself, extending a warm welcome to NSA members and expressing their excitement for their role as the NSA Liaison.

NSHE Deputy General Counsel, Carrie Parker, introduces herself and encourages NSA members to take advantage of their positions and reach out with concerns or questions.

Karla Salas entered at 7:30 A.M.

Karla Salas introduces herself as President of WNC, ASWN.

Terina Caserto draws attention to the provided reference material of the Constitution of the

Nevada Student Alliance.

4. 2025-26 NSA MEETING DATES AND PROXY PROCEDURES INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will provide an overview of the NSA meeting dates for 2025-26 and the procedure for a NSA member to appoint a proxy. (*Ref. NSA-4*)

Terina Caserto refers to the attached material on the 2025-2026 NSA Meeting Dates and Proxy Procedures. Caserto describes that this list entails the quarterly and monthly meetings, and that the reference materials tentatively list the meeting start times as 7:00 AM. Caserto describes that as the actual meeting dates are approached, the meeting start times will be updated to reflect the correct meeting times. Caserto briefly describes the proxy procedures and mentions that specific language must be utilized to assign a proxy.

5. ELECTION OF NSA OFFICERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing NSA officers and the duties of each of the NSA officers. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for any of the three 2025-26 NSA officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. (*Ref. NSA-5*)

The 2024-25 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Kevin Osorio-Hernández, NSU, NSSA

Vice Chair: Dawson Deal, UNR, ASUN

Secretary: Janeth Vences-Balvas, CSN, ASCSN

Terina Caserto describes the procedures of electing NSA members, recognizes the 2024-2025 NSA Officers, and outlines the eligibility of the officer positions—there can be no single member organization that holds an office for multiple years in a row. Caserto further elaborates that, for the year 2025-2026, the Chair cannot be from NSU, NSSA, the Vice Chair cannot be from UNR, ASUN, and the Secretary cannot be from CSN, ASCSN. Terina Caserto describes the Chair position as listed in the NSA Constitution and opens the floor for Chair nominations.

Kelechi Odunze nominates Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano for the NSA Chair.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano accepts the nomination.

Seeing no other nominations, the nomination floor is closed.

Motion to elect Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano for the Chair of the NSA by Carmina Aglubat.

Second by Kelechi Odunze.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano gives a personal statement, describing their jobs, personality, and skills contributing to their position as Chair of the NSA.

Odunze asks a question on whether Rodriguez-Serrano feels comfortable voicing disagreement to the Board of Regents. Rodriguez-Serrano replies positively and

explains the importance of collectively representing students and holding the board accountable.

Roll call vote is taken.

Motion passes unanimously.

Rodriguez-Serrano describes their appreciation and excitement to work with the NSA this term.

Terina Caserto describes the Vice Chair position as listed in the NSA Constitution and opens the floor for Vice Chair nominations.

Motion to nominate Lahana Pearce for the Vice Chair of the NSA by Kelechi Odunze.

Second by Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano.

Lahana Pearce accepts the nomination.

Seeing no other nominations, the nomination floor is closed.

Pearce expresses their gratitude and describes their background and qualifications.

Roll call vote is taken.

Motion passes unanimously.

Pearce expresses their thankfulness and appreciation for members of the NSA.

Terina Caserto describes the Secretary position as listed in the NSA Constitution and opens the floor for Secretary nominations.

Motion to nominate Brianna Mae Malasaga for the Secretary of the NSA by Kelechi Odunze.

Second by Sovereign Hone.

Brianna Mae Malasaga accepts the nomination.

Malasaga expresses their thankfulness for the nomination and describes their

background and qualifications for the Secretary position of the NSA.

Roll call vote is taken.

Motion passes unanimously.

Malasaga expresses their excitement for working with the NSA throughout the year.

Terina Caserto passes the facilitation of the meeting to the newly elected NSA Chair, Jennifer Serrano-Rodriguez.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on March 6 and 7, 2025. A draft of the minutes is available on the NSA website: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

Motion for approval of the NSA meeting minutes on March 6, 2025, and March 7, 2025, by Lahana Pearce.

Second by A'liciah Carr.

Vote is taken.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. NSA CHAIR REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Director of Policy Terina Caserto will provide an overview of what the NSA Chair Report generally consists of. The NSA Chair may ask for suggestions from the membership of what to include in the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents on June 12, 2025.

Terina Caserto explains that the NSA Chair holds the responsibility of giving a 5–10-minute speech regarding an overview of NSA concerns or topics and individual reports from each institution's student body President.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano mentions that they would like to highlight what each respective campus is doing. Rodriguez-Serrano mentions that they will share their email with the NSA members after the meeting to ensure that the draft of the chair report is created.

Caserto encourages each student body President to send the NSA Chair 2-3 bullet points of information regarding updates on their institution's activities, legislation, movements, or concerns to include in the NSA Chair Report.

8. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

Members may provide information on the goals of their respective student governments and updates regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

Aglubat reports that ASUN has been hosting a ground-running event in April and is grateful that they are almost two months in. ASUN has also just finished its officer retreat at the UNR Lake Tahoe campus. Discussion is occurring among ASUN officers regarding ASUN's initiatives in future policies, budget allocation, staffing, and opportunities for collaboration. Aglubat welcomes everyone to the UNR campus and expresses gratitude for hosting.

Chinnappan reports that a summer task force has been appointed to create the GSA handbook and manage the requests of initiatives approved by the GSA. Chinnappan mentions that the GSA is putting together an agenda of priorities for the upcoming year.

Hone reports that ASCSN is preparing for the new school year during the summer through leadership training. Hone reports that there are four open senate positions that ASCSN is working to fill by the fall semester. ASCSN's goals for the 2025-2026 year are to foster community engagement, encourage collectivity, provide students more resources, collaborate with other institutions, and increase student awareness of their rights.

Carr reports that new officers have started their positions on May 1st. Carr explains that new members are getting situated in their positions and that GPSA is working on identifying goals for the next school year.

Oduze reports that UNLV has appointed a new President. Oduze mentions that CSUN has been meeting with campus stakeholders and that they are currently electing its executive board officers. Oduze also wishes to continue a project initiated by the previous CSUN President to increase the CSUN student fee. CSUN has experienced a budget increase and aims to further increase voter turnout in CSUN elections. General goals for CSUN this year are civic engagement, an inter-organizational council, local high school outreach, and partnering with other institutions.

Malasaga reports that TMCC SGA has filled its senator vacancies and is currently working with a full team. Malasaga mentions that TMCC has appointed a new President and is debuting a women's volleyball team in the fall. Malasaga reports that a major concern on campus at the moment involves issues in the math department alongside the addition of a post-tenure review policy in the NSHE code.

Pearce reports that all NSSA officers were sworn in during an inauguration on May 1st. Pearce reports that three new senators have been appointed to fill vacancies, and NSSA has been assisting with new student orientations. NSSA has also approved a budget to travel to Washington, D.C., for a conference in October. Pearce also mentions that NSSA is working on renovating their Scorpion's Den to look more school-branded. NSSA has also approved its chair of a special elections taskforce to oversee fall special elections. Pearce describes that

men's track and field and women's flag football will be starting during the fall semester. Lastly, NSSA describes a piece of legislation that has been approved to help address food insecurity and fund athletics.

Salas reports that ASWN has hosted a de-stress fest to celebrate the semester during the final week of classes, which included food events, giveaways, competitions, raffles, and more engaging activities. ASWN also held an awards and appreciation event where students, faculty, and staff were recognized for their exceptional contributions. Salas mentions that ASWN is working on recruiting more members and is planning a welcome back week for students.

Rodriguez-Serrano reports that GBC SGA is working on to identifying initiatives for each GBC campus. Some of these initiatives are food security for the Elko Campus and connectivity for the rural campuses. GBC SGA is seeking to engage in laptops for learners and other collaborations to aid these initiatives. Rodriguez-Serrano mentions that GBC SGA will restart its fiscal year in July and is currently budgeting conferences and reassembling budgets in a functional and independent manner. Another initiative is student participation and organizations for each campus, which Rodriguez-Serrano describes as difficult due to the different campuses.

9. 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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Sovereign Hone expresses concern with the verbiage on agenda item 34 in the Board of Regents meeting. Hone describes that the word choice of "credit card" is unclear and

misleading for students, as it does not mention the use of debit cards or other payment methods. Hone mentions that the agenda item would most likely affect students with debit cards versus credit cards, and that the fee might not be as detrimental on a credit card as it would be on a debit card. Hone concludes by stating that they would need more clarification on the verbiage before making public comment.

Carmina Aglubat explains that a processing fee is typically associated with card payments, which may account for the proposed 3% charge. Aglubat notes that a 3% fee is significant when applied to tuition costs for students.

Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan states that the total number of graduate students at UNR using a credit card for tuition payments in Spring 2025 was 2,000. For undergraduate students, this number was 10,000. Chinnappan describes that general domestic students would be paying a significantly increased amount of tuition. In the same sense, international and out-of-state students would be experiencing a more amplified cost.

Adjourn at 8:23 A.M.

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GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801

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

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530

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