



Meeting Minutes

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

June 13, 2025

7:30 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno

Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 422

1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

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/Tardy: Entered at 7:39 A.M. | 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 Karla Salas, Western Nevada College, ASWN

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

GUESTS:

Ashley Salisbury, NSHE

Terina Caserto, NSHE

Carrie Parker, NSHE

Isabelle Hatch, UNR, ASUN

Jane Neitz-Singleton, CSN, ASCSN

Rochelle Perez-Perez, CSN, ASCSN

Alejandro Rodriguez, NSHE

Hilda Villafana, WNC, ASWN

Catalina Wilson, WNC

Jordany Arevalo, WNC

Patricia Charlton, NSHE

Jeffery Downs, NSHE

Matt McNair, NSHE
Amy Carvalho, NSHE

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Call to Order: 7:31 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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Kelechi Odunze states that they had received an email from an SGA President in New Jersey interested in creating a national association of student government presidents. Odunze expresses that they wanted to forward this message to NSA members to see if anyone would be interested or willing to be a part of this association. Odunze describes the idea of the association as a similar concept to that of the NSA, but on a national level.

3. TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE**INFORMATION ONLY****AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AVAILABLE APPOINTMENT**

Director of Policy Terina Caserto will discuss NRS 396.141 and its creation of the Task Force on Power Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education. Pursuant to NRS 396.141(1)(c), the Task Force on Power Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education includes fourteen members appointed by the Board of Regents, including the following:

“...(5) One student, appointed in consultation with the Nevada Student Alliance or its successor organization, who represents a group or organization that focuses on multiculturalism, diversity or advocacy at a state college or community college; [and]

(6) One student, appointed in consultation with the Nevada Student Alliance or its successor organization, who represents a group or organization that focuses on multiculturalism, diversity or advocacy at a university...”

The Task Force will have openings that need to be appointed for one student member from either UNR or UNLV. Terina will discuss the process and timeline of how a recommendation will be made at a future meeting.

Terina Caserto expresses appreciation for the time given to the NSA this morning and explains that she, alongside NSHE Deputy General Counsel Carrie Parker, will be discussing this statute with the NSA.

Carrie Parker explains a statute, found in NRS 396.141, that has recently passed. This statute involves the Task Force on Power-Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education. Parker explains that pursuant to this statute, the Board of Regents appoints fourteen members, and the two student members are appointed in consultation with this body. Essentially, the NSA will submit nominees to the Board of Regents, and at the September board meeting, the board will appoint one of the current missing members. Parker describes that this member has to be from one of the state universities, UNR or UNLV.

Parker continues to explain the duties of the task force as outlined in NRS 396.1415. Parker describes that the task force reviews the results of a climate survey and references item 20 on the upcoming Board of Regents agenda. In this item, the task force will present the results of the climate survey and propose policy changes. Parker details that the task force's duties include examining current procedures and protocols for preventing, intervening, or responding to instances of power-based violence, identifying possible gaps in support for victims within institutions, examining the correlation between campus life and social groups, and holding an annual meeting to present recommendations to the Board of Regents. Parker urges UNR and UNLV to consider nominations for the task force, expressing that these nominees should be representative of a group or organization that focuses on multiculturalism, diversity, and advocacy.

Terina Caserto expresses that the timeline for recommending nominees is tight and reiterates that the nominee must be a student who represents one of the universities. Caserto states that the NSA can work together to recommend a student who works to advocate within the space associated with the task force. Caserto mentions that the recommendations must be delivered to the office, Ashley Salisbury, herself, and the chair by June 25. Furthermore, the NSA will be tasked with filling these nominations at any time they open, which could occur at any point throughout the year. Caserto explains the process of nominations by stating that the name of a nominee would be emailed to Salisbury, herself, and the chair, and an interest form would be completed to ensure that the eligibility requirements of the statute are met. After this, they would work with Carrie Parker to ensure that an Open Meeting Law notice is drawn up. Following this step, the NSA members would vote on the nominees during the July meeting.

Caserto and Parker open the floor for any questions or concerns regarding this item.

A'liciah Carr entered at 7:39 A.M.

Lahana Pearce describes that during the last term, the previous chair of the NSA had recommended an individual from Pearce's institution, for the same instance. Pearce asks if they still must nominate someone else.

Parker explains that this body nominates two student positions, and states that the first of these positions was filled during the previous meeting. Parker describes that the first nominee was from NSU, and that their position is filled. Parker details that they are working on filling the second position, which must be from UNR or UNLV, apologizing for past confusion.

Caserto adds to this point, stating that the position for state universities and community colleges was filled in March.

No further questions or comments.

**4. WITH BOARD OFFICERS
AND CHANCELLOR**

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NSA members will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the officers of the Board of Regents or their designees and the Chancellor or designee. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano thanks the Board of Regents members and Chancellor for taking the time to join the NSA members during this meeting.

Amy Carvalho, Chair of the NSHE Board of Regents, congratulates the NSA members on their positions and expresses their enthusiasm for working with the NSA throughout the year. Carvalho introduces the new Chancellor and welcomes everyone to get to know each other.

Chancellor Matt McNair congratulates the NSA members and expresses gratitude for their service and efforts within their respective roles. McNair explains that the NSA members will be familiar with the system and notes that these leadership opportunities will be beneficial as they advance in their professional careers.

Jeffery Downs, Vice Chair of the NSHE Board of Regents, congratulates the NSA members and expresses excitement for working with and getting to know everyone.

Patricia Charlton, former interim Chancellor, further congratulates the NSA members and expresses the significance of their duties to over 110,000 students. Charlton mentions the outcome of the legislative session from the previous day's Board of Regents meeting and states that it will be a large part of the NSA's work this year. Charlton further elaborates on this by mentioning that the NSA's duties will entail work for the next legislative session, ending with an expression of gratitude for all members of the NSA and a reminder that the communication of each voice and concern matters.

Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan encourages the NSA to introduce themselves to the Board of Regents and Chancellors.

Karla Salas introduces herself as President of WNC, ASWN, and congratulates the new Chancellor.

Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan introduces herself as the student body president of UNR, GSA, thanking the Board of Regents members for their service and time put toward students and congratulating the new Chancellor.

Kelechi Odunze introduces himself as the student body President of UNLV, CSUN. Odunze expresses excitement for working with everyone and thanks the Board of Regents for everything they do for students.

A'liciah Carr introduces herself as the Vice President of UNLV, GPSA and states that they are serving as a proxy for President Devin Lopez. Carr expresses gratitude and excitement for the board members' time and efforts.

Lahana Pearce introduces herself as the Vice Chair of the NSA and the student body President of NSU, NSSA. Pearce thanks the Board of Regents for their work toward students and congratulates the new Chancellor on their election.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Serrano introduces herself as the Chair of the NSA and the student body president of GBC, SGA. Rodriguez-Serrano expresses excitement for working with everyone this year and thanks the interim for a warm meeting and welcome. Rodriguez-Serrano concludes by thanking the board members for taking the time to meet with the NSA.

Brianna Mae Malasaga introduces herself as the Secretary of the NSA and the student government association President of TMCC, SGA. Malasaga thanks the Board of Regents members for their contributions to students and congratulates the new Chancellor on their position.

Sovereign Hone introduces herself as the student body President of CSN, ASCSN. Hone states that they appreciate the board members for taking time to meet with the NSA and expresses that their work is admirable and inspiring. Hone describes feelings of gratitude for the board willing to listen and care for students across NSHE.

Carmina Aglubat introduces herself as the student body President of UNR, ASUN. Aglubat congratulates everyone on a great first day at the Board of Regents and extends congratulations to the Chancellor on their position. Aglubat welcomes everyone to the UNR campus and expresses pride and excitement for hosting.

Rodriguez-Serrano opens the floor to any questions, comments, or concerns for the Board of Regents members and the Chancellor.

Pearce asks the new Chancellor what their goals are for this upcoming year and how they plan to represent students across NSHE.

McNair explains that their goals are to ensure that NSHE is the best system in the country in terms of serving the state's people and prioritizing students. McNair expresses that they would like to hear about the goals from the NSA members and explains his desire to understand more about each institution's concerns to help future matters. McNair explains that they do not have any specific ideas but want students to thrive and have an affordable education.

Pearce asks a follow-up question, inquiring how the Chancellor plans to ensure that they will represent all students when making significant decisions across Nevada communities.

McNair explains that the central aim of the Chancellor is to represent all students, and that they look forward to representing everybody. McNair describes a concept of balance in ensuring that interests are equally represented, and states that they will listen to student input to make the best decisions for them.

Rodriguez-Serrano calls for any additional questions.

Salas raises concerns about campus safety and asks if there are any concrete steps to ensure that all NSHE campuses have safety protocols in place to protect students. Salas further asks how the board members and the Chancellor plan to include student voices within these safety measures.

McNair describes that they are still getting up to speed with this issue and mentions that they plan to collaborate with campus police and use allocated resources. McNair expresses that there is an effort within the new legislative session to get funding for new security equipment and personnel.

Patricia Charlton adds on to this point in explaining that, after the December 6, 2023, shooting, an ad-hoc Chancellor's public safety committee was formed. Charlton describes that the Chancellor now has a standing public safety council co-chaired by two police chiefs. Charlton details that the top priority for this council was getting increased funding and support for infrastructure needs for every campus, stating that an award of \$11 million dollars was put toward this fund. Charlton anticipates that the Chancellor will want a student representative on the public safety council.

McNair explains that communication and developing relationships with campus police are key in public safety measures. McNair encourages campus police to get to know student groups to ensure that students have the right to protest safely and maintain an open line of communication.

Hone describes how CSN, ASCSN, is working closely with campus police to ensure campus safety, specifically focusing on bathroom safety. Hone explains that bathroom safety can be challenging to monitor, and that many violations and issues might go unnoticed. Hone expresses that they are working with campus police to implement a system within the bathroom to quickly and efficiently contact security.

Charlton explains that an often-overlooked aspect of this challenge is that NSHE campuses are open, public facilities, where there is always a mix of community and students. Charlton describes that this is especially an issue for urban universities and campuses, and states that student safety is always a top goal.

Odunze addresses the topic of disabled students and describes student concerns about certain buildings failing to meet ADA compliance standards, mentioning that students feel they lack accessible escape options due to a lack of ramps or working elevators.

Rodriguez-Serrano calls for any additional questions.

Aglubat highlights the costs of financial security and describes a survey conducted by UNR that reflected the idea that many educational needs are becoming more expensive. Aglubat raises the issue of food insecurity and asks if this issue is being addressed throughout NSHE institutions.

Alejandro Rodriguez mentions that food pantries exist on every NSHE campus, but raises the concern that food may be spoiled or thrown out. Rodriguez questions the barrier of having access to available food and expresses that it would be helpful to know the stigma around food pantries among students.

Carvalho mentions a bill within the legislature that would aid in addressing some of these concerns.

Jeffery Downs elaborates on this bill by explaining that one of the bill's provisions requires NSHE to conduct an interim study on the issue of financial and food insecurity among NSHE students.

Charlton adds that a campus hearing is held to support the process of budget recommendations for the legislature, noting that the board has listed food and financial insecurity as a top priority. Charlton mentions the idea of emergency funds within institutions and describes this as a holistic approach, recommending NSA members to reach out to Presidents of their institutions to learn about emergency funds.

Aglubat thanks the board members and Chancellor for their responses and mentions that they are always asking students to voice their difficulties. Aglubat mentions that it is challenging to advocate for subjects that students feel are almost impossible to solve. Aglubat adds that continued research and campaigns to address food insecurity will help break down the stigma surrounding food pantries and expresses support for further efforts within this realm.

Carvalho adds that as part of their term on the board, many service projects have been initiated, including a "pack the pantry" food drive. Carvalho states that they are aware of the issues regarding food insecurity and are consistently working to address the issues.

Chinnappan inquires about the steps NSHE has taken to consider increasing stipends for graduate students, given the concerns of inflation.

Charlton explains that NSHE is currently underway on a salary schedule study, which includes graduate students. Charlton states that this will be brought up to the Board of Regents by December.

Chinnappan notes that over the past year, several U.S. diversity fees have increased, but graduate student fees have remained stagnant. Chinnappan urges the board to suggest alternatives to increase the stipend for graduate students.

McNair describes a complex factor with graduate students that is related to the concept that universities lose money because the federal government does not adequately fund graduate students.

Chinnappan notes that UNR holds more than 3,500 graduate students, and among those, there are approximately 700 international students. Chinnappan emphasizes that graduate students heavily rely on the stipend for living and resources.

Charlton mentions that the board will be reviewing priorities for the next legislative session and states that, in the past, the board has prioritized concerns of graduate students.

Hone describes that CSN has three different campuses, each with its own food pantry, and that a common issue within each food pantry is that they often find themselves one semester away from closing due to a lack of funding. Hone stresses the significance of keeping food pantries open and funded, as many students rely on the pantries for essential food and resources.

Carr raises the concern that graduate students have to travel for research, noting that such small stipends make it challenging to travel and develop professional skills.

Odunze mentions that many agenda items pertain to students and that they appreciate the board's references to students within their work.

Rodriguez-Serrano thanks the Board of Regents members and the Chancellor for their time. McNair shares their contact information with the NSA members.

5. NEW BUSINESS

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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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Kelechi Odunze urges the NSA members to learn more about the emergency funds on their respective campuses. Odunze provides an example of emergency fund utilization in that UNLV is working to create a commuter fund to cater to students' transportation needs.

Adjourn at 8:15 A.M.

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DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363

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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