

#### Meeting Minutes - Approved

#### **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

AGENDA July 11, 2025 9:00 AM

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#### **MEMBERS:**

Present Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, Great Basin College, SGA (Chair) Lahana

Pearce, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)

Present | Proxy: Parker Tobin Brianna Mae Malasaga, Truckee Meadows Community College,

SGA (Secretary)

Present | Proxy: Isabelle Hatch Carmina Aglubat, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

Present Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA

**Present** Devan Glensor, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM

**Present Sovereign Hone, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN** 

**Present** Devin Lopez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Present Kelechi Odunze, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN

Present Karla Salas, Western Nevada College, ASWN

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

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#### 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 with 9 members present.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No Public Comment at this time.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on June 12 & 13, 2025.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks if there are any corrections to the minutes. Ratchanya would like to correct [June 13, 2025 minutes] page 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the phrase "U.S. Diversity Fees" should be corrected to "University facilities fees". Chair Rodriguez asks for additional corrections or edits, no additional corrections or edits are mentioned.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks for a motion to correct the minutes. Ratchanya moves to approve the minutes, Kelechi Odunze seconds. Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks Ashley Salisbury and Terina Caserto if they can approve the minutes now that they are corrected, Deputy General Counsel Carrie Parker suggests the motion be to approve the minutes as amended. Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks for a motion to approve the amended minutes. Lahana Pearce moves to approve the minutes as amended, Ratchanya seconds. All members vote in the affirmative and motion passes.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

#### 4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Matt McNair or his designee. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for the higher education system.

Chancellor McNair explains how he and Chair Brooks will be visiting all Nevada institutions to meet with the group of people to discuss anything NSHE related issues related to receiving feedback and help bring awareness to issues in the institutions. He is also open to answering any questions from the NSA Board. Vice Chair Lahana Pearce asked a question about how Chair Brooks and Chancellor McNair are going to bring

students into these listening sessions and keep them engaged in them.

Chancellor McNair says he would want to work with the student governments to be able to figure that out, with possibly food and good advertising.

Parker Tobin asks what Chancellor McNair's plans are to protect NSHE students from federal changes.

Chancellor McNair says they have federal lobbyists tracking those changes closely as well as the Government Affairs. He explains that he understands the changes and how rapidly they are happening, but they have a whole team of people working on them.

Devin Lopez asks if there's anything Chancellor McNair's office is doing to relieve any of the stress that comes from the loan capping for graduate students.

Chancellor McNair is going to bring up this issue to the Presidents in a retreat happening later this month.

Kelechi Odunze says he appreciates Chancellor McNair and Chair Brooks for doing listening sessions for the institutions. He also explains how if they collaborate with CSUN on this, they will get a big turnout from their students.

Chancellor McNair says he appreciates the comment.

Isabelle Hatch asks if the listening sessions are going to be open to the students or only to leadership amongst the NSHE institutions.

Chancellor McNair explains how they haven't gotten too far in planning the number of listening sessions they'll be doing at each institution, but he plans to have one open for all students.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks how the Student Body Presidents will have access to all the information pertaining the listening session's (where they are, what time they're at, etc.).

Chancellor McNair said it is to be determined but Melissa Glen is helping him plan these listening sessions so they will keep in touch with the Student Body Presidents about all the info that there is to come.

Devan Glensor notes that if the caps on loans for graduate students were to happen, that it will impact Nevada's position shortage, she asks if there are proactive solutions that can happen.

Chancellor McNair says this topic will be brought up to the presidents of the different institutions and will try to figure out what to do in terms of next steps.

Kelechi Odunze brings up how ADA compliance is important to keep in mind, and UNLV is working on putting a ramp on their campus to help comply with ADA compliance.

Chancellor McNair says he will put it on the list of things to bring up to the institutional presidents.

Karla Salas asks if the listening sessions will be a consistent thing or a one-time thing.

Chancellor McNair says he would like to do it on a somewhat regular basis and based on the feedback from people who attend them it can determine how consistent it will be.

Parker Tobin brings up looking into tenured professors at not just all NSHE professors, but Parker emphasizes TMCC's.

Chancellor McNair says this item is the top item that will be brought up in the President Retreat happening later this month.

Kelechi Odunze brings up title 9 issues at UNLV from an informal investigation that was brought up by the student and making sure that the Chancellor is aware of this and making sure institutions are following title 9. He also brings up heat relief for institutions, and he has seen students almost faint because of the lack of heat relief. So, he brings up more structuring on the UNLV campus as well as more hydrating spots on campus to help feed the heat relief.

Chancellor McNair says he will bring the issues up to President Heavy about the issues and will add it to the retreat agenda to see if the other campuses have plans on this issue.

Devin Lopez emphasizes Kelechi Odunze's comment based on the UNLV campus.

Chancellor McNair says he will continue to be aware of this issue and talk to the right people to get this matter handled.

#### 5. TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE INFORMATION ONLY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

NSHE 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 requires the Board of Regents to consult with the NSA regarding the appointment of two eligible students members to serve on the fourteen-member task force:

- "...(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..."

Terina Caserto brings this item back to the agenda and give some more information about the task force on power-based violence in higher education. She gives information about when NSA should bring recommendations forward as well as more information on the task force in terms of how often they would meet as well as the process of getting approved and appointed to the task force. She then opens the floor for any questions from the NSA Board.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks if the recommendations have to come from UNR and UNLV or if they are open to all institutions. Terina Caserto says the nominations can come for any NSA member and can receive more than 1 nomination, but the nominee must be a university student.

Vice Chair Lahana Pearce asks if she needs to nominate someone from her institution since last term a student from her institution was nominated already.

Terina Caserto says the recommendation does not need to come from all institutions, but the NSA must come together to think about someone who can be a part of the task force from either UNR or UNLV.

Terina Caserto says if there are any more questions, please email Ashley or herself.

The Task Force currently has a membership vacancy for (6) above, one student who represents a group or organization that focuses on multiculturalism, diversity or advocacy at a university. Terina will discuss the process and timeline of how a recommendation will be made at a future meeting.

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

#### 6. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion with NSA members regarding NSA priorities for the 2025-26 academic year. Discussion may include NSA members sharing ideas and perspectives from their respective campuses. The NSA Members may provide suggestions of NSA goals or priorities.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez says she will facilitate the discussion on what NSA's priorities will be for the 25-26 year and will leave the discussion open to the NSA Board.

Kelechi Odunze brings CSUN to work on heat relief on their campus as well as ADA compliance. He also brings up how UNLV students like to ride scooters on campus and students have been hit by them, so they're trying to put scooter lanes on campus and make it better for the students as well as working on a scooter or bike program at UNLV.

Isabelle Hatch brings up how UNR has a bike/scooter program already so she can refer people for Kelechi to reach out to. She also brings up how the NSA should be bringing up priorities that will help all institutions rather than just one specific institution and putting them into practice using "umbrella terms". Examples of heat relief and ADA Compliance, we could use the umbrella term "campus concerns" or "accessibility". There is affordable housing and food insecurity and coming up with an "umbrella term" for those.

Sovereign Hone brings up how CSN is planning for the next Legislative year and is giving red cards to all their students in different languages. She also brings up how she's working with the executives to implement policies for professors to submit stuff that's required for a class. Finally, CSN's TRIO is up in the air with chances of it going away, so they've been working with Legislators to try to keep TRIO.

Parker Tobin agrees with Sovereign's comments on the TRIO program and would love to help them out in any way they can.

Vice Chair Lahana Pearce brings up how her student government is working on doing semesterly scholarships (one for covering testing fees and one for covering travel expenses for students) as well as putting more utilization on NSU's student ID's by trying to let the ID's give students access to the buildings on campus after a certain time.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez brings up that we should be using umbrella terms to have a more unified voice as well as working with all institutions on their issues as well, such as heat relief, ADA compliance, housing and using "campus concerns" as the umbrella. Chair Jennifer Rodriguez encourages members to email her with any additional umbrella terms to discuss at the next meeting.

Isabelle Hatch brings up some umbrella terms that were brought up already, campus safety like heat relief and conveyance policy, accessibility, financial security, and higher ed collaboration.

Kelechi Odunze says he agrees with the umbrella terms being put into use in this discussion, fiscal responsibility by NSHE, financial assistance for students, and NSHE transparency like fees and Title IX.

Devin Lopez agreed with Kelechi's comment and brought up having more transparency on financial stuff from the NSHE system and having more student civic engagement in a nonpartisan way.

Isabelle Hatch brings more priority to the Board of Regents that goes along with student civic engagement.

Karla Salas agrees with what Isabelle has said and brings up WNC's population is growing along with more concerns so they're trying to be more community based.

Devan Glensor brings up inclusiveness in institutions as an umbrella term/diverse environment.

Isabella Hatch brings up providing help for students to know how to engage at Board of Regents with tabling or social media posts

Kelechi Odunze agrees with Isabelle's point.

Vice Chair Lahana Pearce brings up how it's very important to educate students on the Board of Regents

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks to move on but agrees with everyone's comments and ideas.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

#### 7. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF FEE ASSSESSED <u>INFORMATION ONLY</u> ON TUITION AND FEE PAYMENTS MADE BY CREDIT CARD

NSA Chair will facilitate a discussion regarding the June 12-13, 2025, <u>Board of Regents agenda item number 34</u> concerning a proposal for NSHE institutions to implement a fee assessed on tuition and fee payments made by credit card. NSA members will share information and perceptions of the impact of the proposal. NSA Chair may request members take the discussion back to their respective student governments and bring feedback to NSA at a later date.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez says she wants to facilitate this discussion and wants to give more time to discuss this more.

Kelechi Odunze says he is against the item and will make sure to get students to give public comments against it. Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks for clarity on if the fee would be put on students who use any form of card payment, not just credit cards.

Isabelle Hatch brings up how that is correct, and President Aglubat has provided public comment against it since it is a benefit to the institutions only.

Sovereign says she agrees with the disagreement on this item, and it will not help the students at all.

Karla Salas agrees to write everyone's disagreement on the fee.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez brings up another point aligning with the disagreement on the fee and says it is only a benefit to the institutions.

Devin Lopez agrees with all of the disagreements on this fee and brings up the cap on student loans for graduate students not helping with this matter.

Ratchanya agrees with all of the disagreements on this fee.

Parker Tobin brings up an idea to organize public comment against this item for the next Board of Regents meeting.

Isabelle Hatch brings up how there should be a counter proposal to the Board of Regents.

Vice Chair Lahana Pearce brings up that she agrees with all the discussion that was had and says NSA should be educating their students on this item as well as how to make public comments.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez asks for all NSA members to bring it up to their student governments and come back to the NSA ready to discuss this term and what the respective student governments have said.

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

#### 8. INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTS

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA member Kelechi Odunze, CSUN President, will present information regarding the National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP) and the opportunities that the association provides. NSA members may discuss their individual interest in joining the association through their respective student governments. (*Ref. NSA-8*)

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez leaves this item to Kelechi Odunze to present it.

Kelechi Odunze gives a presentation on this item and gives more context for it as well.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez opens the floor to any questions for Kelechi.

There were no questions asked at this time.

Carrie Parker says the materials will need to be sent to be posted to the NSA website within 24 hours of presenting it.

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

#### 9. MEMBER UPDATES

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Vice Chair Pearce brings up how her student government is working on the Welcome Week Events and brings up a traditional event called "Scorpion Calling" and that is their big event they're working on with the theme being "Scorpion Country". She also explains how they're helping with their New Student Orientations and how the Student Life Department does an Escape Room to spread information about the department.

Parker Tobin brings up how President Brianna Malasaga is working on marketing initiatives to increase student engagement with their student government and their student population at TMCC. Parker also brings up how they've been working on getting their officers in the office and training, so in August they're able to start working on all of their projects planned.

Isabelle Hatch brings up that UNR has been doing their New Student Orientations as well as their Welcome Back Week. Another thing they're working on is their internship program for ASUN.

Ratchanya Dev brings up how the graduate student association has submitted a formal resolution about urgent safety concerns near graduate housing that is under review. GSA is also doing a proposal in support on the \$18 technology fee for graduate students which benefits them for assistantships and will be reaching out to the UNR ASUN student body presidents on this in support. Finally, they're preparing for their retreat to come soon. Devan Glensor prepares to welcome future physicians very soon. They're also working on more open discussion on how they're going to bring graduate students into discussion on debt they're taking in for their education. Also making sure each president of each class stays in communication to make sure nothing gets repeated. Sovereign Hone student government is still handing out red cards and working on welcoming week events for all 3 campuses.

Devin Lopez brings up how a resolution was brought to his student government on a unitization for graduates' students across the state and they agreed in support. They also have been working on revising their constitution for a while. They also just submitted their initial budget for their student government.

Kelechi Odunze has been working on financial support for students in his student government. They also just passed a nonwestern scholarship for students who aren't from the states. They're also in the works of upgrading their commuter funds. They also have a work group to make sure student fees are up to date and are being held accountable. Finally, they're working on their heat relief initiative.

Karla Salas brings up how WNC is getting ready for training and welcoming their new student government team. They're also participating in an annual Reach For The Star's Gala. The student association fee has been approved and is going into full effect to help students create a more functional and welcoming space for students and staff. Also working on their constitution and bylaws to make changes as needed.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez just had a meeting with the vice president of student services and vice president of finances. They're also budgeting out their student government fees to be spent responsibly. They're planning on going to a conference in Washington, D.C. and also splitting finances up to each student organization to make processes smoother to ask for funds. They're also planning their welcome week with goodie bags, barbeque, and a

q's tabling event to bring more students to attend GBC.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

#### 10. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair may provide an update on any projects or tasks she is currently working on that pertain to NSA business.

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez has no update but as soon as NSA gets in the pace of things, there will be more to have as an update.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

#### 11. 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.*).

Chair Jennifer Rodriguez requests to have an item to create a stance for the Board of Regents about the Credit Card Fee item based on the Student Governments' feedback.

Kelechi Odunze wants to have a stance made on ADA compliance for NSHE institutions.

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Ratchanya Dev: Myself, and the Vice Provost of Graduate Education and Graduate School Dean Dr.Marcus we are working on a possible fee proposal to ingrate existing \$18 per credit fee which is technology fee to add it out of tuition so a student taking 9 credits per semester will be charged 167 dollars. So that is being added to the tuition and fees for graduates' students which will be covered through assistantships and for undergraduates'

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#### The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

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UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
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## The National Association of Student Government Presidents Final Proposal

#### **Mission Statement:**

The National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP) is committed to uniting student government leaders across institutions of higher education throughout the United States of America. Our mission is to foster collaboration, growth and leadership among student government presidents, empowering them to represent their student bodies with determination and support. NASGP seeks to amplify the student voice in higher education policy and decision-making processes, facilitate cross-campus collaboration to address common challenges and share solutions, advocate for student rights and interests at the institutional, state and national level, and seeks to develop independent, ethical and influential student leaders.

#### Membership:

**Current Student Government Presidents:** All students currently serving as their college or university's student government president are eligible to be members as they serve in the role this organization is set to uplift and serve.

**Former Student Government Presidents:** All students and/or former students who have served as a student government president may also become a member as they previously served in the role this organization is set to serve.

**Purpose:** By including both current and former student government presidents, NASGP offers its members institutional knowledge and mentorship. In addition, former presidents can enhance leadership and bring diverse experiences to bring innovative solutions and further our advocacy efforts.

#### **Expressed Interest:**

Bemidji State University (Minnesota), Brandeis University (Massachusetts), Butler University (Indiana), Centre College (Kentucky), Chapman University (California), Dartmouth College (New Hampshire), Davidson College (North Carolina), DeSales University (Pennsylvania), Dominican University New York (New York), Eastern Kentucky University (Kentucky), Florida Institute of Technology (Florida), Golden Gate University (California), Gonzaga University (Washington), Gwynedd Mercy University (Pennsylvania), High Point University (North Carolina), Indiana State University (Indiana), John Carroll University (Ohio), Lawrence Technical College (Michigan), Messiah University (Pennsylvania), Monmouth University (New Jersey), North Idaho College (Idaho), Pennsylvania State University (Pennsylvania), Point Park University (Pennsylvania), Saint Xavier University (Illinois), Santa Fe College (Florida), Shepherd University (West Virginia), Stevenson University (Maryland), SUNY Geneseo (New York), Towson University (Maryland), University of Alaska at Anchorage (Alaska), University of Arizona (Arizona), University of Bridgeport (Connecticut), University of California at Berkeley (California), University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Louisiana), University of Michigan (Michigan), University of Minnesota at Duluth (Minnesota), University of Montevallo (Alabama), University of Nebraska at Omaha (Nebraska), University of Nevada at Las Vegas (Nevada), University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), University of South Alabama (Alabama), University of West Georgia (Georgia), Wake Forest University (North Carolina), Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri), West Chester University (Pennsylvania), Whitman University (Washington), Wichita State University (Kansas), Winthrop University (South Carolina)

#### Leadership Structure:

President: The President serves as the chief executive officer of NASGP and shall provide over Executive Board and general meetings, oversee major events and advocacy campaigns, and guide NASGP's strategic direction. The President shall serve for one year, with the possibility of reelection for a second. No person shall hold the office of President for more than two years. The President shall be elected by a simple majority vote by general members. In the event of a vacancy, the Vice President of Internal Operations shall serve as acting President until a special election is held. The President shall appoint all Vice Presidents.

Vice President of Internal Operations: This Vice President oversees the internal operations and day-to-day management of NASGP. This person shall coordinate and organize meetings, agendas, and official communications with members.

**Vice President of External Operations:** This Vice President shall serve as NASGP's liaison to the media, government and public. This person shall lead coalition-building efforts and develop external partners.

Vice President of Membership & Outreach: This Vice President shall lead member recruitment, engagement and retention efforts, and organize community building initiatives.

Vice President of Policy & Advocacy: This Vice President shall lead policy strategy and government relations at the local, state and federal level and coordinate advocacy campaigns.

**Attorney General:** The Attorney General shall oversee all elections, ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct as well as compliance with procedural accuracy and professionalism.

**Executive Board:** The Executive Board is established to ensure NASGP is efficiently managed and coordinated. NASGP's success and effectiveness is dependent upon the idea that every student government president's voice holds equal weight and value, no matter their institution or student body size. The Executive Board is not granted any additional powers than those given to general members. Any member of the Executive Board may be impeached and removed from their office by a two-thirds vote of the general members for egregious misconduct and/or dereliction of duty.

#### Meetings:

Regular Meetings: Regular meetings should be held monthly and are encouraged but optional for all members. Those present are free to present issues on their campus, recent initiatives or projects, or anything else pertaining to their role they would like advice/feedback on, assistance with, etc. The informality of these meetings is intentional and allows for deeper discussion, policy-oriented debate and solution proposals. Meetings will typically open with introductions of every member present, Executive Board reports, and then move alphabetically through the members present by institution to allow for equal voice. The President shall serve as the presiding officer of the regular meetings to guide discussion. The Vice President of Internal Operations and the Vice President of Membership & Outreach will distribute a newsletter sharing information shared on the meeting to members and create a separate one for potential new members to bolster recruitment efforts.

As NASGP gets established, it would be ideal for former presidents to hold meetings on specific items or events/initiatives they saw as a success or failure and why. Any member interested would be encouraged to attend. These would also be informal, but there to provide idea inspiration, guidance and feedback.

#### **NASGP Resources:**

**Project Brief:** As NASGP forms, one of the most influential principles of the organization is idea and event sharing. Sharing best practices and successful initiatives can help all members improve and make their student government more active. Within NASGP's Toolkit is a Project Brief, where all members can document an executive summary, description, timeline, campus staff to contact, etc. This provides critical details and planning assistance to other presidents who want to replicate or form their own similar event at their campuses.

**Resolution Repository:** Also, within the NASGP Toolkit will be a page where student government who pass resolutions can post them, to allow other presidents to see what other institutions are working on and what issues they are working to combat. For schools that do not have resolutions, this could also serve as a template for them to begin writing resolutions of their own, enhancing their role as student leaders and ensuring student voices are heard.

All communications, group chats and resources will be found on NASGP's Flare page. Link will be sent upon membership submission.



### Bylaws of the National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP)

#### <u>Article I – Membership Procedures:</u>

**Section I – Eligibility Verification:** Each potential new member seeking membership must verify they are a duly elected student government president. This may include a signed letter from the club advisor, social media or website confirmation or another form of authentic verification.

**Section II – Designees & Proxies:** If the student government president cannot attend a meeting or vote, they may designate a representative from their government to serve as a proxy voter for that meeting. Presidents must inform the Vice President of Internal Operations of any designated proxy voters before the start of the meeting.

**Section III – Term of Membership:** Membership is valid for the duration of the individual's term as their institution's student government president. Upon completion of their term, membership automatically transfers to the newly elected president.

#### <u>Article II – Membership Procedures:</u>

**Section I – Quorum:** A quorum shall consist of at least ½ plus one of the total eligible members of the General Assembly.

**Section II – Agenda Distribution:** Meeting agendas must be distributed to members at least five days prior to a scheduled General Assembly meeting. Emergency agendas must be distributed with as much advance notice as possible.

**Section III – Speaking Rules:** Debate shall follow a structured order:

- a) Author(s) presents the motion or resolution and granted two minutes.
  - b) For and against speakers alternate, are granted one minute each.
    - c) The President may cap debate at any time.
      - d) Final vote called after debate closes.

#### **Article III – Elections:**

- **Section I Election Timeline:** Candidates for President must declare their candidacy by May 18<sup>th</sup>, two weeks before the annual election on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Candidates may campaign after they declare their candidacy up until midnight on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The election will open at 12:01am on June 1<sup>st</sup> and close at 11:59pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the new President shall be sworn in.
- **Section II Candidate Eligibility:** All candidates for NASGP President must be an incumbent or incoming student government president for the upcoming academic year. In addition, all candidates must have participated in at least one prior General Assembly meeting and be in good standing with NASGP.
- **Section III Oversight:** The Attorney General shall oversee all elections, certify eligibility and verify results. The Attorney General may not endorse or campaign for any candidate but may vote as the representative of their institution.

#### Article IV – Duties of the Executive Board:

- **Section I Responsibilities:** All members of the Executive Board shall attend the bi-weekly Executive Board meetings, submit monthly progress reports to the General Assembly and maintain open communication with members.
- **Section II Transitions:** Outgoing officers must submit a transition memo to the incoming officer within two weeks of their term's end. The transition memo shall include but is not limited to a summary of initiatives, unfinished tasks and advice for successors.

#### Article V – Committee Operations:

- **Section I Membership:** All members are eligible to serve on committees. Chairs must be current Executive Board members in accordance with the Constitution.
  - **Section II Meetings & Reports:** Committees must meet at least once per month, maintain minutes and attendance and submit monthly reports to the Executive Board.
- **Section III Ad Hoc Committees:** Ad hoc committees may be created by a majority vote of the Executive Board for special tasks or time-limited initiatives.

#### <u>Article VI – Discipline & Conflict Resolution:</u>

**Section I – Violations:** Potential violations of the Constitution, Bylaws or Code of Conduct may be reported to the Attorney General.

**Section II – Procedure:** After an initial review by the Attorney General, an Ad Hoc Hearing Committee may be formed and accused members have the right to respond. Sanctions may include warning, suspension or removal, subject to the vote of the General Assembly.

#### <u>Article VII – Amendments to Bylaws:</u>

- **Section I Proposal:** Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Executive Board or a petition signed by at least 20% of the General Assembly.
  - **Section II Ratification:** To be adopted, amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.
- **Section III Review Cycle:** The Executive Board shall review these bylaws every two years and propose revisions they see as necessary.

#### **Article VIII – Interpretation & Authority:**

These Bylaws are subordinate to the Constitution of NASGP. In the event of a conflict between the two, the Constitution shall govern. The Attorney General shall have the final authority in interpreting these Bylaws, subject to appeal by the General Assembly.



#### Code of Conduct of the National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP)

#### Preamble:

The National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP) exists to foster collaboration, amplify student voices and lead positive change in higher education. As members, we are accountable to one another and the diverse student bodies we have the honor of representing. This Code of Conduct, which all members are required to review and sign, ensures all members act with integrity, respect and a shared commitment to NASGP's mission.

#### **Article I – General Expectations**

All members of NASGP shall:

- a) Act with integrity by upholding the values of honesty, transparency and ethical leadership in all interactions, activities and deliberations.
- b) Promote inclusion and equity by treating everyone with decency and respect, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, political belief or institutional affiliation.
- c) Maintain professionalism by demonstrating respect in speech, behavior, attire and online presence during NASGP meetings, events and communications.
- d) Represent institutions by speaking and acting on behalf of their student government and student body, not in personal or partisan belief or affiliation.
  - e) Respect and uphold the democratic process by accepting the outcomes of votes and respecting the rights of all members to express differing views in a civilized manner.

#### Article II – Meeting Conduct

All members of NASGP shall:

- a) Attend meetings regularly and participate in discussions and decision-making.
- b) Refrain from disrupting meetings, dominating discussions or using disrespectful language.
  - c) Follow the parliamentary and agreed-upon procedures for debate, motions and voting.

d) Yield the floor when called upon by the presiding officer.

#### Article III - Conflicts of Interest

All members of NASGP shall:

- a) Disclose any potential or actual conflicts of interest when participating in deliberations that may benefit them or their institution personally beyond the general interest of the student body.
  - b) Recuse themselves from votes or discussions where such a conflict has occurred.

#### Article IV - Anti-Harassment & Discrimination

All members of NASGP shall abide by the strict zero-tolerance policy against:

- a) Harassment, bullying, intimidation or threats of any kind, in-person or virtual.
  - b) Discrimination based on identity, beliefs or background.
  - c) Retaliation against members who report potential misconduct.

All allegations shall be investigated confidentially and fairly by the Attorney General or a designated committee.

#### Article V - Digital Conduct

All members of NASGP shall:

- a) Avoid posting inappropriate, harmful or unauthorized content online and on social media.
- b) Avoid using NASGP's name or branding to advance personal, political or institutional agendas not approved by the General Assembly or Executive Board.
  - c) Maintain secure access to NASGP communications and respect others' privacy.

#### Article VI - Violations & Accountability

Any member may report a violation of this Code of Conduct to the Attorney General, who shall launch a preliminary investigation. Minor violations may result in a warning or remediation. Major violations will be referred to the Executive Board for formal review, where potential outcomes include but are not limited to verbal or written warning, temporary suspension, removal of leadership position, or expulsion from NASGP, which requires a two-thirds vote in the General Assembly.

#### Article VII - Acknowledgement of Code

All potential new members must sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understood and agreed to abide by this Code prior to active membership in NASGP. The Attorney General shall maintain records of signed acknowledgements.



## Constitution of the National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP)

#### Preamble

We, the student government presidents at institutions of higher education in the United States of America, aware of our collective duty to represent and serve the needs of our respective student bodies, do hereby establish the National Association of Student Government Presidents (NASGP). The mission and purpose of the Association is to unite student government leaders, enable cross-campus collaboration, advocate for student rights, and build positive and lasting change for students in higher education.

#### Article I - Name

The name of this Association shall be the National Association of Student Government Presidents, hereafter referred to as the "Association" or "NASGP."

#### **Article II – Mission**

The Association is committed to fostering leadership, collaboration and growth among the nation's student government presidents. NASGP provides collective leadership and action, amplifies student voice in higher education, and empowers student government to work together to deliver positive and lasting change at their respective institutions.

#### <u>Article III – Membership</u>

**Section I - Eligibility:** Membership in NASGP is open to all duly elected, incumbent student government presidents at the nation's accredited institutions of higher education in the United States.

**Section II – Member Rights:** Each institution shall be entitled to one vote in the General Assembly and that vote shall be vested in the institution's student government president. Members

of the Executive Board, representing their respective institutions may vote in the General Assembly. No officer shall possess veto power over any resolution or action of the General Assembly. All members shall be granted equal access to NASGP initiatives, resources and events.

**Section III – Member Responsibilities:** Members are responsible for representing their institution's student governments and broader student bodies within NASGP. Members must adhere to the NASGP Code of Conduct, including pillars of respect, inclusion, collaboration and professionalism.

#### Article IV – Leadership Structure

**Section I – Executive Board:** The Executive Board shall provide strategic leadership, policy direction and coordination for the Association. It includes the following officers:

**President:** The President serves as the chief executive officer of NASGP and shall preside over the Executive Board and General Assembly meetings, oversee major events and advocacy campaigns. The President has one vote in the General Assembly as the representative of their institution but holds no veto power. The President shall serve for one year, with the possibility of re-election for a second. No person shall hold the office of President for more than two years. The President shall be elected by a simple majority vote in the General Assembly. In the event of a vacancy, the Vice President of Internal Operations shall serve as Acting President until a special election is held.

Vice President of Internal Operations: The Vice President of Internal Affairs oversees the internal operations and day-to-day management of NASGP. This Vice President shall coordinate and organize meetings, agendas and official communications to members. The Vice President of Internal Operations shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

Vice President of External Operations: The Vice President of External Operations shall serve as NASGP's liaison to the media, government and public. This Vice President shall lead coalition-building efforts and develop external partners. The Vice President of External Operations shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

Vice President of Membership & Outreach: The Vice President of Membership & Outreach shall lead member recruitment, engagement and retention efforts and organize community building initiatives. The Vice President of Membership & Outreach shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

Vice President of Policy & Advocacy: The Vice President of Policy & Advocacy shall lead policy strategy and government relations at the local, state and federal level and coordinate advocacy campaigns on behalf of the Association. The Vice President of Policy & Advocacy shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the General Assembly.

**Attorney General:** The Attorney General shall be the chief officer of this Constitution and shall interpret it, oversee all elections and ensure procedural accuracy and compliance. The Attorney General shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the General Assembly.

**Section II – Impeachment & Removal:** Any member of the Executive Board may be impeached and removed from their office by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly for violations of this Constitution, egregious misconduct or dereliction of duty.

#### <u>Article V – Meetings</u>

**Section I – Regular Meetings:** NASGP shall hold monthly meetings of the General Assembly to discuss initiatives, share ideas, address concerns and vote on any resolutions and/or actions. The Executive Board shall meet bi-weekly in addition to monthly meetings.

**Section II – Emergency Meetings:** Emergency meetings may only be convened by the President, a majority vote of the Executive Board or majority vote of the General Assembly.

**Section III – Voting:** All voting shall be overseen by the Attorney General and conducted via a secure online voting database. All vote results and verification must be shared with the full Assembly. Unless otherwise stated, a simple majority of present voting members are required to pass motions.

#### Article VI – Committees

**Section I – Standing Committees:** NASGP shall maintain the following committees:

Legislative Affairs Committee: This committee shall monitor, propose and develop the stances of NASGP on local, state and federal legislation relating to higher education and the student experience. The Vice President of Policy & Advocacy shall oversee this committee.

Membership and Outreach Committee: This committee shall recruit new members, promote the Association's membership and facilitate regular engagement among NASGP members. The Vice President of Membership & Outreach shall oversee this committee.

Public Relations Committee: This committee shall manage NASGP's public image, media relations, digital presence and manage social media and online engagement. The committee should focus on branding and marketing, as well as expanding the reach and influence of NASGP. The Vice President of External Affairs shall oversee this committee.

Additional ad-hoc committees may be created by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

#### Article VII - Code of Conduct

**Section I – Requirement:** All potential new members shall review and sign the NASGP Code of Conduct prior to assuming membership.

#### <u>Article VIII – Resolutions & Amendments</u>

**Section I – Resolutions:** Individual members and committees may propose formal resolutions for policy opinion, organizational direction or advocating for change. Resolutions must be reviewed by the Executive Board and any relevant committee(s) for suggestions. After this input and author revisions, the General Assembly shall vote on its adoption, a simple majority is required for non-binding resolutions.

**Section II – Amendments:** Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board or a petition signed by one-third of the General Assembly. Proposed amendments must be distributed to all members one week before a vote. To be enacted, the Constitutional Amendment must have the support of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the General Assembly. Amendments to resolutions can be introduced by any member and must receive a simple majority vote from the General Assembly to be added to the resolution.

#### **Article IX – Dissolution**

**Section I – Authority to Dissolve:** The Association may be dissolved upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and the affirmative votes of 2/3 of members of the General Assembly.

**Section II – Asset Distribution:** Upon dissolution of NASGP, all assets remaining shall be transferred to a nonprofit organization with similar goals and missions supporting student leadership, civic engagement or improving the student experience in higher education.

**Section III – Inurement Clause:** No assets shall be transferred to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, officers or other private individuals.

#### Article X - Ratification

**Section I – Ratification:** This Constitution shall take effect upon ratification by two-thirds of the founding General Assembly.



## The National Association of Student Government Presidents Resolution Repository

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Resolution Repository is to provide a space for student government presidents to post resolutions passed by their Senate/student government. Include a brief summary on why this was decided to be an issue worth taking up via resolution, the final vote and what you hope the outcome is or what the outcome was. Not only does this provide possible solutions to problems experienced on campuses, but it could provide a template for resolutions for student governments that do not have one. This allows them to further their voice and increase their power as student governments.

#### **Executive Summary:**

The executive summary shall be one to two paragraphs giving an overview of how the issue that is the topic of the resolution came to be, some of the solutions you identified, the final vote on the resolution, whether or not you signed it and why (if you have that power) and the response from the university/students has been.

#### **Resolution:**

Please attach a copy of your resolution alongside the executive summary.



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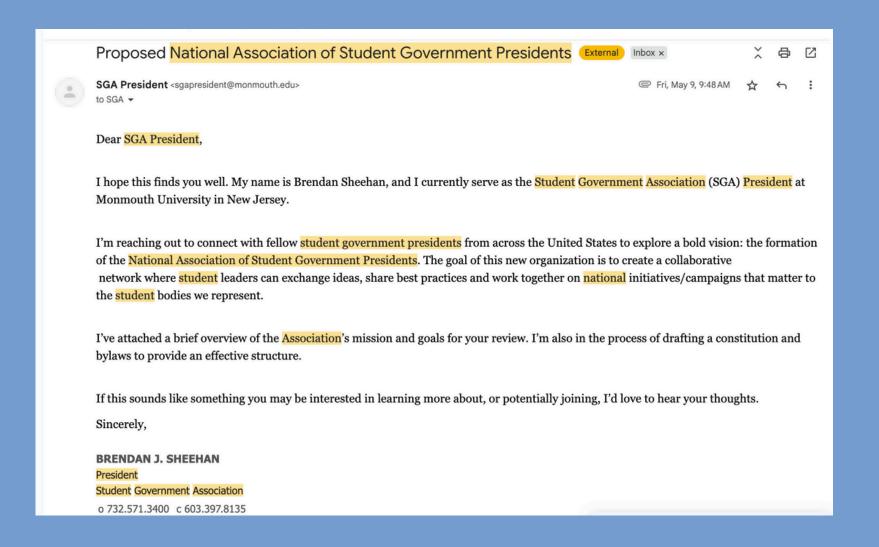
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- Create a democratic and effective leadership structure with designated roles to increase efficiency and produce meaningful results.
- Draft a constitution and membership agreement form to guide the Association's operations and ensure transparency and structure in decision-making.
- Create a shared online space for ongoing communication, idea/solution sharing and document management.
- Keep members and broader student leaders informed about the Association's initiatives, progress and events/campaigns through a newsletter sent regularly.
- Organize, if needed, national days of action where student governments across the country raise awareness and take coordinated action on a certain issue or cause.
- Set up a recognition program to highlight outstanding student leaders and the impact they have had on the students they represent.

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# Final proposal

- After meeting with SGA Presidents
- Bylaws
- Constitution
- Code of Conduct



## Interest

Bemidji State University (Minnesota), Brandeis University (Massachusetts), Butler University (Indiana), Chapman University (California), Dartmouth College (New Hampshire), Davidson College (North Carolina), Florida Institute of Technology (Florida), Golden Gate University (California), High Point University (North Carolina), Indiana State University (Indiana), John Carroll University (Ohio), Lawrence Technical University (Michigan), Monmouth University (New Jersey), North Idaho College (Idaho), Pennsylvania State University (Pennsylvania), Point Park University (Pennsylvania), Saint Xavier University (Illinois), Santa Fe College (Florida), Stevenson University (Maryland), SUNY Geneseo (New York), University of Bridgeport (Connecticut), University of Louisiana Lafayette (Louisiana), University of Michigan (Michigan), University of Minnesota - Duluth (Minnesota), University of Montevallo (Alabama), University of Nebraska - Omaha (Nebraska), University of Nevada - Las Vegas (Nevada), University of South Alabama (Alabama), University of West Georgia (Georgia), Wake Forest University (North Carolina), Washington University St. Louis (Missouri), West Chester University (Pennsylvania), Whitman University (Washington)

## Involvement

- Nothing is mandatory.
- Flare and quick Form confirming your membership in NASGP.
- No cost, no strings attached and no commitment requirement.
- This organization is to share best practices, events, ideas and reach out for help or support when we need it.
- Serve as an informal meeting and idea-sharing platform with students in the exact same position as you across the U.S.

# Next steps?