



Meeting Minutes – Approved as Amended 12/04/2025

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
November 14, 2025
9:00 AM

Via Video-Teleconference

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MEMBERS:

Absent//Tardy | Entered at 9:15 A.M. Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, Great Basin College, SGA (Chair)
Present Lahana Pearce, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)
Present Brianna Mae Malasaga, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Secretary)
Present 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

GUESTS:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Ashley Salisbury, NSHE
Carrie Parker NSHE
Matt McNair, NSHE

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Call to Order: 9:00 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 with 9 members present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the [minutes](#) for the NSA meeting held on October 10, 2025.

Motion for approval of the NSA minutes on October 10, 2025, by Vice Chair Pearce.

Vote is taken.

Motion passes unanimously.

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 mentions the fee increase and updates from the task force working on it. He mentions the differences in the fee increase between community colleges and universities and clarifies some points about the policy.

Odunze asks about Chancellor McNair's role in the special legislature, specifically related to asking legislators about supporting entry institutions, the budget, and funding. Odunze asks Chancellor McNair to expand on his plan moving forward.

Chancellor McNair states that he had started working on this at the end of May. Chancellor McNair describes that NSHE has held budget hearings on each of the campuses to hear from the Presidents about the priorities for each campus, which has been reflected in this planning. McNair states that he has also been meeting with governors and legislative fiscal teams to ensure that they are aware of these priorities. He shares several priorities with the NSA, including economic diversification.

Glensor asks what the continued conversation around tuition or fee increases looks like for the medical schools and graduate-level students.

Chancellor McNair answers that those groups will likely not be affected by this, and that if Nevada got any higher, they wouldn't be as competitive. McNair asks if anyone on the committee can confirm this.

Lopez confirms that, on the UNLV side, all of the professional schools, dental, medicine, and law, are all on separate tuitions.

Lopez asks about the possibility of bringing internships to UNLV or Southern Nevada higher education students.

Chancellor McNair states that, to his understanding, this will happen, and that both campuses were in favor of the bill.

Chancellor McNair urges the NSA members to share information regarding the clarification of the fee increase with their fellow peers and report back with concerns or comments.

5. UPDATE ON AD HOC COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND BOARD ACTION ON FEE INCREASES

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair will ask NSA members Devin Lopez and Sovereign Hone to provide updates including a discussion from the ad hoc Committee to Recommend Board Action on Fee Increases. The Chair may ask for any general comments or feedback from the NSA members for Lopez and Hone to take back to the committee.

Lopez provides a brief overview of the most recent revision of the proposal, including the tuition schedule broken down by individual institutions. These also include groupings within undergraduate versus graduate and in-state versus out-of-state tuition. Lopez explains that the values are adjusted for R1 institutions versus two-year institutions. Lopez further notes that there is no change to the access funds set aside.

Hone describes how the proposals for the lower and upper divisions of two-year schools differ. Specifically, for lower-division community colleges, the proposed increases are 2, 3, and 4 percent; for upper-division community colleges, they are 3, 4, and 5. Hone explains

the significance of this: many might have been under the impression that community colleges wouldn't have to match the same percentage increases as four-year institutions, but depending on which division a community college is under, they would be required to match four-year increase percentages.

Lopez adds that he has had early conversations with UNLV's graduate college about what this would mean for tuition waivers, given that the state almost entirely supports tuition waivers alongside stipends. Lopez urges that UNR's leadership speak to the dean of their graduate college about the impacts on GA lines.

Odunze asks Lopez to clarify the access proportionment to the budgets for the institutions.

Lopez states that R1 institutions set aside 15% of tuition for access funds and scholarships, and that two-year institutions set aside 10%. Furthermore, tuition would be increased for students who can afford it, and students with the greatest financial need would still be able to get support through access scholarships. This means there would be no change to the actual access policy, but little to no impact on student burden.

6. DISCUSSION ON NSA PRIORITY, MAKING CAMPUSES INFORMATION ONLY STUDENT CENTERED

NSA Chair will ask NSA members to provide an update regarding their respective campuses' plans for food drives in relation to current issues with SNAP benefits and food insecurities during the government shutdown.

Vice Chair Pearce asks NSA members to discuss what they are doing on their campuses to address food insecurity.

Vice Chair Pearce mentions that Three Square has been coming to NSU to do food distribution drives. They are also hosting club food drives, where clubs can donate food for two to three weeks. In addition, their food pantry has received 2,000 items.

Secretary Malasaga describes that TMCC has opened three new food pantry locations on all of its campuses, and has been trying to put more efforts into the food pantries. In addition, many departments on campus are hosting Thanksgiving-themed food giveaways, and many clubs are hosting their own food drives to donate to the food pantries.

Aglubat states that UNR ASUN has a food insecurity panel of people who try to solve food insecurity issues and gather as much data as possible. Aglubat mentions that many volunteer and donation efforts have been made to local food banks, and internally, ASUN has coordinated logistics with local farming initiatives with which they directly work. ASUN received a surplus of food donations, which was helpful toward their food pantry.

Chair Rodriguez-Serrano entered at 9:29 A.M.

Chinnappan states that UNR's GSA has been taking a student-centered, information-focused approach to support graduate students. Graduate students are able to access discounted meal

options, which offers a affordable dining resource. In addition, they are hosting their GSA Breakfast, where graduate students receive free breakfast, connect with peers, and learn about available support resources. Lastly, they are promoting their PAC provisions food pantry, community food banks, emergency meal assistance, and other graduate student financial business resources.

Glensor states that with the medical students, more and more individuals have become food insecure during this time. Glensor describes that UNR ASUNSOM's wellness den has been stocked with grocery store items compared to its usual snacks or coffee. Furthermore, they have partnered with their in-house wellness committee to ensure that events exist to plan meals or medical students at times of need. In addition, there are soup kitchen-like days of the week where medical students can get free meals in the middle of the day. Many festive meal preparations are occurring as well.

Hone states that \$2,500 has been allocated to the campus to provide food for students during both Thanksgiving and Christmas. CSN's food pantries have also been changing schedules to cater to students' needs.

Lopez states that UNLV's food pantries are smoothly running, but notes that GAs have been struggling with the stipend increases, noting that the stipend increases moved most of them outside of the poverty line for SNAP benefits or other food assistance programs. Lopez states that he is hoping to find a way to supplement any shortcomings in this area.

Odunze states that UNLV CSUN has drafted legislation and is awaiting it to be heard by the committee for review. There is a \$25,000 emergency sponsorship for UNLV's food pantry, and CSUN officers have been volunteering there. A Three Square drive was also hosted, and Attorney General Ford visited and donated food to the food pantry.

Salas states that ASWN is currently collaborating with WNC's Foundation System and Healthy Campus committee to host a holiday food drive. WNC's food pantry has also received generous donations for the holiday season. The food pantry is gaining more traction and more students are using it as a resource.

Chair Rodriguez-Serrano states that food pantries are available across all campuses, and that there has been a spike in students using it in the past few weeks. GBC SGA has officially claimed and sponsored all the food pantries.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Vice Chair Pearce shares that NSU NSSA is hosting a food drive for clubs and organizations, as well as an open house. NSSA has also approved their stances on all their fee increases. They also hosted Scorpion Smart Start, where resources and events were available for students.

Secretary Malasaga describes several events that TMCC's SGA has hosted, including a

blood drive, pottery event, Pizza with the Presidents, and an SGA feedback forum. TMCC's SGA has also conducted a survey and passed a resolution on the approval of a \$1 increase per credit to the Student Government fee.

Secretary Malasaga exited at 9:34 A.M.

Aglubat states that UNR ASUN has wrapped up their homecoming week, participated in the Nevada Day Parade, and hosted many casual talks with administrators and officers. Feedback and concerns from students were heard and information was distributed amongst ASUN officers.

Hone states that ASCSN will attend the Empty Bowls Event at Silverado High School and that they have hosted three forums. They have also sent a survey to students about fee increases underway and hosted a trunk-or-treat event.

Glensor exited at 9:40 A.M.

Chinnappan states that UNR's GSA has advanced several key initiatives to support the graduate student community. Many collaborations have occurred with other departments and organizations throughout the campus.

At 10:01 A.M., the meeting was interrupted by unauthorized participants who gained access to the platform. A report was sent to Zoom for the interruption.

Chinnappan continues, stating that many judges and special guests appeared at the Fall Graduate Poster Symposium, hosted by the GSA Awards Committee. In addition, the Deans of the Colleges of Business and Engineering expressed clear support to increase stipends within their colleges, and the GSA council also passed a resolution opposing the proposed card payment convenience fees.

Lopez states that he has been sitting on many committees, particularly one that has been developed by the graduate college to develop a policy on GA grievances. He has also been developing standardized GA evaluation forms as part of this committee. Lastly, Lopez has been doing work within a tuition increase committee and updating fellow leaders on any new information.

Odunze expresses his excitement for hosting the NSA mixer in December and states that CSUN is working to beautify some of the buildings on campus. They are also collaborating with UNLV's GPSA to create diversity banners to highlight their diverse student body. Many elected officials have been hosted within the institution, and CSUN also hosted the Nevada Association of Student Councils.

Salas states that WNC ASWN had a breast cancer awareness event, a Halloween event, an escape room, and a Veteran's Day celebration. WNC also participated in the Nevada Day parade and held a student forum on the proposed fees where valuable student feedback was collected. Lastly, ASWN will be collaborating with the WNC Health Foundation and the Healthy Campus Committee for a holiday food drive and food bags.

8. 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 Rodriguez-Serrano states that she has clarified information about GBC's fee increases and mentions an increase in a technology fee throughout GBC. Chair Rodriguez-Serrano also describes lab fee increases and career technical education classes. GBC's SGA is also formalizing its new budget and hosting a Friendsgiving event.

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.*).

Lopez mentions an agenda item regarding the presence of firearms on NSHE campuses on the security committee.

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No public comment.

Adjourn: 10:19 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

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