



Meeting Minutes – Pending Approval

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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February 13, 2026
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

- P Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, Great Basin College, SGA (Chair)**
- P Lahana Pearce, Nevada State University, NSSA (Vice Chair)**
- A/E Brianna Mae Malasaga, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Secretary)**
- P Carmina Aglubat, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN**
- P Ratchanya Dev Chinnappan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**
- P Devan Glensor, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUNSOM**
- P Sovereign Hone, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**
- P Devin Lopez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**
- P Kelechi Odunze, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**
- P Karla Salas, Western Nevada College, ASWN**
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

Guests:

- Ashley Salisbury, NSHE**
- Alejandro Rodriguez, NSHE**
- Calvin Cowan**
- Matt McNair, NSHE**
- Carrie Parker, NSHE**

Call to order 9:01am

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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.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Quorum established

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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Estimated Time: 5 minutes

No voice or written public comment; no public comment in person

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on [January 09, 2025](#).

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

Motion: Devin Lopez

2nd: Karla Salas

Motion passes

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. Topics of discussion may include the fee increase proposal that the Board of Regents passed at its January meeting and its impact on students and/or programs.

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

Chancellor McNair gives his brief update that he and Alejandro have been meeting with different Assembly members and Senators to get ready for the next Legislative session. They have been working with an outside consultant to come up with a formula that works with everybody. He then opens the floor for any questions that NSA members may have.

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano asks questions about what the preparation looks like for the next legislative session.

Chancellor McNair explained that outreach efforts are ongoing; meetings with legislators are being scheduled, and discussions are centered around funding stability and student impact.

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano asks are there any policies that NSHE is hoping to change or review during the legislative session

Alejandro explains that they're trying to get to the baseline of enrollment and expanding FAFSA completion rates. They were told to not touch on budget pieces. There can possibly be committee bills that will be heard in this next session. They will also be discussing graduation rates as well as fee waivers.

Vice Chair Pearce asks how NSHE is going to educate students on what HEPI is. She mentions that not many students knew what HEPI was, so she was asking for transparency on this.

Chancellor McNair says he'll refer to the institutional Presidents on communication with students and faculty so it's efficient communication.

President Odunze asks how the financial aid and scholarships campaigning conversations with the presidents is going and if NSA can help in any way.

Chancellor McNair says he will talk to the institutional Presidents and encourages all student body presidents to reach out to them as well to see what they can do to help.

President Lopez mentions that the school of medicine told him that the federal department of education requested 100% of the demographic enrollment data since the founding of UNLV. He heard of this from their faculty advisor who is a part of the Dental School at UNLV. He continues to ask Chancellor McNair and Alejandro if they have heard about this and if it is enforced in all institutions.

Chancellor McNair and Alejandro don't know anything about this, so Chancellor McNair said he will reach out to the President of UNLV, Chris Heavy, to get more information about this.

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano asks how NSHE being equitable for all colleges in Nevada (community and universities) when planning a budget to present to the governor.

Chancellor McNair says that the outside consultant is helping them put together the formula to make sure that all campuses will be willing to support since all campuses have different needs. Once the formula is put together, he will then move forward to getting the institutional presidents on board with it as well as the governor's office, and other governing bodies across all institutions.

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano asks a follow up question on what the timeline looks like for the rest of this year.

Chancellor McNair referred to Alejandro. He said the CFO of NSHE will start the conversations with legislative council and will have presentations at the March Board of Regents meeting and go through the timeline of the budget process. The funding formula is a work in progress so it will be inserted at various points.

President Aglubat asks for clarity on triality policies that are in conversations and works right now as well as defining what qualifies as not directly in the universities compared to involving them.

Chancellor McNair explains how the idea is to have institutions not take stances on political decisions and promote free speech for all institutions. He explains that if a university binded a decision that a department didn't agree with, people in that department may feel scared to voice their opinion for the opposite. He brings up in terms of defining the core decisions on when or when not to involve universities, that there will always be questions in a gray area, but some of them will be on a case-by-case basis. They have a draft that was sent to the presidents on these policies and will receive feedback from all respected groups, and once they get to a consensus, they will share it to NSA and faculty chairs and presidents and will receive feedback. Then bring it to the June Board of Regents meeting for information only.

President Odunze asks about ADA oversight on the NSHE level and that someone was going to talk to Chancellor McNair about this. President Odunze is asking for an update in oversight in the NSHE level in terms of ADA.

Chancellor McNair has talked to the presidents about this issue, and they are aware that this is a need and it depends on the budget for ADA implements on campus. So, it determines when the campuses have money to do this. He will make sure to ask the presidents again about this.

President Aglubat asks would the President of University of Nevada Reno taking a stance on the Docu Pack be an example of the triality policy.

Chancellor McNair says the president had to take a stance on the program the university was offering. One of the reasons the program was renamed was because it can be available to all students and it wasn't specifically targeting undocumented students. He said it was more of a clarity on who was being served rather than taking a position on it.

Chancellor McNair and President Hone start conversing about President Hone's trip to Washington D.C.

There were no further questions.

5. DISCUSSION ON CAMPUS VOTER OUTREACH

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair will ask NSA members to present updates regarding voter engagement and mobilization efforts on their campuses. Updates may include voter registration drives or outreach efforts to inform students of the requirements they must satisfy to vote in Nevada's elections.

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano asks members to give brief updates on how each NSA member does campus voter outreach.

NSA Chair Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano explains how GBC has never actively participated in mobile notarization and is looking into changing that. They are looking into a program called “All IN” that the President would join. They want to ensure nonpartisan engagement this year for the upcoming election.

President Pearce talks about how NSSA has done voter knowledge by doing class presentations and educating students on who the board of regents are as well as educating students on the recent tuition and fee increase. She also mentions that NSU held voting polls on campus, and NSSA will continue to table and educate students by making a voter guide with defining terms, when voting will happen, where voting will happen, and found this very effective. She mentions that NSSA will be discussing legislative priorities at their next Joint Session Meeting.

President Aglubat talks about how UNR has a dedicated week focused on engagement for voting starting February 23rd. It will be themed around different songs. The first event is called “Talk Talk” which will be putting up a board around campus to let students put down their legislative priorities or concerns for the campus while having conversations with them. Next event is called “Say My Name” and it will be a chance for students to see what is impacting them and handing Chick-Fil-A. The next event is called “That’s So True,” where they will be handing out donuts to students. Finally, the other event is to get people registered to vote while inviting different council members and regents to engage and talk to students. They normally ensure democratic civic engagement and have the required training for freshman to go for 3 days. They also do a session that registers students to vote based on college. They also have professional staff members and properly trained people to help those register to vote. They also have polls on campus for those to vote at. They also have early voting on campus as well as doing mail in ballots with the nearest post office to campus.

President Chinnappan has been focusing on bringing awareness on voter information for graduate students. Promoting voter registration by doing this through social media and other promoting.

President Hones says that ASCSN does lots of outreach for voter registration. They have tables set up across the campuses and have polling on campus as well. They're working on pop up events to help educate students on different things in terms of voting.

President Lopez mentions that voter mobilization has three major points, one being can they vote. They will provide resources on how they are able to be eligible to vote. The second one is if they want to vote. They will be letting students know what offices are and encourage them to go and vote since their votes do matter. The final one is, did someone ask them to vote? They will reach out to students and ask if they plan to vote and if they want to vote, while making it a positive experience and making it nonpartisan.

President Odunze mentions that his student government is working with President Lopez by having a “March to the Ballot” event on March 30th. They also host polling locations in the library at UNLV, and since it's high demand, they try to open a second location or extend the hours of voting to ensure everyone gets the chance to vote. They're also encouraging students to call their elected officials to ensure accountability.

President Salas talks about how they send emails to students to find more information of voting. They are planning to have more voter engagement efforts, and have info on deadlines, important dates, and more information about voting in general. They want to partner with the campus resources around their campus to share information with the students to make it as easy as possible while also highlighting the barriers they may face as well.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

President Pearce shares that NSSA has been very active. One thing is doing class presentations on what NSSA is as well as talking about the tuition and fee increase. President Pearce has been a part of the President search committee for NSU, where the second meeting was to apply timeline, profile description of the president, as well as the marketing of this position. NSSA has been doing a great job of being transparent with students. They have a NSSA Canvas Shell where they will be used to become more transparent, promoting General Elections and more. She talks about how General Elections are coming up soon. Finally, NSSA is working on their End of the Year Banquet with club awards as well. They will also be doing a "Scorpion relay race" where a club on NSU's campus can receive up to \$1,000 in club funding. President Pearce finished off her report by mentioning that she has been consistently going to the budget committee meetings at her institution to discuss possibly getting funds for NSSA scholarships or seeing what we can do with the money for students.

President Aglubat shares that ASUN does different scholarships for need based called "student emergency" fund when students can apply at any point and receive a certain amount of money. ASUN is getting ready for their General Elections that lasts 5 weeks. They have voter registration week, Mackey Week, and safety sustainability week, and earth month initiatives upcoming. They wrapped up their winter retreat and learned lots of good insight and leadership and initiatives skills to use. They're also looking to include the Nevada legislature to expand the millennium scholarship reward for all students. They are also increasing engagement for giving day, reaching out to more people, and appreciating small donations as well. They have also been working with the athletic department to increase student engagement. They're also doing a club and organization battle with talent shows, relay races, and other activities for 2-3 days along with confirming headliners for UNR's concert.

President Chinnappan hosted a GSA Breakfast event giving out food and was a great success. They have been engaging with students continuously and have recently opened up applications for their Spring Awards. They also hosted Chancellor McNair at UNR. They continue to do advocacy, engaging events, and more to represent the Graduate students at UNR.

President Hone talks about how they concluded their welcome back week with events happening all around three campuses. They are also preparing for a round of forums to hear out students in term so the tuition and fee increase. They are starting an accountability process for

decisions like these for full transparency. They are getting ready for the End of the Year Gala, and they will do club awards with letting students vote for who gets what. They will win seed money and a plaque. They are getting ready for the General Elections coming up at CSN.

President Lopez talks about how he is revising his constitution, so he is hoping to pass the changes that have been brought up and to hopefully be adopted by no later than fall of 2028. Their sponsorship program helps students do conference traveling and other student funding requests. In the January cycle alone, they received \$95k alone. They are hoping to get a little more support to get more money to help support their students. They will be writing a resolution about the tuition and fee increase while asking for transparency. They also released a transportation survey to get feedback from students so it can lead to a possible program for students to be able to use. Finally, their research forum is being held April 18th and has 195 presentations submitted and are being organized in sessions to be presented. At the end of the day, they assign a first-place award for each session ranging from 100-150 per session and voted on by judges and announce the annual GPSA awards for graduate student research for a couple of people.

President Odunze bring up that his student government passed 3 constitutional amendments adding bill of rights, reducing the amount of judicial council members, and clarify the credit requirements for the executive branch. They met with the Uranian student organization and discussed how they wanted to highlight students on campus and mental health initiatives. They are meeting with the deans based on their title to ensure they're in the loop of conversations in their individual colleges. Also have been doing volunteering and tours of their sponsorships. Their elections are also coming up, and it is 7 weeks long. CSUN is doing a "turn back the clock" event to show black excellence throughout time. GPSA and CSUN are working on a shade structure project for UNLV's campus. They plan to have it done by next year. Finally, they got some diversity banners to hang around campus to highlight the different student groups they have. They have scholarships that are open right now and have a commuter fund that has run out so they're trying to pass a one-time sponsorship to increase it since 90% of students are commuters. They are also collaborating with Chinese corner for Lunar New Year.

President Salas explains how they have done lots of events including their welcome back week with lots of engagement form students. Urging this time, they got to meet with Chancellor McNair and Chair Brooks to raise concerns and impacts on WNC. They wrapped up their Valentine's Day event that was very successful with lots of snacks, engagement, and building campus community. They have their elections coming up and start campaigning on Tuesday and is March 9th-13th. They sent out a link through canvas for an awards ceremony in April where they will be announcing their student government positions and awarding students and staff. They also have open scholarships right now where they also held an event called "taco bout scholarships" where they educated the WNC students about the scholarships on Monday the 26th. They are hosting a lunar new year's celebration on campus as well.

NSA Chair Rodriguez explains how they are in the middle of their elections that ern live on Monday and end this day at 11:59pm. They have multiple positions open and they are at each GBC campus. They had their lunar new year event and their professor vs. student bowling event. Their constitution is being reviewed by NSHE legal and is hoping for approval soon. Their scholarships are also live for applicants and are giving an amount of 500 and can get it by self-nominating or being nominated by anybody then will go through final picking through the GSA.

They have 80+ applicants for the scholarship which they need to drop it down to 5 applicants.

7. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

NSA Chair Rodriguez explains how she will not be in attendance for the MARCH Board of Regents because her term ends the upcoming Tuesday living President Pearce to fill in the NSA Chair position. She then continues to explain her appreciation for the opportunity of NSA.

President Hone explains how President Rodriguez's has done an amazing job at being Chair of NSA and is very grateful to have been able to work with her and how NSA has built an amazing connection together.

Vice Chair Pearce explains how she didn't know President Rodriguez's term is ending soon. She also explains how she's watched President Rodriguez grow and is excited to see the amazing things President Rodriguez does in life. She explains how she is thankful to be able to have worked together with her, and how they both got to go to conferences together.

President Odunze says that Chair Rodriguez was a great leader and says that he was so grateful that NSA picked her and has excited to see all the work she does and explains how being in student government can be lonely, but NSA had made that be the complete opposite.

President Salas explains how she didn't know it was Rodriguez's last meeting and she is sad to see her go. She is grateful for being welcomed by her and explains the story of how they met and how President Rodriguez made her feel involved and welcomed. She has seen lots of growth and says that she did an amazing job hosting for Septembers Board of regents.

President Chinnappan explains how he is grateful for her being the NSA chair and how her work doesn't go unnoticed and ensures that student voices are heard. He explains that it was a pleasure working with her.

NSA Chair Rodriguez explains how it was great working with NSA and how grateful she is for President Odunze for nominating her.

8. 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.*).

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No New business items

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Senator Calvin Cowan, GBC – Public Comment

Calvin Cowan explains how grateful he is for President Rodriguez for her advocacy and her hard work of being Student Body President at GBC as well as NSA Chair. He also explains backstories and information as to why he is proud of her while ending it by saying that he has a gift for her that they will arrange to make sure it gets received.

Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano - Public Comment

Jennifer Rodriguez explains that if anyone ends up in Winnemucca that she would be more than happy to meet up and connect again.

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UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

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