

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
September 8, 2022
7:00 a.m.

Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801
Leonard Center SGA MeetingRoom 122

MEMBERS:

- Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair)
- John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair)
- Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
- Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA
- Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
- Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
- Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
- Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN
- Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion. Submitting an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

1. ROLL CALL

The NSA Secretary will take the roll call of members and any person serving as a proxy for a member.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047 (April 27, 2001), as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Requests made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 12, 2022.

4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND STIPEND INCREASE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of increasing graduate student tuition assistance and stipends. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

5. COLLABORATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Dionne Stanfill will lead a discussion on increasing voter registration on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating and participating in a friendly competition between institutions.

6. NSA APPAREL

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion on possible designs and logos of proposed NSA apparel. NSA members may authorize Chair Stanfill to seek approval for the use of a decided upon logo.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Dionne Stanfill will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on September 8, 2022.

8. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED GRADUATE ASSISTANT BENEFITS
AND LIVING CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 110,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns to their elected officials at local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance representatives assert and affirm the positive research and creative contributions of Graduate Assistants, of which there are over 6,000 in the NSHE system; and

WHEREAS, Graduate Assistants benefit all NSHE campuses by providing research, teaching, and professional development opportunities and support for all campus communities; and

WHEREAS, Graduate Assistants continue to contribute directly to the Carnegie R1 Classification of both the University of Nevada- Reno and the University of Nevada- Las Vegas through contractual and scholarly work, and

WHEREAS, international students are limited by their student visa to a 20-hour assistantship at their respective institution and are unable to generate additional income, and

WHEREAS, without the support and training of graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno, the \$330 Million received in Grants would not be possible without the research carried out by Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs), and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, graduate students will be significant contributors to the highly technical Nevada economy in Mining, Water Usage, Tourism, Industrial Manufacturing,

– Matthew Hawn (Mhawn@unr.edu & 775-351-5150) - and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA President – Nicole Thomas (nicole.thomas1@unlv.edu):

- NSHE Acting Chancellor
- All NSHE Elected Board of Regents
- NSHE Council of Presidents
- Elected Executive Officers for the Nevada Legislature
- Nevada Office of the Governor
- Currently Elected Representatives in Nevada Legislature
- Individuals currently running for elected office to represent constituents in the Nevada Legislature that are registered through the Secretary of State’s website as Official Candidates in the State of Nevada for the 2023 -2024 legislative cycle.
- Individuals currently running for elected office in the Executive Office registered through the Secretary of State’s website as Official Candidates in the State of Nevada for the 2023 -2024 legislative cycle.
- Individuals running for elected office to sit on the Board of Regents are registered on the Secretary of State’s website as Official Candidates in the State of Nevada.
- All individuals elected to Federal Office for the State of Nevada.
- All individuals currently running for Federal Office for the State of Nevada.

- **Be it further resolved that** a copy of this resolution be sent to the following, one copy after the November 2022 Election:

- Nevada Office of the Secretary of State
- Nevada Office of the Governor
- All Elected Executive Officers for the Nevada Legislature
- All Elected Representatives that se
- The Nevada Legislature
- Individuals Elected to Represent the State of Nevada in Federal Office

* Living Wage for Nevada was calculated using the Living Wage Calculator provided by MIT. A

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on the X Day of September 2022.



ATTEST:

Dionne Stanfill

NSA Chair & University of Nevada, Reno – Associated Students of the University of Nevada,
Reno - President

John Fenton

NSA Vice Chair & Truckee Meadows Community College - Student Government Association -
President

Yvette Machado

NSA Secretary & College of Southern Nevada - Associated Students of the College of Southern
Nevada - President

Matthew Hawn

NSA Member & University of Nevada, Reno – Graduate Student Association - President

Nicole Thomas

NSA Member & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) President

Issac Hernandez

NSA Member & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada - President

Zachary Stamp

NSA Member & Great Basin College – Student Government Association (SGA) - President

Suzanna Stankute

NSA Member & Western Nevada College – Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN) - President