

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2022

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
August 12, 2022
9:00 AM

Via Video-Teleconference

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MEMBERS:

- Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (Chair) Present**
- John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (Vice Chair) Present**
- Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (Secretary)
Present *enters at 9:02am**
- Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA Present**
- Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA Present**
- Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN Present**
- Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA Present**
- Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA Absent**
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**
- Office Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN**

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Zachary Stamp, **Present**
Nicole Thomas, **Absent**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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9:59 am Chair Stanfill

- Opens the floor for questions, as there is none, she proceeds with her question: What was the highlight of your term as Regent?

10:00 am: Chair McAdoo

- Affirms that she will not seek to extend her term, and shares that the highlight of her terms as a Regent has been working for students that she loves and being an advocate for students of all ages.
- She is pleased with the current Chancellor and the work Chancellor Erquiaga has done thus far.
- Shares her love for Nevada and gratitude for the students she's worked with.

10:03am President Espinosa

- Asks what trends are being considered in prioritizing the budget in making the most impact.

10:03am: Chair McAdoo

- Affirms that all 13 regents have input into the budget and explains how budgets are prioritized.
- States her passion for recruiting scholarships for students.

10:06am President Alvin

- Gives thanks to Chancellor McAdoo, for all her work in the last six years.

10:07am Chancellor McAdoo

- Reciprocates gratitude.

10:08 am Vice Chair Fenton

- References technology at the institution he serves in regard to the budget.

10:10 am Chair McAdoo

- Will make note of the information and deferred to Terina.

10:11 am Terina:

- Defers to Chancellor Erquiaga about tasks force.

10:11am Chancellor Erquiaga

- States there is a recommendation coming from the tasks force in relation to online education.
- Gives an example of shared licensing with Workday, PeopleSoft, to reference existing history of shared licensing.

10:13am President Hernandez

- Expresses gratitude for Chair McAdoo.
- Discusses student fees at UNLV and refers to funding that has been received from emergency support funding.
- Concerned with decreased funding in Lee Business School at UNLV.

10:15 am Chair McAdoo

- Discusses experience with differential fees.

10:16 am Chair Stanfill

- States that we are approaching the time allocated for this item and thanks body for their input.

10:17am Chair McAdoo

- Offers her contact information and welcomes the NSA to connect with her.

10:17 Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel

- Interjects to remind Chair McAdoo that this is a public meeting to make Chair McAdoo aware that the public will also receive her contact information if she discloses it in the meeting.

10:18 am Chair McAdoo:

- Confirms that her number is on the NSHE website and is open to the constituents

CHAIR STANFILL PROCEEDS TO AGENDA ITEM 9

5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Dale Erquiaga. They will learn of the Chancellor's priorities and share updates of their respective institutions.

9:05 am: Chair Stanfill opens agenda item 5 and welcomes Chancellor Erquiaga, and welcome questions from the body.

- Chair Stanfill poses question to Chancellor Erquiaga on how the last 30 days have been in his position.

9:07 am: Chancellor Dale Erquiaga greets the NSA body and shares excitement for working with the Nevada Student Alliance.

9:10 am Chancellor Dale Erquiaga States:

- His role as acting chancellor is one of restoring order and normalcy through policy execution.
- He has begun meeting with the college presidents.
- Working through the start of the school year.
- Preparing for his job includes successfully getting the Board [of Regents] through the legislative

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- Mentions his personal role as a veteran on campus and delayed college start time.
- Recommends recruitment of students as adults in order to empower adult students and students who are parents to reenter college.

9:16am Chancellor Erquiaga:

- Thanks President Fenton for his comment and states that high school matriculation is the first data set for research focus but confirms that research is being done by DETR in nontraditional student return.

9:17 Chair Stanfill

Thanks the Chancellor for his commitment to students.

6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING FOR POSSIBLE ACTION STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chair Stanfill will revisit the April 2022 NSA approved resolution in support of engaging the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. Chair Stanfill will provide a briefing of the resolution's background and will lead a discussion of what the next steps may be for continued support.

9:18 Chair Stanfill

- States the history of the resolution and the potential to place this initiative in the ballot in working toward an amendment to Nevada Constitution to add a voting member to the NSHE Board of Regents.

9:20am Vice Chair Fenton

- States that he was a senator when this was presented last year when his senate opposed the resolution based on a strong opposition from his Senate in regard to the age requirement

9:21 President Hernandez:

Asks for clarity on the selection criteria and asks if this is just a call to action from legislature.

9:22am President Hawn

- Clarifies that the selection process was not a focal point, because of the potential of being highly debated in the legislature.
- The purpose of the resolution was to urge the legislature to add this to the ballot.

9:23am Tina Russom Deputy General ~~Use~~

- Recommends visiting constitution Article 2 Section 1 regarding the provision that requires age of an elector of 18 years old.

9:25 am Chair Stanfill

- Asks for additional comments.
- Encourages follow through on this item.
- Moves forward to Agenda 7.

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA members Matthew Hawn and Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of the proposed NSA resolution supporting graduate student tuition assistance and stipend increases. The body will discuss the proposed resolution as well as suggested modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

9:25 am Chair Stanfill opens the agenda item and defers to President Hawn to begin.

9:25 am President Hawn

- States that this document is set to be presented in our September meeting.
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9:37 am Chair Stanfill

- Leads into agenda 8.

8. COLLABORATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will introduce the topic of increasing voter registration on respective campuses and ask NSA members for ideas in collaborating between institutions to this end.

9:37 am Chair Stanfill:

- Reinforces her commitment to collaborating with other institutions.
- Looking to increase collaboration with partner institutions through this initiative to increase voter registration on campuses.

9:38 am Secretary Machado:

- Supports the initiative but foresees a potential hindrance due to Nevada being an automatic registration state. Asks for guidance on how to encourage registration of students who don't think they have to update registration.

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9:47 am Chair Stanfill

- States that her student representatives get accredited training on voter registration processes.

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9: 48 Secretary Machado

-States for the record that President Zachary Stamp mentioned in the ~~that~~ a work emergency

9. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will revisit the recently approved 2022-23 NSA goals from the July 8, 2022, NSA meeting. She may ask for members of the NSA to provide further insight and prioritization of the approved goals.

10:19am: Chair Stanfill

- Opens the agenda item with introduction into the

- States that her top three priorities are different from the top three President Stanfill stated.
- Her top priorities are Sustainability, Mental Health, and Graduate Stipends.

10:31 am: Chair Stanfill

- Welcomes dialogue from the body.

10:34am Secretary Machado

- Comments on what term could include Health and Human Services for students to encompass the multiple focal points on well-being of students to make sure that sustainability is an added priority.

10:34 am President Hernandez

- Point of clarification with mental health being a top priority in relation to the low number of mental health professionals.
- Discussed support from Regent Brooks in food insecurity at UNLV.
- Encourages body to find other ways to tackle the issue of food insecurity for their institutions.

10:36am Vice Chair Fenton:

- Would like to see leadership from this body on sustainability and environmental concerns.
- States that he and his staff took part in free training in suicide prevention and took part in Safe Talk.
- Encourages everyone in the body to look into community resources.

10:39am President Stanfill:

- Calls point of order for sake of time.

10:40 am President Hawn:

- Motions to accept the 3 primary focuses for the 2022-2023 NSA priorities:
 - Graduate student stipends
 - Health and Human Services
 - Sustainability
- All within NSHE in the state of Nevada.

10: 40am : Secretary Machado seconds the motion.

10:41 am: Voice vote Motion passes, unanimously.

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- Opens agenda item
- Shares student concerns with UNLV not formally recognizing Juneteenth, even though President Biden signed into order the recognition of Juneteenth as a national holiday.
- Expresses concerns with the lack of equitable recognition of diverse holidays within the state of Nevada.
- According to NRS 236, only 4 holidays have the designation of being recognized on the following or previous Monday or Friday, when falling on a weekend. Such as; Years Day Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Christmas Day.
- Also, Recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day as another holiday that is missing from being officially recognized.
- States for the record that he will not be supporting any action on this agenda item if a motion is to be made, due to his constituents who brought this to his attention not wanting to act prematurely on this order of business.
- Sharing for Information only, to encourage student opinions about this item.
- CSUN hopes to survey their students to put forth an effort in updating NRS 236.

10:46am Chair Stanfill

- States we will not be taking a motion but encourages the body to take these items back to their institutions. Opens the floor for questions.

10:46 Vice Chair Fenton

- Discusses origin of holidays with political associations

10:48am Chair Stanfill:

- Opens floor for additional questions

10:48 President Hernandez:

- Acknowledges the political association with holidays.

11. NSA APPAREL

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Stanfill will lead a discussion and may

- Supports interest in having apparel to unify NSA and promote our delegation within our own institutions.
- Does not have any ideas for design or budget at this time but encourages dialogue.

10:51 am: President Hernandez

- Questions when apparel would be worn or used.
- Opposes the idea of institution Presidents to return to their delegation with merchandise not available to their governing bodies.
- Opposes the idea of seeking funding from institutions

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).

11:03 am Tina Russo Deputy General Counsel:

- Updates the body on behalf of Chair McAdoo who reached ~~to~~ his association regarding differential fees.

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11:08 am Chair Stanfill opens floor for public comment

11:08 am Terina states she has received a phone message that she will check at this time to share with the body during public comment. Terina checks the phone message and confirms that it did not pertain to Public Comment.

11:09 am Adjournment.

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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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7-25-2022

Student Loan Debt in Mountain West States

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STUDENT LOAN DEBT IN MOUNTAIN WEST STATES

Higher Education Fact Sheet No. 24 | July 2022

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PURPOSE:

This factsheet summarizes findings on student loan debt across Mountain West states from Student Loan Debt by State, a report by the Education Data Initiative.

ABOUT THE DATA :

The original report presents findings on the total student loan debt held by residents in each state, the number of resident debt holders per state, and the distribution of debt. The Data Report divides these three main categories into a total of eight metrics for each state:

- x Total federal student loan debt
- x Total state student loan debt
- x Number of residents with student loan debt
- x Percent of residents with student loan debt
- x Percent of residents with student loan debt under the age of 35
- x Percent of indebted student borrowers owing less than \$5,000
- x Percent of indebted student borrowers owing between \$20,000 and \$40,000
- x Percent of indebted student borrowers owing more than \$200,000

KEY FINDINGS:

1. The majority of Mountain West states are below the national average in both average amount of student debt held by each resident borrower (Average Student Loan Debt) and the total amount of debt held by state residents (Total State Resident Debt).
2. On average, about half of Mountain West state residents under 35 owe some amount of student loan debt, with Utah having the highest percentage (56% of residents) and New Mexico the lowest (21%).



All Mountain West states except for Arizona are below the national average in Total State Resident Debt. New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah are below the national average in Average Student Loan Debt.

Table 1: Overview of Student Loan Debt in Mountain West States

State	Average Student Loan Debt	Total State Resident Debt (Billions of dollars)	Borrowers Living in State
Colorado	\$36,822	\$285	774,000
Arizona	\$35,396	\$31.4	887,100
New Mexico	\$34,211	\$7.8	228,000
Nevada	\$33,743	\$118	349,700
Utah	\$32,835	\$10.1	307,600
National Average	\$35,164	\$303	--

\$ G D S W H S Student Loan Debt by State E \ Education Data Initiative

Table 2 presents the Percentage of Borrowers Under \$5,000, Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt, Percentage of Borrowers Owing < \$20,000, Percentage of Borrowers Owing Between \$20,000 and \$40,000, and Percentage of Borrowers Owing > \$40,000 for each Mountain West state. The states are organized by the Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt from highest to lowest.

Among Mountain West states, an average of 9.5% of all student loan borrowers are under the age of 35 years old. Approximately one fifth of Mountain West borrowers fall between \$20,000 and \$40,000 dollars owed in student debt. Borrowers Owing less than \$5,000 make up less than a fifth of all Mountain West state student loan debt holders.

Table 2: Student Debt Holdings in Mountain West States

State	Percentage of State Residents with Student Debt	Percentage of Borrowers Under 35	Percentage of Borrowers Owing
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