

Committee on Academics and Student Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Agenda for Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 2:15pm

In-Person: President's Conference Room located in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement;

Virtual: Email Nivetha Nithyanandan for Zoom link at senatornithyanandan@asun.unr.edu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Meeting Cancellation 9/22/2022

The Chair will read into the record the cancellation notice of the corresponding meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Presentation by Vice President of Student Services Dr. Shannon Ellis

The committee will hear a presentation from Dr. Ellis with the opportunity for discussion and questions.

b. S.R. 90 A Resolution in Support of Amending Article V, Sections 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda

The Committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

c. Liaison Positions/Senator Updates

POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at www.nevadaasun.com. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call the ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Nivetha Nithyanandan at senatornithyanandan@asun.unr.edu.



Senators can report on their liaison positions, progress on committee goals, and any other projects or updates relevant to the committee.

d. 90th Session Project Tracker

Members of the Committee will provide updates on any projects that they are working on as it relates to the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

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Requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Archives of the Associated Students. All other inquiries should be directed to Senator Nithyanandan at "senatornithyanandan@asun.unr.edu."

Addendum A

Jake W Schein

To: Nivetha Nithyanandan



Mon 9/26/2022 11:47 PM

Hello Senator Nithyanandan,

Please consider this the formal notice that the committee on academic and student affairs meeting was in violation of Nevada Open Meeting Law on 9/22. The date on the header of the second page does not match the date the meeting was scheduled for. Please consider rescheduling this meeting for a future date.

Thanks

AG Schein

90th SESSION
2022-2023

S. Res. 90-

A Resolution in Support of Amending Article V, Sections 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 12, 2022

WRITTEN BY DIONNE STANFILL, SPONSORED BY SENATOR TAEUBEL TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

A Resolution in Support of Amending Article V, Sections 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda

Whereas, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 110,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education¹;

Whereas, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns and advocating on behalf of students to their elected officials at local, state, and federal levels²;

Whereas, the Nevada System of Higher Education has a vested responsibility to recognize the Nevada Student Alliance as “the overarching student government association for all NSHE student government organizations. The purpose of the NSA is to promote,

¹ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

² <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education”³;

Whereas, under Article V “Meetings of Board and Committees,” Section 7 “Agenda,” of the Board of Regents Handbook, it states: “Agenda items requiring action shall be accompanied by a specific recommendation by the requesting Regents, a committee of the Board, the Chancellor, or a President through the Chancellor supported by sufficient documentation to permit a full understanding of the facts applicable to the item”⁴;

Whereas, under Section 10 “Other Access to Agenda,” it states: “A faculty member or other employee, or student of the University, or any group of faculty members or other employees, or students of the University shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission to appear before the Board or its committees, through the appropriate institutional President and through the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees”⁵;

Whereas, per Article V, Section 9, “Presidents’ Access to Agenda,” Institutional Presidents shall submit matters to the Board for consideration and⁶;

Whereas, the duties of the Chair of the Board of Regents are to approve all Board and committee agendas per Section 4⁷;

Whereas, students may only request items to be placed on the agenda through their respective Institutional President, through the Chief of Staff, and the Chancellor for inclusion through Article V, Section 10 “Other Access to Agenda”⁸;

³ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

⁴ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

⁵ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

⁶ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

⁷ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

⁸ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

Whereas, the Board of Regents Mission Statement is to “provide higher education to the citizens of the state at an excellent level of quality consistent with the state's resources,” and should do so through partly acquiring knowledge throughout the State from higher education students who are represented by the Regents⁹;

Whereas, there is no written procedure of the NSA chair in the NSHE handbook;

Whereas, there is no student member on the Board of Regents;

Whereas, students of the Nevada System of Higher Education are those affected by the decisions of the Board of Regents and system administrators;

Whereas, this creates a systematic barrier in student’s involvement in the Nevada System of Higher Education;

Whereas, this hinders the mission of the Nevada System of Higher Education to provide that excellent level of quality education;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Handbook be amended to reflect the changes seen below;

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be sent to the following:

- ASUN President Dionne Stanfill
- NSA Chair Dionne Stanfill
- Members of the Nevada Student Alliance
- The NSHE Chancellor
- The NSHE Board of Regents
- The Secretary of NSHE Board of Regents
- President of the University of Nevada, Reno Brian Sandoval

⁹ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Handbook/COMPLETEHANDBOOKREV300.pdf>

ARTICLE V - Meetings of Board and Committees

Section 7. Agenda

An item must appear on the agenda if three or more Regents request its inclusion on the agenda and notify the Chair, the Chancellor, and the Chief of Staff of the request. Agenda items requiring action shall be accompanied by a specific recommendation by the requesting Regents, a committee of the Board, the Chancellor, ~~or~~ a President, **or the Nevada Student Alliance Chair**, through the Chancellor supported by sufficient documentation to permit a full understanding of the facts applicable to the item. All agenda items requiring Board action shall also be accompanied by a recommendation, analysis or comment to the Board from appropriate personnel in the Chancellor's Office. Agenda items will be submitted to the Chief of Staff in sufficient time to enable adequate review by the Chief of Staff and the Chancellor. Agendas of regular meetings shall be approved by the Chair and distributed to all members of the Board.

Section 8. Regents' Access to Agenda

A Regent or group of Regents shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 9. Presidents' Access to Agenda

An institutional President shall submit matters to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its

committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 10 Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda

The Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) Chair shall submit matters to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission for others to appear before the Board or its committees, to the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.

Section 11. Other Access to Agenda

A faculty member or other employee, or student of the University, or any group of faculty members or other employees, or students of the University shall submit any matter to the Board or its committees for official consideration, including requests for permission to appear before the Board or its committees, through the appropriate institutional President and through the Chief of Staff and Chancellor for inclusion on the agenda of the Board or one of its committees.