



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

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

Resolution Number: 52

Authored By: Senator Taeubel on behalf of President Stanfill

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

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, 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

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/>

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

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;

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 NSACHAIR in the NSHE handbook;

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

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>

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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;

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

Adopted in Senate on October 12th, 2022

Attest:

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate

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
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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.