

Title 5 - NSHE Governing Documents

Chapter 21

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE**

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ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100.0 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance. (B/R 12/94)

Section 110.0 The purpose of the Nevada Student Alliance shall be:

110.1 To promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education;

110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;

110.3 To aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good, as well as the good of students;

110.4 To aid member schools' student governments in the attainment of their goals without undue interference in their internal affairs.

(B/R 12/94)

ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 200.0 Each of the nine student governments (undergraduate and graduate) in the Nevada System of Higher Education (University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College at Henderson, Community College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada Community College and Great Basin College) shall be members of the Nevada Student Alliance. (B/R 3/03)

Section 210.0 Each president of the active student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative. Active shall be defined as the student governments who have actually appointed a voting representative. Each of the active student governments shall appoint an ex-officio representative. In addition to the ex-officio representative, each satellite campus shall be allowed to appoint an ex-officio representative. (B/R 12/94)

Section 220.0 Voting representative shall be one person (usually the President) from each of the active student governments as approved by their respective member institution's student legislative body. (B/R 12/94)

220.1 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Treasurer. (B/R 10/96)

Section 230.0 Ex-officio representatives shall be one person from each institution's undergraduate student government, graduate student government and satellite campus as approved by their respective legislative body. (B/R 12/94)

Section 240.0 A representative serves one full year unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body. The representatives serve from June 1 of the year of appointment through May 31 of the following year. (B/R 3/03)

ARTICLE 3 - Meetings and Voting

Section 300.0 Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance will normally be held to coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. (B/R 3/01)

- 300.1 The Nevada Student Alliance must have a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of its voting representatives to conduct business. (B/R 12/94)
- 300.2 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chairperson shall be elected by two-thirds (2/3) of its voting representatives at the meeting. (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.21 The chairperson will serve one term consisting of one (1) year. (B/R 12/01)
 - 300.22 Terms will run from June 1 to May 31. (B/R 12/01)
 - 300.23 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair or vice-chair. (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.24 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. (B/R 10/96)
- 300.3 The chairperson has the following rights and duties: (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.31 the right to vote; (B/R 12/94)
 - 300.32 is responsible for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting; (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.33 shall appoint a secretary at each meeting for purpose of taking minutes at said meeting; (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.34 must provide a budget report; (B/R 12/94)
 - 300.35 will run the meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition. (B/R 12/94)
- 300.4 The members of the Nevada Student Alliance shall elect a vice-chair. (B/R 10/96)
 - 300.41 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one (1) year. (B/R 12/01)
 - 300.42 Terms will run from June 1 to May 31. (B/R 12/01)

300.5 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties: (B/R 10/96)

300.51 the right to vote;

300.52 must readily fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair's absence;

Section 310.0 Voting of the Nevada Student Alliance will have the following restrictions: (B/R 12/94)

310.1 any decision requires a unanimous vote of those present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution; (B/R 12/94)

310.2 each representative shall have the right to send a person in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote. (B/R 12/94)

ARTICLE 4 - Budgetary Authority

Section 400.0 A budget shall be approved by the Nevada Student Alliance at the first meeting after June 1 of each year. (B/R 3/03)

Section 410.0 The Nevada Student Alliance shall elect a Treasurer with approval from two-thirds of the active voting members present. The Treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting of each year.

410.1 The Treasurer has the following rights and duties:

410.11 the right to vote;

410.12 is responsible for preparing the Nevada Student Alliance budget;

410.13 is empowered to disburse Nevada Student Alliance funds. All expenditures shall require his/her signature and shall require the signature of a system official, to be designated by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents;

410.14 is responsible for maintaining a voting record on all expenditures.

(B/R 12/94)

Section 420.0 The Nevada Student Alliance shall have the power to review the budget by-laws and to amend such by-laws by a vote. (B/R 12/94)

ARTICLE 5 - Amendment, Ratification and Impeachment (B/R 3/03)

Section 500.0 Amendment and ratification of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

500.1 Proposal by:

500.11 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active Nevada Student Alliance members; or

500.12 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member institution's student legislative bodies.

500.2 Ratification by:

500.21 final draft of the amended constitution shall be mailed to active members.

500.22 each active member shall submit the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

500.3 Approval by:

500.31 ratification of the constitution, as outline in the above sections, shall require approval from one less than the number of active voting members.

500.32 a vote of the Board of Regents

(B/R 3/03)

Section 510.0 Impeachment and removal shall require the following procedure:

510.1 Any voting representative shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting representative, including the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. (B/R 10/96)

510.2 A two-thirds vote of the active Nevada Student Alliance members will impeach the representative.

510.3 At that point, each active student legislative body shall appoint one person to serve on a jury that will hear charges and render a decision.

510.4 The decision to remove the impeached representative requires one vote less than the total number of jurors.

(B/R 12/94)

ARTICLE 6 - Implementation

Section 600.0 The constitution, upon its ratification, shall take effect December 5, 1994.
(B/R 12/94)