CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

Effective May 28, 2014

ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

Section 110 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; and

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

ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 200 Each of the ten 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, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and Desert Research Institute) shall be members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

Section 210 Each Student Government Organization shall have one voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance.

210.1 Each president of the student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Alliance.

210.2 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.
Section 220  Each president of the student governments may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve on the Alliance.

220.1 Officers from the member student governments shall be the only persons eligible to serve as ex-officio representatives.

Section 230  A representative serves one full year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office, unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body.

ARTICLE 3 –Meetings, Officers and Voting

Section 300  Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance may coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and shall be held in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

300.1 The Nevada Student Alliance must have a quorum of at least two-thirds of its voting representatives to conduct business.

300.2 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chair shall be elected by at least two-thirds of the Alliance’s voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.21 The chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.22 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair.

300.23 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.3 The chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.31 The right to vote;

300.32 The responsibility for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting;

300.33 The responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
300.4 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance’s voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.41 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.42 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the vice-chair.

300.43 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.5 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties:

300.51 The right to vote;

300.52 The responsibility to fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair’s absence, resignation or impeachment.

300.6 A secretary shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance’s voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.61 The secretary will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.62 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the secretary.

300.7 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.71 The right to vote;

300.72 The responsibility to take minutes at every meeting and to ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting;

300.73 If not able to attend a meeting, the responsibility to secure a substitute from the Alliance membership to take notes at that meeting and to obtain said notes and ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting.
Section 310 Voting of the Nevada Student Alliance will have the following restrictions:

310.1 Any decision requires approval from at least one less than the number of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution;

310.2 Each representative shall have the right to send a proxy in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote.

310.21 Each representative shall notify the Alliance Chair in writing in advance of the meeting of the person designated to be his or her proxy. The Chair shall indicate the designation of said proxy on the meeting record.

ARTICLE 4 - Amendment, Ratification and Impeachment

Section 400 Amendment and ratification of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Proposal by:

400.11 A two-thirds vote of the Nevada Student Alliance members; or

400.12 A two-thirds vote of the member institution’s student legislative bodies.

400.2 Distribution by:

400.21 Final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to members.

400.22 Each member shall distribute the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

400.3 Approval by:

400.31 Ratification of the constitution, as defined in this section, shall require approval from one less than the number of voting members present; and

400.32 Approval by the chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education
Section 410  Impeachment and removal shall require the following procedure:

410.1 Any voting representative shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting representative, including the Chair and Vice-Chair.

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

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

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