



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

AGENDA

February 17, 2026

3:02 PM

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ SERRANO, PRESIDENT PRESENT
JULIA STOKES, VICE PRESIDENT PRESENT
DENIELLE KIRKMAN, SECRETARY PRESENT

SENATORS:

IAN MITCHEL, ELKO PRESENT
MUHAMMED SALIKHOV, ELKO PRESENT
STORM RAINE, ELKO PRESENT
YULIANA MENDEZ-BARAJAS, ELKO PRESENT
ELIZABETH NASH, ELY PRESENT
CATHERINE HANSON, ELY PRESENT
CATHERINE COLE, ONLINE PRESENT
SOFIA MAYORGA, WINNEMUCCA PRESENT
CALVIN COWAN, PAHRUMP PRESENT

GUESTS:

AVA COFFILL- SENATOR ELECT
DIEGO ESQUIVEL- SENATOR ELECT
ABEL DEL REAL-NAVA- WINNEMUCCA CENTER DIRECTOR
JULIAN SOSA- SENATOR ELECT
DIVINE JACOBSEN- SENATOR ELECT
DAVID BERNARDINO- SENATOR ELECT
JESSICA ORTIZ- STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR
TERILYN MARINO- SENATOR ELECT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

The agenda and any supporting material, including materials submitted after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, may be accessed on the Internet by visiting the SGA page of the GBC website: [Great Basin College: Student Life - Meetings](#).

In accordance with NRS241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Student Government Association (SGA) will be made available in advance of the meeting. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Office for Students with Disabilities (775) 327-2336 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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SENATOR COWAN MENTIONED HOW APPRECIATIVE HE WAS OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE HER HIS GRATITUDE FOR EVERYTHING SHE HAS DONE. HE HAS A GIFT FOR HER FROM HIMSELF AND THE NASA GROUP.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

POSSIBLE ACTION

A Request is made for approval of the GBC SGA Agenda for the meeting on 2/17/2026.

SENATOR MITCHELL MOTIONS TO APPROVE. SENATOR COLE SECONDS. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Estimated Time: 1 minutes

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

POSSIBLE ACTION

A Request is made for approval of the GBC SGA Minutes for the meeting on 2/10/2026.

SENATOR COWAN MOTIONS TO APPROVE. SENATOR RAINE SECONDS. MOTION PASSES

UNANIMOUSLY.

Estimated Time: 1 minutes

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

SGA PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ will discuss current SGA events and activities as SGA President. SHE MENTIONED THIS IS HER FINAL MEETING AS AN SGA MEMBER. IT IS BITTERSWEET AND EMOTIONAL FOR HER. SHE IS EXCITED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH FAMILY AND BE ABLE TO FOCUS MORE ON WORK. SHE WILL BE VERY SAD TO LEAVE US. SHE STILL SUPPORTS SGA AND THE MISSION. SHE WILL KEEP CHEERING US ON. SHE IS EXCITED FOR ALL THE NEW FACES FOR SGA.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

SGA VICE PRESIDENT STOKES will discuss current SGA events and activities as SGA Vice President. SHE MENTIONED LAST TUESDAY SHE SENT A COPY OF THE BUDGET. SHE WASN’T SURE IF EVERYONE COULD ACCESS IT. PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU DIDN’T GET THE EMAIL. AS THE NEW SENATORS COME ABOARD, SHE WILL BE SENDING THAT TO THEM AS WELL. SHE MENTIONED SHE WILL MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND SHE HOPES ONE DAY SHE WILL COME BACK.

Estimated Time: 2 minutes

7. SECRETARY’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

SGA Secretary KIRKMAN will discuss current SGA events and activities as SGA Secretary. SHE MENTIONED THAT SHE WILL MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ VERY MUCH. SHE HAS BEEN IN SGA A LONG TIME AND PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ HAS BEEN THE BEST PRESIDENT SO FAR. SHE MADE SURE WE ALL KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON. SHE JUST GOT HOME FROM UTAH, AND SHE IS PRETTY SURE HER HUSBAND GOT HER SICK. SHE ISN’T FEELING GREAT AND IS DROWNING IN HOMEWORK.

Estimated Time: 2 minutes

8. STUDENT ADVOCATE’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Student Advocate, JAMES KENDALL, will discuss current SGA events and items concerning SGA. HE MENTIONED THAT SGA WILL MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. HE HAS ONLY WORKED WITH 2 PRESIDENTS SO FAR AND SHE HAS BEEN THE BEST ONE. MANY OF THE TRAITS SHE HAD AS A LEADER HERE WILL FOLLOW HER. HE THANKED HER. THE CONSTITUTION UPDATES HAVE UNTIL MARCH 2ND TO BE SIGNED OFF ON, AND IF THAT DOESN’T HAPPEN, IT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED. HE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR IN WINNEMUCCA. SHE HAS LEFT THE TEAM, AND THEY WILL GO THROUGH ABEL, THE CENTER DIRECTOR, FOR NOW, UNTIL A PERSON FILLS THE POSITION. WE ARE WAITING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION, AS THERE MIGHT BE A SPOT OPEN IN EITHER ELKO OR PAHRUMP FOR ANOTHER SENATOR TO FILL.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

9. SENATOR REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Senators from each location will discuss their current and future events: Elko, Ely, Online, Winnemucca, and Pahrump.

MITCHEL: HE MENTIONED HE WILL ALSO MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. SHE HAS MADE THIS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR HIM. HE HAS TOURED THE CAMPUS AT UNR, WHERE HE WILL BE GOING NEXT SEMESTER. HE CONGRADULATED EVERYONE WHO WON THE ELECTIONS.

SALIKHOV: HE MENTIONED SGA WILL MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ A LOT. HE WISHES HER LUCK IN THE FUTURE. HE IS WAITING FOR THE NEXT LANTERN PAINTING EVENT.

RAINE: HE MENTIONED THAT HE THANKS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND THAT SHE FEELS LIKE A SISTER TO HIM. SHE HAS GREAT LEADERSHIP. SHE HAS BECOME A VERY DEAR FRIEND.

MENDEZ: SHE MENTIONED SHE WAS A LITTLE LATE. SHE WAS WITH A PATIENT. SHE IS ALSO GOING TO MISS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. SHE KNOWS SHE WILL DO GREAT THINGS.

NASH: SHE MENTIONED HER COMPUTER FROZE AND SHE HAD TO JOIN AGAIN. SHE UPLOADED PHOTOS AND SHE HAS STUFF OUT OF CHINESE NEW YEAR.

HANSON: SHE THANKED PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ, AND SHE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB LEADING SGA. SHE SUBMITTED A PROJECT REQUEST FOR A POETRY CONTEST. IF ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO PARTICIPATE, EMAIL HER.

COLE: SHE MENTIONED THAT IN HER TENURE OF PRESIDENTS, PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ HAS BEEN THE BEST. SHE KEPT US THE BEST INFORMED WITH NSHE. WE ALSO GAINED A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES. SHE WISHES HER ALL THE BEST. SHE IS HOPING TO HELP WITH GRADUATION AND THE GIFT. SHE IS USING THIS FOR HER CAPSTONE PROJECT. SHE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THURSDAY.

MAYORGA: SHE MENTIONED HER THANKS TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. SHE IS WORKING WITH THE CTE DEPARTMENT THERE IN WINNEMUCCA ON SOME THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON CAMPUS. SHE WILL BE WORKING WITH ABEL.

COWAN: HE MENTIONED THAT HE STANDS BY WHAT HE SAID DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, AND HE KNOWS THAT THE OTHER PRESIDENTS IN NSA WILL ALSO MISS HER. SHE WAS A GREAT ASSET. HE HAD SOME STUDENTS APPROACH HIM ABOUT BRINGING AN FFA CHAPTER TO GBC. IT'S A GREAT AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM. IF ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED, CONTACT HIM. HE THANKED ABEL FOR GETTING BACK TO HIM REGARDING THE LOVELOCK CORRECTIONAL FACILITY'S GRADUATION PLANS. HE WILL BE WORKING WITH ABEL TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. HE GOT TO SPEAK WITH JAMES ABOUT AN SGA EMERGENCY FUND FOR STUDENTS FACING HARDSHIPS. THIS WILL BE PROPOSED AS AN AMENDMENT. HE GOT TO ATTEND NSA. HE GOT A LOT OF GREAT IDEAS. HE WANTS TO WORK ON TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THAT, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO HIM.

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

10. Upcoming items**A. Election Results and Swearing in of New Positions**

James will go over the election results and swear in any new members present at the meeting.

PRESIDENT RAINE, SENATORS JACOBSON, SOSA, BERNARDINO, MARINO, COFFILL, COWAN, AND ESQUIVEL WERE ALL SWORN IN.

Estimated Time: 10-25 Minutes

B. Skills USA Registration Request for State with Shirley Muir

Skills USA holds a CTE state competition every year in Reno. The winners of this will get to go to nationals in Atlanta. State will be held from 4/7/26-4/10/26. They are requesting \$2,000 for registration fees in supply funding.

SENATOR MENDEZ MOTIONS TO APPROVE. SENATOR HANSON SECONDS. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Estimated Time: 5-10 minutes

C. Winnemucca Industrial Tech Center Blackstone with Senator Mayorga

The Winnemucca Industrial Tech Center would like to request funding for a Blackstone to be used by the students. This would be for BBQ's, lunches, dinners, etc. The students have been requesting this for a while. They are requesting \$350 for the Blackstone and \$55 for the propane tank. They are requesting \$455 for supply funding.

SENATOR COWAN MOTION TO AMEND THE AMOUNT TO \$510 FOR SUPPLY FUNDING. SECRETARY KIRKMAN SECONDS. MOTION TO AMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. SENATOR MITCHEL MOTIONS TO APPROVE FUNDING. SENATOR SALIKHOV SECONDS. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Estimated Time: 5-10 minutes

11. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION ONLY**

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.*).

SECRETARY KIRKMAN WANTED TO PROPOSE AN IDEA FOR THE SEMESTER. WE USED TO DO FUN QUESTIONS DURING REPORTS, AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO BRING THAT BACK AS A WAY TO GET TO KNOW NEW SENATORS. SENATOR COWAN WANTS TO HAVE A FUTURE COMMITTEE FOR THE MASCOT. AS WELL AS AN AMENDMENT COMMITTEE.

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SENATOR COWAN HAS BEEN TOLD BY A COUPLE OF STUDENTS THAT THE AGENDAS ARE NOT BEING POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAWS. WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT TO NOT BE FINED FOR THIS ISSUE. AGENDAS NEED TO BE POSTED AT THE CENTERS. SENATOR JACOBSON WILL NOT BE PRESENT NEXT WEEK.

Estimated Time: 5 minutes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:58 PM.

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241), at the following locations:
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
Nevada Public Notice Website - <https://notice.nv.gov>
GBC SGA Website - [Great Basin College: Student Life - Meetings](#).

X *Storm Raine*

Date: 2/23/26

Storm Raine
SGA President