

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda

December 5, 2019

8:00 a.m.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Room 211
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

ROLL CALL: Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair)
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Tamara Guinn will take roll call of members and circulate a sign-in sheet for guests so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on November 8, 2019.

4. WELCOME TO NEW NSA MEMBERS**INFORMATION**

Chair Nicola Opfer will welcome the two newest members of the Nevada Student Alliance, from Great Basin College (Melanie Dodson) and Western Nevada College (Benjamin Miller). In addition, new and existing members will be asked to introduce themselves and talk about their goals and planned activities during their year in office.

**5. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS
AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PARTICIPATION****INFORMATION**

Chair Nicola Opfer will solicit feedback from NSA members regarding the opportunities and challenges on their campuses for undocumented students wanting to participate in student government associations.

6. MEMBER REPORTS**INFORMATION**

NSA members will each be invited to provide an update on current and planned events, initiatives and other activities or actions taking place on their campuses and within their student government organizations.

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Chair Nicola Opfer will discuss with the Alliance the contents of the Chair Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later the same day (on December 5, 2019).

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

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**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
November 11, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road**

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:

Carson City WNC Dini 105

Elko GBC LCSL 122

Henderson NSC RSC 303

Las Vegas CSN North Las Vegas Bldg C 2638 and NSHE System Admin 105

Motion to approve minutes made by Gutierrez, seconded by Patenaude, unanimously approved.

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Chancellor Reilly also reported about the campus visits in October. Budget presentations at the various institutions were heard. At the December BOR meeting we will have a discussion of thematic issues and major concerns that were brought from campuses. NSHE will be seeking direction from the Board regarding student success, such as ratio of advisors to students (350-1 ratio), capacity enhancements, additional research support and deferred maintenance, to develop proposal for deferred maintenance emphasizing disability or life/health/safety issues. December will be priorities and March will be tasked out and then by June we will get the budget from the Governor.

Chancellor Reilly asked for questions.

Patenaude posed a question about the relationship with NV Energy, staying in vs leaving the grid.

Chancellor Reilly responded that we are allowed to exit the grid but there is a cost. NSHE has examined the relationship with stability of providers and philanthropic support we get from NV Energy. It is a win/win to work out savings and it just may not have been feasible for the system to leave.

Gutierrez asked a question regarding immigration issues and discussions that have been had, and how to help DACA students?

Chancellor Reilly encouraged members to contact Presidents. Ask how you can bring it forward. It seems like we can fix the issues. Flores added a remark to keep Chancellor Reilly in the loop with communication to see how NSHE can help.

Patenaude asked if we have heard about other student employment issues associated with DACA students?

Chancellor Reilly responded that, no, not at this point. He encouraged us to take concerns back to student groups and institutions.

**6. UPDATE FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON
THE NSHE TASK FORCE ON PERFORMANCE PAY**

INFORMATION ONLY

Patenaude stressed that we should be fighting for the State to support us, avoiding having a student fee increase to support the compression issue.

Gutierrez mentioned that he is leery of using student fees to support compression issue. There is a concern that students are serving as a “bailout” for the faculty and the schools. We need to exhaust all other measures before we provide more money from students.

Martin (TMCC) mentioned that faculty pay is a legitimate issue. Faculty are leaving. He mentioned that he would not say students should be the first approach for more funding. We need to exhaust all other approaches. But that performance pay can lead to student betterment through faculty.

Gutierrez discussed that

Alvarez reported that at NSC we are beginning to examine tobacco products on campus working toward