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## 1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Tamara Guinn will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

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## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on December 5, 2019.

## 4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Thom Reilly. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

## 5. UPDATE FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NSHE TASK FORCE ON PERFORMANCE PAY ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

At the September 5-6, 2019 Board of Regents meeting Chancellor Thom Reilly received approval to create the ad hoc NSHE Task Force on Performance Pay Administration and Support. The Task Force is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on funding sources for performance pay in the context of affordability in an effort to determine the potential impact on student fees should the state continue not funding performance increases for academic and administrative faculty. Task Force membership is comprised of wide representation from the System and State, including three student body members representing each institutional sector: Nathaniel Waugh (universities), Robert Lemus (state college), and Andrew Sierra (community

colleges). At this meeting, one of the student representatives will give an update of the Task Force.

**6. SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS ON CAMPUS** **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Nicola Opfer will solicit feedback and updates from NSA members on environmental sustainability needs and efforts at each of the NSHE campuses.

**7. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PARTICIPATION** **INFORMATION ONLY**

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.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS** **INFORMATION ONLY**

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.

**9. 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.

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TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

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**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
**Student Union, Room 211**  
**4505 S. Maryland Parkway**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT **8:07 AM** BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**  
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PRESENT**  
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) **PRESENT**  
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA **PRESENT**  
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**  
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN (new representative) **PRESENT**  
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**  
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **PRESENT**  
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **ABSENT**

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE  
Renee Davis, NSHE  
Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC  
Heather Rikalo, GBC

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No public comment.

**INFORMATION**

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Opfer mentioned that it was a lot of ideas that were being thrown around. Perhaps offering scholarships however there are legal challenges with these potential processes. The challenge is finding processes that work that do not cause more harm to students.

Gutierrez asked if we will be discussing this in the afternoon NSA meeting? Also, he mentioned the importance of verbiage and language used.

Opfer discussed how NSSA has established a fund that helps undocumented/DACA students pay for school.

Clark expressed importance of supporting students that want to give back to the community through student government. This is also beneficial to FASFA ineligible students.

Gutierrez mentioned how student government funds open a second avenue of funding opportunity for FASFA ineligible students.

Opfer has had undocumented students approach NSSA about joining and serving. An option they have considered implementing is a Student Life Advisory Board to assist student government.

Patenaude mentioned that since this is a federal issue this is beyond our scope of being able to solve, but we have the ability at our levels to help alleviate costs. Also having an NSA resolution to support Undocumented/DACA student involvement.

Guinn mentioned the issue could also impact international students as well that are limited by financial aid and how much they can earn while attending school in the U.S. She mentioned that GSA actually supports

Guinn UNR GSA Move It challenge was very successful with 52 active participants. February UNR will be hosting the NAGPS conference. Mental health awareness will be a focus in the spring. A self-defense class will be offered to female council members. More service outreach to graduate students.

Gutierrez Student Union was officially named after Tyrone Thompson. It was a very successful

those professors helping students through OER. Working to improve voter registration and voting across students. All three multipurpose rooms will be available soon. CSN is



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**December 5, 2019**

**5:00 p.m.**

*Time Approximate: this meeting may begin earlier than 5:00 p.m. upon recess  
of the Board of Regents meeting.*

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

**Student Union, Room 213**

**4505 S. Maryland Parkway**

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Opfer expressed interest in attending the conversation as well. At NSC there have been concerns regarding audit of stipends versus pay for student government that need to be addressed. In response to serving on student government, anyone can attend per Nevada Open Meeting Law but may not be able to serve in a full capacity without being compensated.

Reilly mentioned that since the Presidents are aware we should work together to formulate solutions and get the ball rolling. There has also been discussion regarding in-state or out-of-state tuition for undocumented students.

Martinez mentioned UNR has a coordinator and UNLV has one individual that works with student government to complete documents for students to facilitate their participation.

Patenaude opened the conversation about lighting on UNLV campus. Director Garcia has been involved and safety issues are being addressed but there is still a concern. CSUN has paid for some improvement, but more improvement is still needed, especially on the north side. This should be a priority for UNLV.

Reilly asked if there is a plan in place?

Patenaude and Chief of Staff identified several places that were of immediate concern. This will also be done with Director Garcia.

Opfer expressed interest in hearing student voices and concern on each campus. Perhaps this will be a new business item on future NSA agenda.

heard discussions regarding Native American retention and attendance at college. Working with

Geddes supports the promotion of using OER on campuses. There are so many resources available, yet professors require certain books so hopefully a balance can be found with free resources.

Patri mentioned there have been 15 professors at TMCC that have been successful. Perhaps incentivizing and rewarding OER use.

Opfer mentioned NSC has a digital library and promoted e-versions of textbooks. She will share the information with NSA members.

Open discussion that it sets a precedent. Overall concern was expressed that it could impact student numbers at institutions and make it more cost prohibitive to attend.

Flores appreciates the perspectives but with every legislative session funding concern for salaries are not an open issue. Allocations are just not there for merit increase. He encouraged students to speak to the Legislators. The day at the legislature was successful and contributed to overall 11% increase we received. Also, speaking at BOR meetings is impactful.

Geddes expressed that student voices and student presence at Legislature does have an impact.

Patenaude and Opfer expressed appreciation for BOR members openness and honesty on these issues.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **INFORMATION**