

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
AGENDA
April 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF

The agenda and any

**4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR INFORMATION ONLY
REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Thom Reilly and NSHE Chief of Staff Michael Flores to have an open dialogue about proposals NSHE is considering to comply with a request from the Office of the Governor on April 3, 2020 to enact a 4% cut from the budget for fiscal year 2020 and up to a 14% cut from the budget for fiscal year 2021.

5. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION ONLY

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION ONLY

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 should begin by stating their name for the record and spelling their last name. The NSA Chair may allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

Pursuant to Section 2 of Directive 006, members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu or voicemail: (775) 784-3442 or (775) 784-3447. Messages received by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020 may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other Public Comment Form submissions and/or voicemails received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be transcribed and included in the permanent record. Persons making comment should begin by stating their name for the record and spelling their last name. The NSA Chair may allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the

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.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NSA PAGE OF THE

NSHE WEBSITE: <http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/> AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (<http://notice.nv.gov/>) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
 MINUTES
 March 5, 2020
 7:00 a.m.
 College of Southern Nevada
 Student Union, Room 121
 700 College Drive, Henderson, NV

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 AM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSACHAIR

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, ASCS **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, GSA **PRESENT**

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

- Terina Caserto, NSHE
- Renee Davis, NSHE
- Sidath Kapukotuwa, GPSA, UNLV
- Heather Rikalo, ASWN, WNC
- Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION
 No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion is made by Gutierrez for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 14, 2020. Seconded by Patri. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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Martinez recommended drafting a letter or priorities for the 2020/2021 NSA. He suggested it would be best to have the letter/priorities come from Chair Opfer outlining items we feel important for 2020/2021 NSA to consider. We can all add our signatures and our input on what should be considered in the document.

Guinn asked if within the document there was an item pertaining to differential fees. This item is important for future consideration as it is being brought before the Board of Regents again for UNR and sets a dangerous precedent for institutional use and implementation of differential fees.

Martinez responded that within the current document it was not currently there.

Gutierrez recalled the discussion with Chair Geddes at the last Board of Regents Meeting in December, 2019 that the legislature recommends use of student fees to cover budget shortfalls. Posed the question of whether we can take a stance for the next NSA charging students fees to cover budget shortfalls.

Opfer proposed affordable higher education item to include differential fees.

Davis expressed concern about developing a document given the time constraint and this being the last scheduled meeting.

Opfer and Martinez proposed scheduling a final meeting to approve a document/priorities letter for the 2020/2021 NSA.

Caserta recommended deciding today whether another meeting needs to be scheduled for the next meeting these minutes will need to be approved by the next meeting.

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
March 5, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Time Approximate: this meeting may begin earlier than 5:00 p.m. upon recess
of the Board of Regents meeting.
College of Southern Nevada
Student Union, Room123
700 College Drive, Henderson, NV

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:13 PM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSACHAIR

1. ROLL CALL: Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
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Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Mark Doubrava ±BOR Vice Chair
Jason Geddes ±BOR Chair
Dean Gould ±BOR Chief of Staff
Thom Reilly ±Chancellor
Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Gould came back to the discussion regarding JR5 and discussed that previously proposed SB354 would have restructured board composition and operations. JR5 passed. He expressed the importance of understanding the history of the proposed legislation.

Reilly expressed the importance of understanding the possible implications of the proposed legislation JR5.

Patenaude mentioned her concern that students do not understand or have a grasp of what NSHE is or who the Board of Regents are. She asked how we get students to understand how their vote at the polls matter? We have a responsibility to educate and pass awareness on about these issues on our campuses.

Opfer expressed the importance of NSHE onboarding for student leaders.

Molina mentioned her public comment during the Board of Regents meeting and asked for their consideration of revising the policy and conflict of interest procedures within student government to protect student votes. She mentioned that UNLV GPSA does not currently have access to many important documents or budgets, they are held at the Graduate College. She expressed the

