

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**Agenda**

**June 11, 2020**

**7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.**

**Meeting Link:**

<https://bluejeans.com/457282048>

**ROLL CALL:** Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA  
Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

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

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meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. Chair and Vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will take place in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2019-20 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Nicola Opfer, NSC, NSSA

Vice Chair: Anthony Martinez, UNR, ASUN

Secretary: Tamara Guinn, UNR, GSA

At the completion of this agenda item, the new chair will take charge of the meeting.

**5. OPEN MEETING LAW INFORMATION**

NSHE System legal counsel will provide a briefing to NSA members regarding Nevada Open Meeting Law.

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on April 10, 2020.

**7. N INFORMATION**

The newly elected NSA Chair 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 June 11, 2020).

**8. 2020 NSA MEETING DATES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Terina Caserto will provide a brief overview of the NSA Meeting Dates document, the meeting dates scheduled for the remainder of 2020, and the procedure for an NSA member to appoint a proxy. Keeping in mind the quorum requirement, the group will be asked to decide whether they want to cancel either or both summer meetings scheduled in July and August. In addition, the group will be asked to provide feedback on the scheduled fall meeting dates and potential spring meeting dates in order to determine whether adjustments to the meeting calendar are in order.

**9. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under which may include the reasons for the request.

**10. 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.

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](mailto:tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu) or voicemail: (775) 784-3442 or (775) 784-3447. Messages received by 4:00p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other public comment, including email 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-

**CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE**

*Effective 5-11-18*

**ARTICLE 1 - The Association**

Section 100 This association shall be nam



300.5 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the

Section 310 Provisions for Proxy

310.1 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.

310.11 Any member of the Alliance wishing to exercise the right to a proxy shall, in advance of the meeting, notify the Alliance Chair in writing of the person designated to be his/her proxy and for which specific meeting. At commencement of the meeting the Chair shall, on the record, introduce the proxy by name and indicate for which member he/she is acting as proxy.

**ARTICLE 4 - Amendment**

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## **ARTICLE 5 - Impeachment**

Section 500 Impeachment and removal of any member shall require the following procedures:

- 500.1 Any voting member of the Alliance, including the chair and vice-chair, shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting member for violation of the NSHE Code of Conduct, gross negligence of duties, and/or malfeasance of any kind.

In order for impeachment proceedings to commence, each Alliance member must receive a brief report from the Chair explicitly stating the alleged wrongful actions on the part of the member in question. The member in question has the right to submit a rebuttal report. Both reports must be distributed to the full Alliance prior to impeaching proceedings

Impeachment proceedings shall take place during the next scheduled meeting. The member in question has the right to be present for all discussions and will be given an opportunity to address the Alliance.

- 500.2 A two-thirds vote of the Alliance members shall be required to impeach the representative.
- 500.3 In the event of an affirmative two-thirds vote for impeachment, the impeached member shall be immediately removed from office.



- x Meetings must be recorded by audiotape or other sound reproduction or transcribed by a certified court reporter
- x Audio recordings or certified transcripts must be kept for one year and available at no cost
- x Minutes or audiotape must be available for public inspection within 30 working days
- x Minutes must be retained for five years for archival preservation

**CONDUCT OF MEETING AND VOTING (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.0355)**

- x Meeting must be public and accessible to public if held by telephone, all members of public must be able to hear all speakers
- x Members of public may record meeting if it doesn't interfere with meeting
- x Discussions must remain on topic
- x Action is taken by a majority vote of the members who are present, unless public body composed of all elected members (then the vote must be by a majority of the elected members) affirmative votes for action (NRS 241.0355).



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

Teleconference Meeting Only



Reilly responded that we will examine the numbers in a month or so. The outcome today looks bleak, but we were at a healthy level before the pandemic. He is suspecting it will ramp up at a good pace once this is all over.

Clinger is unaware of the unemployment benefits available

Reynolds mentioned looking at that at NSHE human resources department to contact Joe Reynolds with question and concerns.

Opfer mentioned that many of us are transitioning out of leadership and asked how will this affect the rest of the organization.

Reilly recommended that among existing and incoming faculty and students scheduling a meeting

Flores added that during the NSHE onboarding process, this will be a key part of this process. We will be modifying some processes to accommodate these concerns and changes.

Opfer mentioned there are concerns regarding services beneficial to students

Reilly responded that the institution Presidents have flexibility in institutions to make decisions. We ask for consistency in 3 key areas discussed before preserve services and The Presidents should have pulse in the institutions and a sense of what is necessary and concerning.

Klinger added that business officers are meeting every day and the institutions have different needs. With 2.3 and 4.6 % cuts with furloughs business officers collaborated to discuss what was best for institutions. Some institutions could have waited to implement furloughs but in the interest of consistency decisions were made to implement them across the board.

Reilly without 21 million dollars as a furlough savings and 10 million in student surcharge would be 300 positions to lay off across the state.

Opfer asked for clarification that the student surcharges at 14%, what were the amounts again?

Reilly responded that \$5 university graduates, \$6 University undergraduates, \$5 (NSC), \$3 community college

Opfer asked where would those fees go?

Clinger responded that the temporary add on fee will go to state operating budget and be used for teaching support

Molina asked will reduction include GA numbers?

Clinger responded that to specific number of what is being presented

Guinn added that UNR GA positions will remain





Gutierrez mentioned that at CSN they have an emergency fund for students, we have been increasing the fund and trying to offer resources to students. We are reaching out through social media to students. We are holding elections and reaching out to students, responding to emails much as possible. Leadership is hosting town halls each week. An important aspect is the question and answer sessions. Students have expressed issues with professors that are not used to teaching in an online platform and have expressed frustration with this. Classes that required labs have been challenging.

Pat mentioned that at TMC we had a general assembly meeting and notified student government about the current situation so far, V R J R R G 7 K L V K D V Q ¶ W a D n y y e F W H G V W X C

Dodson mentioned that CT students have been put on a hold which is causing confusion about the coming months. Students are getting used to doing online work. Professors have been flexible and understanding.

Clark discussed that they met with financial director and President about possible influx of students looking to gain skills in an economic downturn. Looking to prepare virtual options and recruitment and retention processes. Openness and transparency with current students.

Molina mentioned that GA numbers will be a concern. We have not heard much communication about the numbers going forward. GPSA is trying to help students and make budget adjustments. Assisting students through emergency funds.

Guinn mentioned there are concerns focused on informing students and making sure issues are being addressed. Unemployment is a growing concern, conce

