

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes June 9, 2016 7:15 a.m.
Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Blvd
Reno, NV 89512
Red Mountain Building
Room 122

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Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CBA President. Goals include increasing student engagement, close the gap between the student body and student government, improve campus safety and work on diversifying student programs to reflect the student body.

Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA President. Goals include increasing student engagement, increasing community engagement and working on financial responsibility. This will extend to the Henderson and Greater Las Vegas area, increase the student discount program, legislative opportunities and internships with scholarships and possible housing aid.

Ms. Heather Phelps, Nevada State College, NSSA President. Goals include more collaboration between the institutions and increase student engagement.

Chelsey Fox, Great Basin College, SBA President. Goals include increasing student engagement at all campuses, work on more effective student communication.

David Turner II, Truckee Meadows Community College, SBA President. Goals include taking steps towards open education resources and to collaborate with the other institutions with this goal, increase student wellness and increase student engagement through more effective representation.

Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD President. Goals include creating a career counseling festival which would help with focused career courses outside of degrees and to work on funding for students working on writing research proposals for undergrads.

Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA President. Goals include working on the community and fostering relationships in Southern Nevada, support scholarship programs for graduates and grant writing groups to create sufficient students and prepare them for the work force.

Cody Shepard, Western Nevada College, ASWN President. Goals include continuing student life involvement, club involvement, advocate for the deaf community and help connect the Northern Nevada institutions for better student engagement

Andrea Senda, Previous Western Nevada College, ASWN President.

6. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (ACTION)

Renée Davis briefly discusses the eligibility requirements of the NSA Officers and election process. Only members of the NSA can run for the positions within the NSA. An NSA member cannot run for an officer position if they are representing the same institute as the previous institute.

Renée Davis opens the floor for nominations for the 2016-NSA Chair.

Carlos Fernandez nominates Desiree DeCosta for the 2016-17 NSA Chair.

Desiree DeCosta accepts.

No other nominations.

Desiree DeCosta is elected as the 2016-17 NSA Chair by unanimous vote.

Desiree DeCosta nominates Carlos Fernandez for the 2017 NSA Vice Chair.

Carlos Fernandez accepts.

No other nominations.

Carlos Fernandez is elected as the 2017 NSA Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

Deep Sengupta nominates David Turner II for the 2016 NSA Secretary.

David Turner II accepts.

No other nominations.

David Turner II is elected as the 2016 NSA Secretary by unanimous vote.

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta takes over the NSA meeting

7. OPEN MEETING LAW (INFORMATION)

Legal Counsel Nicholas Vaskov briefly discusses Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Meetings and quorum. A meeting is any gathering of members that meets quorum. Do not deliberate items that the NSA has power over outside of formal meetings with a set agenda. Emails between the whole NSA can create a walking quorum, and this should be avoided. Communicate one on one via email.

Clear and complete agendas.

Stick to agenda items.

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All NSA meetings are open meetings.

Clear and concise minutes. Must be posted within 45 days or by next meeting.

Renée Davis asks if it is appropriate to approve meeting minutes even if a member was not present for the meeting.

Nicholas Vaskov reminds the NSA members that it is our responsibility to always vote unless

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10. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION)
No new business.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION)