

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes
September 8, 2016
7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union
Rita Laden Senate Chambers
87 West Stadium Way
Reno, NV 89557

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta at 7:18 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) Present
Mr. Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN Las Vegas (NSA President) Present
Mr. Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN – Present
Mr. David Clark, University of Nevada, Reno, GSU Present
Ms. Chelsey Fox, Great Basin College, GBC Present
Mr. Diana Gurrola, Western Nevada College, ASWC Present
Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, UNLV Present
Ms. Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, CSN Present
Mr. Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRI Present

3. GUEST RECOGNITION

Ms. Renée Davis, Director of Student Affairs with the Nevada System of Higher Education
Ms. Lilly Leon-Vicks, Western Nevada College Coordinator for Student Life
Ms. Bea DeBelor, UNLV CSUN
Mr. Marclem Hernandez, UNLV CSUN
Mr. Ryan Romero, UNLV CSUN
Ms. Heather Phelps, NSC NSSA
Mr. Elias Benjelloun, NSC NSSA
Mr. Luis Montañez, NSC NSSA

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Secretary David Turner makes motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2016.
NSA Member David Clark seconds

Minutes approved by majority vote.

6. NSA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION
NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez finished the NSA Newsletter and will be sending it out to all members. There were some institutions that were not able to submit their articles, however to keep them included with the newsletter their info was added. To showcase all the institutions. There was a lot of help from the CSUN Marketing Team.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION
NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta indicates that she will be giving the report to the Regents later in the morning. Going over everything the NSA has been working on, the initiatives with One It's Us Campaign, Undocumented/DACA support and Open Education Resources. This will go over the progress that the members have made towards those initiatives, the Newsletter as well as the progression towards the discussion for the new Chancellor. To make sure that what the NSA is looking for in a Chancellor is considered.

8. IT'S ON US CAMPAIGN INFORMATION
NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta opens up the discussion with what NSC is doing for the Campaign.

locations. CSN is also opening a Multicultural Center September 14, 2016. With all this, this year the Safety Week for this academic year will

faces to this initiative, to remind the media these are people. That this is a good reminder that the services and resources that we offer students are not the same across the board. We have special services for our disabled students, that DACA students have their own needs. Carlos informs the members that he is part of a Latino fraternity, where there are members working over 40 hours a week to be able to go to school. There is a challenge to not let the media influence the NSA members, and group DACA students as all the same.

NSA Member Jill Robinson informs the members that she was not able to add this to the newsletter because of the due date for the letter, but CSN is taking in private donations to create a permanent home for the DACA/Dream Scholarships. To be able to continue to offer the two \$1500 scholarships to students. There is also now an All Access Committee, made of faculty and student members to create a safer place. The students weren't comfortable with starting a club, but they were introduced to administration to know to speak with these individuals. To create better safe places.

10. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION
NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta opens the floor for all discussion.

NSA Secretary David Turner spoke with TMCC's faculty senate and is pleased to report that multiple faculty members are moving into the open education resources. Reminding the members about the 200 level Business class that has already moved on to OERs. That spring will be bringing additional classes into the OER area. That maybe this could be the push needed to create a Nevada Open Education Resource, which would be open to all institutions, that instructors could access and update with peer reviewed materi

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta informs the members that Nevada State College is moving towards this in similar ways. Currently the library is all cloud based and working towards open cloud based text books. This is still in the works towards their OER goals.

NSA Member Jill Robinson has this on the first agenda with CSN's faculty senate.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez informs the members that the institution has not made much headway, but it is on the radar. With UNLV being a university, it is a little harder to encourage faculty that are tenured and write books to pursue OER. Hopefully once the traction picks up from the other institutions the pressure will be on to develop programs and move UNLV forward.

11. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION
None at this time.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

