

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
November 30, 2017
7:15 a.m.
Student Union, Room 211
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza at 7:20 a.m.

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Ms. Kimberly Tran, Truckee Meadows Comm
Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, I
Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSS
Ms. Tania Covarrubias, Western Nevada College,
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA
Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada

Absent:

Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

Guests:

Ms. Renee Davis, NSHE

A quorum of members is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

NSA Chair Espinoza said she would like to announce approval of the resolutions as well as information about the #VegasStrong campaign. Members discussed mentioning fund raising efforts to help victims of the Route 91 incident in October.

Chair Espinoza skipped to Item 9: Discussion on Revisions to the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION

INFORMATION

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza led a discussion on the constitutionally-defined responsibilities of the Vice Chair, in particular the duty to produce a newsletter. It is felt the newsletter is an outdated mode of communication, and the focus should instead be on social media. Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis pointed out there are social media duties currently assigned to the Chair. It was suggested that the responsibility, as written in 300.44, be moved under 300.6. Current 300.63, which mentions the newsletter, would be replaced by this language. Ms. Davis agreed to write up the revision for review at the next meeting of the NSA.

At this juncture, Chair Espinoza called Secretary Chris Roys and he joined the meeting via phone at 6:32 a.m. She asked if he had a proposal regarding the part of the constitution with Secretarial duties. He mentioned his opinion was that since NSA is a recommending body, but that would be more of a Board of Regents decision. Ms. Davis gave some background on previous discussions and encouraged Secretary Roys or others to bring up at the evening meeting between NSA, Board Officers and the Chancellor.

Ms. Davis also suggested one thing to look into is whether OML allows a public body to dispense with minutes as long as a recording was in order. Secretary Roys suggested a revision whereby minutes would be published only when action was taken.

It was asked if this counts as a first meeting for review. Ms. Davis explained the next meeting where an actual revision is presented would count as the first review and a vote could take at the next meeting after that.

Secretary Roys explained he was parking, would join the meeting momentarily in person.

Chair proceeded to item 10: Discussion on System-wide Initiatives & Goals.

DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES & GOALS

Chair proceeded to Item 11: NSA Meeting Schedule.

NSA MEETING SCHEDULE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Espinoza proposed eliminating the January 12 and April 13 meetings. That way there would be a meeting before each of the Board meetings. Secretary Roys agreed with striking those dates, and disconnected from the call. Other members gave input on how the changes would work for them. Alicia suggested dropping April and keeping the May meeting.

Secretary Roys arrived at meeting in person. He explained there are lots of finals in April, so it is not a good month to meet. Ms. Davis said she could help communicate with new student body presidents earlier in order to encourage them to attend the May meeting.

Motion to eliminate January 12 and April 13 NSA Meetings (Roys/Covarrubias) passed 6/1/0.

Chair moved back to Item 6: Resolution Supporting Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (PSLF)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion to adopt resolution (Roys/Linville) passed 7/0/0.

Chair proceeded to Item 7: Resolution on Condemning Bigotry on Campuses in Nevada.

RESOLUTION ON CONDEMNING BIGOTRY

