



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

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Main Building, Room 182
Desert Research Institute
755 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119

CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Ms. Kimberly Tran, TMCC, SGA (NSA Vice Chair) **PRESENT**
Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary) **ABSENT**
Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA **PRESENT**
Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **PRESENT**
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA **ABSENT**
Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN **PRESENT**
Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD **ABSENT**
Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **ABSENT**
Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, **PRESENT- DANIEL LITTLE AS PROXY**

GUESTS

Board of Regents Vice Chair Jason Geddes
Chief of Staff Dean Gould
NSHE Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon
Elizabeth Bounds, WNC
Renee Davis, NSHE
Andrew Sierra, CSN

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

2. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

Vice Chair of the Board of Regents Jason Geddes, Nate Mackinnon on behalf of Chancellor Reilly, and NSHE Chief of Staff Dean Gould are present.

Kanani Espinoza asked the officers give information about the allocation of the tuition and fees (if increased).

Vice Chair Geddes discussed a possible four-year locked-in rate in the past, but it didn't get off the ground. After the budget cuts, student support services were cut instead of cutting costs in the classroom. Vice Chair Geddes states that Nevada is still one of the most affordable higher education systems.

Nate Mackinnon stated that NSHE is growing and is affordable. NSHE has an advantage in cost-savings, but the NSHE system has been ranked highly in affordability. There will always be a trade-off between cost and quality. There will always be a trade-off between cost and quality.