

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
November 11, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road**

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:

Carson City WNC Dini 105

Elko GBC LCSL 122

Henderson NSC RSC 303

Las Vegas CSN North Las Vegas Bldg C 2638 and NSHE System Admin 105

Motion to approve minutes made by Gutierrez, seconded by Patenaude, unanimously approved.

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Chancellor Reilly also reported about the campus visits in October. Budget presentations at the various institutions were heard. At the December BOR meeting we will have a discussion of thematic issues and major concerns that were brought from campuses. NSHE will be seeking direction from the Board regarding student success, such as ratio of advisors to students (350-1 ratio), capacity enhancements, additional research support and deferred maintenance, to develop proposal for deferred maintenance emphasizing disability or life/health/safety issues. December will be priorities and March will be tasked out and then by June we will get the budget from the Governor.

Chancellor Reilly asked for questions.

Patenaude posed a question about the relationship with NV Energy, staying in vs leaving the grid.

Chancellor Reilly responded that we are allowed to exit the grid but there is a cost. NSHE has examined the relationship with stability of providers and philanthropic support we get from NV Energy. It is a win/win to work out savings and it just may not have been feasible for the system to leave.

Gutierrez asked a question regarding immigration issues and discussions that have been had, and how to help DACA students?

Chancellor Reilly encouraged members to contact Presidents. Ask how you can bring it forward. It seems like we can fix the issues. Flores added a remark to keep Chancellor Reilly in the loop with communication to see how NSHE can help.

Patenaude asked if we have heard about other student employment issues associated with DACA students?

Chancellor Reilly responded that, no, not at this point. He encouraged us to take concerns back to student groups and institutions.

**6. UPDATE FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON
THE NSHE TASK FORCE ON PERFORMANCE PAY**

INFORMATION ONLY

Patenaude stressed that we should be fighting for the State to support us, avoiding having a student fee increase to support the compression issue.

Gutierrez mentioned that he is leery of using student fees to support compression issue. There is a concern that students are serving as a “bailout” for the faculty and the schools. We need to exhaust all other measures before we provide more money from students.

Martin (TMCC) mentioned that faculty pay is a legitimate issue. Faculty are leaving. He mentioned that he would not say students should be the first approach for more funding. We need to exhaust all other approaches. But that performance pay can lead to student betterment through faculty.

Gutierrez discussed that

Alvarez reported that at NSC we are beginning to examine tobacco products on campus working toward