

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
December 5, 2019
8:00 a.m.
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Room 211
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT **8:07 AM** BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PRESENT**
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) **PRESENT**
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA **PRESENT**
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN (new representative) **PRESENT**
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **PRESENT**
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **ABSENT**

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC
Heather Rikalo, GBC

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comment.

INFORMATION

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Opfer mentioned that it was a lot of ideas that were being thrown around. Perhaps offering scholarships however there are legal challenges with these potential processes. The challenge is finding processes that work that do not cause more harm to students.

Gutierrez asked if we will be discussing this in the afternoon NSA meeting? Also, he mentioned the importance of verbiage and language used.

Opfer discussed how NSSA has established a fund that helps undocumented/DACA students pay for school.

Clark expressed importance of supporting students that want to give back to the community through student government. This is also beneficial to FASFA ineligible students.

Gutierrez mentioned how student government funds open a second avenue of funding opportunity for FASFA ineligible students.

Opfer has had undocumented students approach NSSA about joining and serving. An option they have considered implementing is a Student Life Advisory Board to assist student government.

Patenaude mentioned that since this is a federal issue this is beyond our scope of being able to solve, but we have the ability at our levels to help alleviate costs. Also having an NSA resolution to support Undocumented/DACA student involvement.

Guinn mentioned the issue could also impact international students as well that are limited by financial aid and how much they can earn while attending school in the U.S. She mentioned that GSA actually supports

Guinn UNR GSA Move It challenge was very successful with 52 active participants. February UNR will be hosting the NAGPS conference. Mental health awareness will be a focus in the spring. A self-defense class will be offered to female council members. More service outreach to graduate students.

Gutierrez Student Union was officially named after Tyrone Thompson. It was a very successful

those professors helping students through OER. Working to improve voter registration and voting across students. All three multipurpose rooms will be available soon. CSN is