

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES**

December 5, 2019

5:00 p.m.

*Time Approximate: this meeting may begin earlier than 5:00 p.m. upon recess
of the Board of Regents meeting.*

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Student Union, Room 213

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, NV

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT **5:01 PM** BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 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**

Opfer expressed interest in attending the conversation as well. At NSC there have been concerns regarding audit of stipends versus pay for student government that need to be addressed. In response to serving on student government, anyone can attend per Nevada Open Meeting Law but may not be able to serve in a full capacity without being compensated.

Reilly mentioned that since the Presidents are aware we should work together to formulate solutions and get the ball rolling. There has also been discussion regarding instate or out of state tuition for undocumented students.

Martinez mentioned UNR has a coordinator and UNLV has one individual that works with student government to complete documents for students to facilitate their participation.

Patenaude opened the conversation about lighting on UNLV campus. Director Garcia has been involved and safety issues are being addressed but there is still a concern. CSUN has paid for some improvement, but more improvement is still needed, especially on the north side. This should be a priority for UNLV.

Reilly asked if there is a plan in place?

Patenaude and Chief of Staff identified several places that were of immediate concern. This will also be done with Director Garcia.

Opfer expressed interest in hearing student voices and concern on each campus. Perhaps this will be a new business item on future NSA agenda.

heard discussions regarding Native American retention and attendance at college. Working with

Geddes supports the promotion of using OER on campuses. There are so many resources available, yet professors require certain books so hopefully a balance can be found with free resources.

Patri mentioned there have been 15 professors at TMCC that have been successful. Perhaps incentivizing and rewarding OER use.

Opfer mentioned NSC has a digital library and promoted e-versions of textbooks. She will share the information with NSA members.

Open discussion that it sets a precedent. Overall concern was expressed that it could impact student numbers at institutions and make it more cost prohibitive to attend.

Flores appreciates the perspectives but with every legislative session funding concern for salaries are not an open issue. Allocations are just not there for merit increase. He encouraged students to speak to the Legislators. The day at the legislature was successful and contributed to overall 11% increase we received. Also, speaking at BOR meetings is impactful.

Geddes expressed that student voices and student presence at Legislature does have an impact.

Patenaude and Opfer expressed appreciation for BOR members openness and honesty on these issues.

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