

## NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA) MINUTES March 5, 2020 7:00 a.m. College of Southern Nevada Student Union, Room 121 700 College Drive, Henderson, NV

## MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 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 PRESENT

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE Renee Davis, NSHE Sidath Kapukotuwa, GPSA, UNLV Heather Rikalo, ASWN, WNC Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC

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

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** 

Motion is made by Gutierrez for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 14, 2020. Seconded by Patri. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** 

Martinez recommended drafting a letter or priorities for the 2020/2021 NSA. He suggested it would be best to have the letter/priorities come from Chair Opfer outlining items we feel important for 2020/2021 NSA to consider. We can all add our signatures and welcomes input on what should be considered in the document.

Guinn asked if within the document there was an item pertaining to differential fees. This item is important for future consideration as it is being brought before the Board of Regents again for UNR and sets a dangerous precedent for institutional use and implementation of differential fees.

Martinez responded that within the current document it was not currently there.

Gutierrez recalled the discussion with Chair Geddes at the last Board of Regents Meeting in December, 2019 that the legislature recommends use of student fees to cover budget shortfalls. Posed the question of whether we can take a stance for the next NSA to stop charging students fees to cover budget shortfalls.

Opfer proposed affordable higher education item to include differential fees.

Davis expressed concern about developing a document given the time constraint and this being the last scheduled meeting.

Opfer and Martinez proposed scheduling a final meeting to approve a document/priorities letter for the 2020/2021 NSA.