

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)  
MINUTES  
October 9, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 AM**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 (“DIRECTIVE 006”), AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018 AND ENY STATE OF NEVADA. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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As of 4:30 PM yesterday, there was no public comment submitted.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on September 10, 2020.

Co-chair Will C. motions to approve agenda item #3.  
Joshua P. seconds the motion.  
Motion passes 6-0.

**4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Melody Rose. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

Chancellor Rose gives NSA members updates on NSHE activities:

Chancellor Rose visited the NSC campus to have open forum with students, staff, faculty to discuss the possibilities of presidential search. Students and staff were able to tell Rose what they are looking for in their next campus leader. Says her next step in the search process is to speak with Board Chair and Vice Chair they will help her decide if she should move forward with a national search, since she had an overwhelming amount of requests to do so.

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grant funding. As of today they have received \$601,446 for a variety of different projects, including traffic safety initiatives, walk through metal detectors from Mack and Mack to additional police positions (which will be assigned to homeless and residential life), layers on prem machines and more. Officers of Southern Command have received over 500 hours of training, an increase since 2019.

Adam G. discusses his opinion on the review of police reform within Nevada/NSHE campuses. He testified in August before the Special Legislative Session in support of AB3. He has worked with the UNLV Antiracism Task Force and engaged with the Center for Democratic Culture and the Best Directory Project.

He has created a policy that will include a Campus Review Board. It is approved by the Board of Regents, the board will review disciplinary actions by University Police Administration, which will put them [campus police] compliance with the law.

Todd Renwick discusses the mission of Northern Command and support the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) through proactive community involvement, service protection and trust. His department has a task force (led by John Galicia) with the men and women from police services through the Office of Diversity Inclusion to evaluate their ethics/policies.

Police Services would like to be involved and assist with moderating town halls.

Because of COVID in March, the Northern Command learned about the financial hardships that students were having [in the north], so their officers proposed hosting a fundraiser to help students experiencing financial insecurity. They raised just under \$4,000 to help their students.

Chair Clark states that because of the Northern Command's fundraiser, \$600 was donated to the food pantry at Western Nevada College.

\*\*Please refer to Todd Renwick's PowerPoint presentation for supplemental information discussed during this agenda item.

## 6. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

## INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Member Suman Randhawa of NSC will introduce Dr. Kimberly Florence. Dr. Florence is the Community Resource Coordinator with Nevada State College's Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives (C.E.D.I). Dr. Florence will present on the proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day as put forth by C.E.D.I.

Suman R. introduces Dr. Kimberly Florence.

Dr. Florence gives a review on the importance of Indigenous People's Day: She recently met Beverly Harry, Coordinator for the Indigenous Community and she talked

to her about the issues that are significant for Native American and Indigenous people. One of Harry's goals is to see Indigenous People's Day be celebrated in Nevada.

Dr. Florence spoke with her Director in the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives on how NSHE can help Indigenous People's Day be recognized as a state holiday. She has sat committee meetings with University of Nevada, Reno to discuss drafting of a proclamation.

Dr. Florence gave a disclaimer that the opinions expressed by Dr. Florence are solely her own.

Dr. Florence states there is a lack of appreciation and understanding of Native American and Indigenous history, and culture. Because of that, there is often skewed opinions about Native American and Indigenous history as well as their contributions in Nevada. She believes having a day that recognizes Indigenous People will give opportunity, (especially for) college campuses to begin discussions on education of Native American and Indigenous history. It will also be an opportunity to encourage and invite Native American and Indigenous youth to be a part of the higher education community and to feel accepted at various campuses.

Clark County will be acknowledging Indigenous People's Day, but not in lieu of Columbus Day.

Chair Clark gives some clarification on resolution. Resolution must be written by October 29, so it can be discussed during the next NSAMG [November 13]. Once the resolution is written and discussed during the November meeting, NSAMG will present the resolution to our respective campuses and discuss it with our campuses and office members. Then, NSA will bring it back to the table for further discussion. In December the resolution will essentially come to fruition and will be considered an action item.

Dr. Florence gives information for an upcoming event: on Thursday, November 12 at 12:30pm, her team is hosting a zoom virtual event. Beverly Harry, her daughter, Autumn, a professor from Nevada State College, and two other professors from UNR (Deborah Harry and Myrton Runni gyolf)

recognized on the University of Nevada, Reno's calendars, but one institution cannot do that. At UNR, there is a high volume of antisemitism, so Jewish students do not feel comfortable practicing their religion on campus as requesting their holidays off. They have to write a letter to their professors and get it signed by the director of Hillel request their holidays off; however, their professors will still require them to complete and exam or assignment without making arrangements.

Since Christian holidays are recognized by NSHE, then Jewish holidays, at least the major Jewish holidays, should be recognized as well. Some holidays to consider are Kippur, Shavuot, etc. This would allow Jewish students to practice their religion in the safety of their own environment without having to come to campus.

Hall's goal is to have a discussion then write a resolution that NSA could adopt. She would also like to advocate this topic to the Board of Regents. She emailed Chair Doubrava and he informed Hall this agenda item will be on the Board of Regents December Agenda.

**8. ELECTION DAY AT NSHE INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Member Joshua Padilla of UNLV will present on ways students and staff can vote more conveniently on Election Day. Padilla's discussion may include how large a voter base NSHE community creates for the state of Nevada.

Joshua P. discusses his research on Election Day being acknowledged as a NSHE or state holiday. However, states including Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico have acknowledged Election Day as classified state or civic holiday.

NSHE cannot declare this agenda item and put it on the calendar, therefore it would have to go through the legislature first, then NSHE could adopt it as a holiday or as a state holiday giving students, staff, and faculty the day off.

Padilla asks for clarification on the two processes of resolutions proposed by NSA members.

Renee Davis responds that there is no requirement anywhere that NSA members must go back to our constituencies before signing on to a resolution, although that is typically what happens, since we are their representatives. According to Open Meeting Law, the first time that the resolution is addressed, NSA could vote on it, pass it and be done (if it is posted with the agenda as an action item).

Padilla asks if NSHE can acknowledge specific days for specific things, or does it have to go through the legislature first, that then gives permission to NSHE change the calendar schedule?

Davis says she, with Caserto, will have to do more research to know that answer.

Caserto clarifies that NSA members can send her their resolution drafts for review. She reminds members they can read all approved and passed resolutions on the NSA website, and use them as a template of how things have been done in the past. Reading them can allow NSA members to see if a similar resolution is the same topic, whether in the same context or not, already on the website.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

Further discussion on the three resolutions cited earlier in the meeting (lie)6 (r)1 ( 1 0 0 rg /T1r(r)1 (g

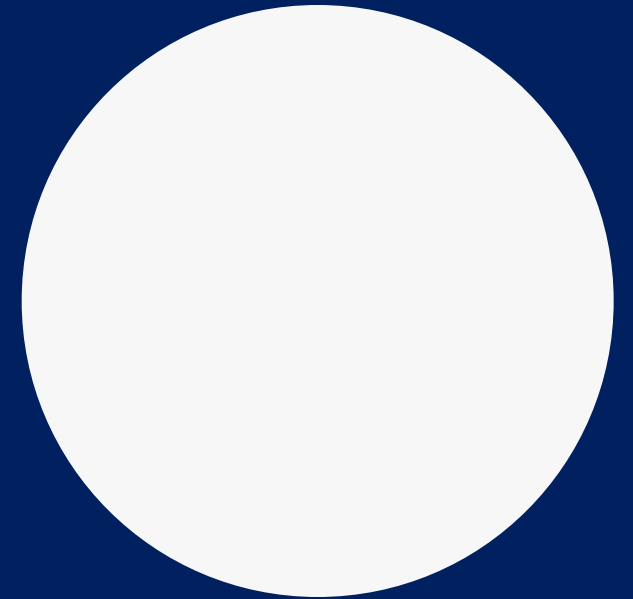




# NSA Presentation

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