

Meeting Minutes

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
JANUARY 13, 2022
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No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings on December, 2021.

Nicole Thomas – motion to approve
Zachary Johnigan – second
Motion passes unanimously

4. REMARKS FROM NSHE REGENTS INFORMATION ONLY

Individual Regents may provide remarks and discuss aspirations and concerns of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Lauren Perkins introduced herself and is here today to listen and learn and figure out policies they can do with the Board to help. Shared that Department of Family Services Clark County are looking for spaces on campus to come do train- just to reach out to her.

5. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES ON NSHE CAMPUSES INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will present information on mental health and suicide prevention in the state of Nevada. NSA members may report on the mental health resources and data available from their respective campuses. Discussion may include opportunities or recommendations for additional student resources

Chair Hawn introduced NSA member Lauren Porter to introduce the mental health topic. She shared statistics from the National Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Each NSA Member contributed to a discussion by giving updates on data or information on suicide prevention and mental health services on their respective campuses.

Nicole Thomas – UNLV

implemented this year. It can be very difficult for students to get an appointment on campus and it can take weeks to get an intake appt.

<https://www.unlv.edu/caps>

Matthew Hawn -UNR has a self-help center for things like stress management and have virtual and physical relaxation and prayer rooms. Explained services through the Counseling Center.

Same day consultation appointments are available but get booked quickly. UNR PD has a therapy dog. Shared statistics on the graduate side. Training for mental health awareness is available. Austin Brown's Proxy: Keegan Murphy - shared that at UNR there is a program for group therapy and short meditation and Take 5 program. A couple other options with the Downing Clinic psychological services and a partnership with Nevada Cares, and a psychiatrist at the health center. Shared general statistics of their counseling center including those of the mental telehealth. They have a pre.002 T, They have a 16.55 udentalhe (a)-6gh lraultd-4 (l)-6 (afr (i)-4

<https://www.wnc.edu/counseling/>

Zachary Stamp Proxy: Edward Sanchez – GBCore is more an online environment for students and not a lot of in person engagement. Working towards getting the Crisis Hotline info on the student ID cards. The website does have the hotline information and the LGBTQ hotline. The nursing program is having a hard time as they are being put to work as they are in school and so they are trying to support those students.

<https://www.gbcnv.edu/security/>

General discussion with questions and answers .

6. DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion with NSA members and data available for undocumented students on each NSHE campus. Discussion may include opportunities or resources to further support these students

Chair Hawn asked guest Blanca Pena Nevarez of UNLV CSUN to introduce the topic. Blanca shared different facets of services at UNLV and challenges an undocumented student may encounter such as scholarships, grad school, programs that lead to licensure and resources being sparse and it is hard to meet the demand sometimes. The pandemic has dialed back progress that has been made. At UNLV there is an immigration clinic with the Law School for UNLV student only. For out of state undocumented students have trouble establishing residency documentation even when lived in Nevada for years. There are admissions staff and advocates that try to help students before they get to campus.

<http://unlv.edu/diversity/undocumented>
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Darian Richards – TMCC – last year the student government associated voted and approved for a new scholarship to help DACA undocumented students called the Green Door scholarship – for award each semester until they complete math and English. Safe spaces and resources in the Diversity Equity and Inclusion office. Also have a list of other scholarships and students can make an appt with the financial aid also offers help with forms and resources. For out of state undocumented and DACA students, there is a specific process for that which goes through a board to try to obtain that.

Andrea Sanchez WNC – also have a scholarship for \$1000 for DACA \$500 each semester. Foundation office is constantly looking for other scholarships. Encourage these students to fill out FAFSA so that WNC can identify them and steer them toward other possible aid. Look at state funding for them. DACA are eligible for nowork study which are department funds, not federal funds. But they need to apply for DACA. Issue is that there are so many students that are eligible for DACA and they do not know it.

Lauren Porter NSC – has a staff member specifically for undocumented students. The student government have a scholarship for DACA and undocumented – Butterfly Scholarship. They have resources through their diversity office. They have not been able to have undocumented students on the official student government board. They actively working on a way to navigate around that by using different funds and a different council.

<https://nsc.edu/cedi/undocumented/>

Matthew Hawn –GPSA – Discussed some general information he has learned through the social services coordinated with the Center. That helps direct student to different resources. There are a few scholarships they may be able to apply. For the student government, a scholarship is received and that covers DACA students if elected and can sit on the executive board. Challenge with programs that lead to federal licensing. Yielded his time to guest Arturo Franco to give more specific information. Matthew yielded his time to Arturo Franco with GSA, guest on Matthew's behalf. Working on establishing a DACA and undocumented student club – and how to help student pursue undergrad and graduate school. Hoping to help students who want to apply for fellowships.

Deputy General Counsel Yvonne Nevarez Goodson commented in the chat feature: the NSHE All Access Committee is a great resource working toward understanding and improving resources for undocumented students. For more information Co-Chairs of the Committee are Mariana Sarmiento - mariana.sarmiento.nsc.edu and Erika Arballo at erika.arballo@nsc.edu

Caren Yap – UNLV – established a partnered scholarship for DACA and undocumented students. Trying to sponsor DACA renewal.

Nicole Thomas – UNLV – on the graduate side there is more difficulty establishing who is undocumented as they also have international students on work visas. Students are unable to renew their DACA or apply for it and are caught in the federal loop and regulations. Shared some statistics from the graduate school. Would like to see a systemwide Alternative Need Form.

Where I would like to see NSA/ NSHE move in the future: an overall DACA award fund that NV students can use, and working toward an overall Alternative Need Form that allows students to apply for multiple campuses without having to fill out a new form.

Austin Brown Proxy: Keegan – ASUN – added onto Matthews comments. UNR has a resource navigator position for undocumented and DACA students and information on the website for the FAFSA unqualifying students and our international undocumented students. There is a struggle with CARES ACT money for these students so they made money available elsewhere. Website has resources and toolkits available to help.

Zachary Johnigan GSN – shared links and CSN YouTube video. CSN has a club to provide support to all DACA, undocumented, and immigrant students. The CSN website locate more information on all the things that are being done. The All Access Committee identifies resources for these students to access. Previous student government leadership voted to approve drafting a letter of support to the Generation Dreamers Club and involve the wording in how undocumented students can be compensated for student government. This is an area of improvement.

<https://www.csn.edu/allaccess>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U06k8PQm3v0>

<https://ir.nevada.edu/>

Edward Sanchez – GB – this topic is currently being looked into.

Nicole Thomas offered her services working with Blanca at UNLV to draft a resolution to bring forward a future meeting. Send suggestions to Nicole.

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