

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
AGENDA**

February 9, 2017

4:00 p.m.

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512**

**Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
Carson City-WNC Dini 105
Elko-GBC LCSL 122
Henderson-NSC RSC 370
Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101**

ROLL CALL: Ms. Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair)
Mr. Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. David Turner II, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary)
Mr. Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Ms. Augustina Fernandez, Great Basin College, SGA
Ms. Diana Gurrola, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Ms. Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Mr. Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made available in advance of the meeting as follows: 1) from the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs by calling Renée Davis at (775) 784-3447 or emailing her at renee_davis@nshe.nevada.edu; or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

<http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/>

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office in advance at (775) 784-3443 or (775) 784-3447 so that arrangements may be made.

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary David Turner will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

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

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on December 1, 2016.

4. NSA NEWSLETTER**INFORMATION**

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez will provide information to members on writing assignments, deadlines, and work accomplished to date on the quarterly NSA newsletter for 2016-17.

5. CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**INFORMATION**

As an advisory member of the NSHE Board of Regents ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee, NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta will provide an update on meetings and any actions of the committee to date. Chair DeCosta will also lead an open discussion regarding the chancellor search during which NSA members will be asked to provide input to be shared with the search committee at its next meeting.

6. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DACA AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta and Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez will lead a discussion regarding and request approval of a proposed resolution expressing support for DACA and Undocumented Students at the NSHE institutions (see attached reference material).

7. PARTICIPATION IN NEVADA’S 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta will ask NSA members to share any plans their respective student governments have to participate in Nevada’s 2017 Legislative Session, which convened on February 6, 2017. Members may also discuss ways to coordinate efforts, possibly including one or more multi-institution student trips to Carson City.

8. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

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.

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DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363

GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801

NSC, 1st Floor, Rogers Student Center, 1021 Paradise Hills Drive, Henderson NV 89002

TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ON THE
FIGHT FOR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance is composed of the higher education institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education, which are: University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and the Desert Research Institute; AND

WHEREAS, the status of undocumented students and their access to higher education is inconsistent from various states and regions reflecting the development of policies and legislation that limits the access to affordable higher education; AND

WHEREAS, members of the Nevada Student Alliance strongly believe education is associated with fairness or justice in the provision to uphold education as a fundamental right, not a privilege; AND

WHEREAS, educational equity for undocumented students enrolled at the Nevada System of Education ensures that access and attainment of resources are the same for documented students within the university community; AND

WHEREAS, the use of the word “illegal” in terms of a student’s citizenship status shall be deemed as a degrading label that limits the educational environment and pushes the higher education system back; AND

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security established the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) allowing undocumented students who entered the country before their 16th birthday to receive a two-year work permit and an exemption from deportation, allowing students to focus on their higher education rather than focusing their attention on fear; AND

WHEREAS, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act or the DREAM Act provides undergraduate undocumented students with a path to citizenship while they are obtaining a degree in higher education; AND

WHEREAS, since undocumented students do not have access to social security numbers, they are unable to file for financial aid from the federal government as public institutions similar to NSHE cannot offer aid to students nor can students obtain student loans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the undergraduates enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher education:

- Urges elected officials of the U.S. Congress, the President, members of the Nevada State Legislature, the NSHE Board of Regents and the university faculty to support and affirm efforts related to increasing the amount of opportunities for undocumented students choosing to study at any NSHE institution AND
- Affirms support for the importance of the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the DREAM Act by recognizing the need for immigration reform for the undocumented students enrolled into the Nevada System of Higher Education; AND
- Urges members of the Nevada Student Alliance to propose and develop a scholarship resource for undocumented students to enhance the accessibility of affordable higher education; AND
- Urges members of the higher education faculty to recognize undocumented students that meet the residency criteria and high school graduation qualifications to be granted in-state tuition; AND
- Urges members of Nevada Student Alliance to partner with community and state-wide partners to organize ways to educate, recruit, empower and assist prospective and current undocumented students in a path towards higher education degree attainment; AND
- Urges all students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education to refrain from partisan platforms and the usage of the word “illegal” when acknowledging undocumented students to rather adopt practices that promote the accessibility and inclusion of all students with the similar goal to achieve a safe educational environment.

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 9th Day of February 2017.

Attest:



Desiree DeCosta, NSA Chair

Carlos Fernandez, NSA Vice-Chair

David Turner II, NSA Secretary