



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

November 17, 2017

9:00 a.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:

Battle Mountain – GBC BM 4

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Las Vegas–CSN CHEY 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101

ROLL CALL: **Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair)**
 Ms. Kimberly Tran, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Vice Chair)
 Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary)
 Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA
 Ms. Tania Covarrubias, Western Nevada College, ASWN
 Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
 Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA
 Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
 Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
 Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

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 Christopher Roys 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 September 7, 2017.

4. NSA NEWSLETTER**INFORMATION**

NSA Vice Chair Kimberly Tran will provide information to members on writing assignments, deadlines, and work accomplished to date on the NSA newsletter for 2017-18.

5. SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (PSLF)**INFORMATION**

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza will lead a discussion and review of the proposed resolution in support of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF).

6. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION ON CONDEMNING BIGOTRY ON CAMPUSES IN NEVADA**INFORMATION**

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza will lead a discussion and review of the proposed resolution condemning violence, hatred, and bigotry on all college campuses in Nevada.

7. DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES & GOALS INFORMATION

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza will lead an open discussion on goals the student body presidents have for their terms of office and possible system-wide initiatives and goals that the Alliance may wish to adopt. In discussion will include: NSHE Smoking Policy, Natural Disaster Plan, Revisions of the NSA Constitution.

8. DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION INFORMATION

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza will lead an open discussion on the constitutionally-defined roles and duties of each member of the Nevada Student Alliance.

9. MEMBER REPORTS INFORMATION

NSA members will each be invited to provide an update on current and planned events, initiatives and other activities or actions taking place on their campuses and within their student government organizations.

10. 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

Nevada Public Notice Website - <https://notice.nv.gov>

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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 Institution; AND

WHEREAS, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments¹ and working for a qualified employer; AND

WHEREAS, the status for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is unknown for the future; AND

WHEREAS; the default rate in the last three years has risen and is currently at 11.5 percent²; AND

WHEREAS; the average student loans in Nevada are increasing and approaching \$30,000³;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher education:

- Urges the President, elected officials of the U.S. Congress and Senate, members of the Nevada State Legislature, the NSHE Board of Regents and the university faculty to support and affirm efforts related to maintaining the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program; AND
- Urges the Board of Regents to maintain reasonable tuition and fee costs for students to avoid accruing large amounts of student loans.

For sources, see supplemental attachment

¹**Federal Student Aid; an Office of the U.S. Department of Education**

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

²**U.S. Department of Education**

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-national-student-loan-fy-2014-cohort-default-rate>

³**Nevada Public Radio**

<https://knpr.org/knpr/2014-12/average-student-loan-debt-reaches-21666-nevada>

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND HATRED ON ANY HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUS IN NEVADA

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 Institution; AND

WHEREAS, the “Unite the Right” protest in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12, 2017 resulted in one death; AND

WHEREAS, the protest symbolized violence, hatred, and bigotry; AND

WHEREAS; one male in attendance was linked to a school in Nevada; AND

WHEREAS; over 50% of students in NSHE identify as Non-White¹;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher education:

- Denounces all acts of bigotry and violence in the United States; AND
- Urges all NSHE institutions to remain an open campus with support for all students who identify as a minority; AND
- Urges NSHE and the Board of Regents to continue to expand and grow our ethnicity and diversity numbers in regards to enrollment; AND
- Urges the organizations that make up the NSA will continue to fight for and protect its students from violations of basic human rights and uphold the laws of the United States.

For sources, see supplemental attachment

¹ Nevada System of Higher Education, NSHE Fall Enrollment
<https://www.nevada.edu/ir/dashboard.php>