



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**AGENDA**

**August 9, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

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

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**ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair)  
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair)  
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)  
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN  
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
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**1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Tamara Guinn 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 ONLY**

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

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on June 6, 2019 and the NSA meeting held on July 12, 2019.

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

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

**5. DISCUSSION OF AD HOC TASK FORCE ON MERIT ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT****INFORMATION ONLY**

Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba will discuss the creation of an ad hoc NSHE Task Force on Merit Administration and Support, as recommended by Chancellor Thom Reilly that will be discussed at the September 5-6, 2019 Board of Regents meeting. The Task Force will be charged with reviewing historical and current funding levels for merit increases in an effort to identify a stable source of funding for future merit increases that may include addressing the System's significant salary compression issue.

**6. DISCUSSION OF MEETING ATTENDANCE****INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Nicola Opfer will discuss the importance of meeting attendance, quorum, and the proper process for members to assign a proxy, as prescribed by the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

**7. MEMBER REPORTS****INFORMATION ONLY**

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.

**8. 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.

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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# **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

## **MINUTES**

**June 6, 2019**

**7:00 a.m.**

Joe Crowley Student Union  
Rita Laden Senate Chambers (Third Floor)  
University of Nevada, Reno  
87 West Stadium Way  
Reno, NV 89557

**MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 A.M. BY RENEE DAVIS, NSHE**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **PRESENT**  
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**  
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **PRESENT**  
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **PRESENT**  
Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA **PRESENT BY PHONE**  
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**  
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **ABSENT**  
Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD **VACANT**  
Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA **VACANT**  
Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN **VACANT**

Guests:

Zelalem Bogale, NSHE  
Renee Davis, NSHE

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT (6/7 @ beginning of meeting)

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comment.**

**INFORMATION**

### **3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**Current members introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their goals during their term in office at their respective institutions.**

**INFORMATION**

### **4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**Davis opened the floor for nominations for 2019 – 2020 Chair of NSA**

Opfer and Molina self-nominated for Chair position. Candidates each gave a brief overview of their goals if elected to NSA Chair position. Davis called for member vote, Opfer is elected by 4/6 votes.

Davis opened the floor for nominations of the 2019-2020 Vice-Chair of NSA.

Martinez and Molina self-nominated for Vice-Chair position. Candidates gave a brief overview of their goals if elected to NSA Vice-Chair position. Davis called for a member vote, Martinez is elected by 4/6 votes.

Davis opened the floor for nominations for the 2019-2020 Secretary of NSA.

Guinn self-nominated for Secretary position. Davis called for a member vote, Guinn is elected 6-0-0.

Davis welcomed new officers and offered her support and assistance.

## **5. OPEN MEETING LAW**

## **INFORMATION**

Davis introduced Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel for System Administration to give a brief overview of Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Bogale discussed how NSA is a subcommittee of the Nevada Board of Regents and must follow Nevada Open Meeting Law. He reminded members to be conscientious of when deliberation about action items may be taking place and ensuring that communications and gatherings abstain from deliberation.

Bogale gave an overview of agenda posting requirements for public meetings and how in-depth meeting minutes should be.

Davis posed a question about Robert's Rules of Order and whether members should abstain from approval of the meeting minutes when they were not in attendance at the meeting.

Bogale discussed that members, even when they did not attend, are strongly encouraged to vote regarding the meeting minutes. If there are questions, members should request recordings of the meetings.

Davis posed a question regarding whether meetings must start within a specific time frame.

Bogale responded that meetings can start any time after the posted agenda time as long as quorum has been reached. Present members can wait as long as necessary to start to reach quorum.

Davis thanks Bogale for attending and will be forwarding his contact information to NSA members.

Davis turns the meeting over to Opfer.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Minutes are approved by unanimous vote 6-0-0

**7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Opfer excuses herself from presenting the report at the Board of Regents meeting, Martinez or Guinn will give the report.

Opfer will draft a list of general goals for the 2019-2020 year and send to Martinez and Guinn.

**8. 2019 NSA MEETING DATES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Davis opens the discussion about the upcoming scheduled NSA meetings, and asks members if they want to hold the scheduled meetings during the summer months.

A brief discussion is held about availability of officers. Dates are accepted by members. Meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

Opfer opened the discussion about potential 2019-2020 NSA goals.

Gutierrez mentions that a concern on his campus is protections for students going through legal matters such as court dates. He discusses how students may miss important exams or clinicals and are not able to make them up.

Davis suggests that Gutierrez reach out to NSA members to discuss current policies and protections on their campuses.

Opfer encourages NSA members to think about goals and issues we would like to address this year, and to email her with any questions or concerns.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

Opfer thanks NSA members and expresses that she looks forward to the upcoming year.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:04 A.M.

## **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

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**June 6, 2019**

**5:00 p.m.**

***Time approximate: this meeting will begin upon recess of the Board of Regents meeting***

Joe Crowley Student Union

Room 420

University of Nevada, Reno

87 West Stadium Way

Reno, NV 89557

**MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:35 P.M. BY ANTHONY MARTINEZ, NSA VICE-CHAIR**

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **PRESENT**

Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**

Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **PRESENT**

Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **PRESENT**

Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA **PRESENT BY PROXY - ALEXANDER LUM**

Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**

Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **PRESENT**

Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD **VACANT**

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Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN **VACANT**

Guests:

Dara Colon, Nevada State College, NSSA

Renee Davis, NSHE

Nicole Flangas, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

Dean Gould, Chief of Staff, Board of Regents

Kevin Page, Chair, Board of Regents

Thom Reilly, Chancellor, NSHE

**A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT (7/7 @ beginning of meeting)**

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comment.**

#### **INFORMATION**

### **3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR**

### **INFORMATION**

Martinez opened the discussion with board officers and chancellor.

Patenaude poses a question about the 15 to finish idea and comments that it is nice to see active continuation of the discussion.

Reilly responds with the possibility of moving to 12 hours but stresses the importance of 15 to graduate and 30 to finish, perhaps using the 12/12/6 model.

Page asks if we have a "J" semester - Guinn and Martinez responded that UNR has Wintermester which is 4 weeks or 15 days.

Gutierrez asked a question about police consolidation and how this is impacting the homeless student's program.

Reilly responded by encouraging conversations with Chief Garcia. Chair Page agreed with communicating with Chief Garcia and mentions that if there are any issues please contact Chancellor Reilly.

Chancellor Reilly encouraged all student leaders to contact him.

Molina mentions concern about R1 designations. UNLV doctoral students are receiving push back by UNLV administration and she wonders whether UNLV administration is requesting support from the BOR.

Reilly discussed having meetings prior to BOR with student leaders to discuss the agenda and items that may be a concern.

Flangas discusses the Student Success Summit and raises the question about what movement is being made in this process to hire or find what is needed to support transfer students?

Reilly responded that we need to get the transfer specialist involved - perhaps a presentation about transfer student support from David Singleton.

Patri poses a question about online business class offerings at UNR. She comments that only a handful of classes are being offered online and that GBC and UNLV are succeeding in these areas.

Reilly responded that perhaps it would be beneficial to talk with the President and Provost about online program offerings.

Martinez posed a question regarding how we share information with BOR. Do we prepare speeches? Do we speak with you individually?



Reilly responded with individually, collectively whichever is appropriate. Gould mentioned that past Chair Roys did collectively gather a response and present that to the BOR but individual conversations are welcome.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

No new business.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

No public comment.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 4:57 P.M.



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

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**July 12, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:15 BY NSA CHAIR NICOLA OPFER**

**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)**

**Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN PRESENT**

**Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**

**Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA PRESENT**

**Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**

**Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD VACANT**

**Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA VACANT**

**Office Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN VACANT**

**Guests:**

**Terina Caserto, NSHE**

**Nicole Flangas, UNR, ASUN**

**David Singleton, NSHE**

**Kevin Wong, UNLV, CSUN**

**A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT (7/12 @ beginning of meeting)**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**No public comment.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**No motion made.**

**3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Michael Flores, Chief of Staff, presented on behalf of Chancellor Thom Reilly. Flores discusses how the Chancellor's office works with the Nevada Student Alliance through its Chair. Flores comments that communication with students is a focus of the Chancellor's office. Flores would like to get to each campus this year and attend a student government meeting at each campus. Flores discusses how Board of Regents meetings are run and the role of Nevada Student Alliance to represent their institutions.

Flores discusses a possible partnership between the company Charles Schwab and the student government at each institution. Charles Schwab would like to hear from students of their financial challenges while attending college. Flores has a meeting set with the representatives from Charles Schwab at the end of August.

Chair Opfer offers to follow up with Flores.

#### **4. NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OMBUDSPERSON**

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

David Singleton, NSHE's Transfer and Articulation Ombudsperson discusses his role as an advocate for students transferring to an NSHE institution from inside and outside the System.

Guest Nicole Flangas, ASUN Vice President, inquires of the data being collected by Singleton regarding the support services that transfer students are receiving. She comments that students are having difficulty transitioning between two-year institutions and four-year institution. Anecdotal examples are given for UNR.

Singleton responds that student can be referred to him for additional help or support. Singleton also suggests that each institution identify the challenges of transfer students and then the services that are in place to help address those.

#### **5. NSA GOALS FOR 2019-20**

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Opfer presents possible NSA goals or campus issues worth assessing for consideration by members for the upcoming year.

- To assess the diversity of instructional and teaching faculty. Opfer discusses that the diversity within the teaching faculty should reflect the diversity of the student body.
- Sustainability on campuses – to assess efforts across NSHE institutions of sustainability.

Patri, TMCC, introduces the concern that there is a lack of coding classes offered at TMCC to prepare students for either careers or transfer to a major in a four-year school.

Gutierrez, CSN, brings up the need for students to have a proper mailing address when applying for financial aid. He would like to see NSA determine if campuses can provide a mailing address, especially for homeless students who would need an address in order to fill out FASFA information.

Gutierrez also introduces the need for legal support for exam issues students face on campus.

**6. MEMBER REPORTS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Martinez, UNR, discusses the explosion that happened the week prior on the UNR campus at the Argenta Residence Hall. He expresses concern that he has not had enough updated information from his administration. He thanks the NSA for their continued support and will reach out should they need more help.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

No new business presented.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

No public comment is made.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 10:33 A.M.