



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

November 8, 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
Benjamin Miller, Western Nevada Collage, ASWN
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

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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 September 5, 2019.

4. WELCOME TO NEW NSA MEMBERS**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Nicola Opfer will welcome the two newest members of the Nevada Student Alliance from Great Basin College (Melanie Dodson) and Western Nevada College (Benjamin Miller). In addition, new and existing members will be asked to introduce themselves and talk about their goals and planned activities during their year in office.

5. 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.

**6. UPDATE FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON
THE NSHE TASK FORCE ON PERFORMANCE PAY
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT****INFORMATION ONLY**

At the September 5-6, 2019 Board of Regents meeting Chancellor Thom Reilly received approval to create the ad hoc NSHE Task Force on Performance Pay Administration and Support. The Task Force is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on funding sources for performance pay in the context of affordability in an effort to determine the potential impact on student fees should the state continue not funding performance increases for academic and administrative faculty. Task Force membership is comprised of wide representation from the

System and State, including three student body members representing each institutional sector: Nathaniel Waugh (universities), Robert Lemus (state college), and Andrew Sierra (community colleges). At this meeting, Andrew Sierra will provide an update from the October 23, 2019 meeting of the Task Force. Chair Nicola Opfer will solicit feedback from NSA members based on the information contained in the update.

7. SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS ON CAMPUS

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Nicola Opfer will solicit feedback and updates from NSA members on environmental sustainability needs and efforts at each of the NSHE campuses.

8. 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.

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.

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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
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**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
September 5, 2019
7:00 a.m.
Western Nevada College
2201 West College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89703
Bristlecone Building Room 135**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 AM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PROXY**
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Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Nicole Flangas, UNR PROXY FOR MARTINEZ
Alexander Lum, NSC
Ariel Rojas, UNLV
Joshua Padilla, UNLV

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT** **INFORMATION ONLY**
No public comment.

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

Motion is made by Molina for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 9th, 2019. Seconded by Gutierrez. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

- 4. UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**AD HOC NSHE TASK FORCE FOR PERFORMANCE
PAY ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

Davis discussed reasoning behind addition to agenda because of quorum, University members alone would constitute quorum therefore the discussion regarding potential University representatives on the Ad Hoc Task Force needed to take place at this public meeting. This would also allow for a vote to take place.

Recommended potential members:

Universities: Nicole Flangas, UNR; Christopher Roys, UNLV; Nathaniel Waugh, UNLV

State College: R.J. Lemus, NSC

Community Colleges: Andrew Sierra, CSN

Opfer opened the floor to members to discuss who they nominated and how those individuals would benefit the Task Force and constituents as representatives.

Molina recommended Nathaniel Waugh. She discussed how Waugh has been a student in the NSHE system starting in community college at CSN. Waugh was an undergraduate and is currently a graduate student who has held positions in student government. Molina expressed that Waugh is interested in serving on the Task Force and he understands the time commitment.

Patenaude recommended Christopher Roys. Unfortunately, the time commitment will not be okay for Roys so she further recommended Waugh to represent University students.

Opfer also supported Waugh.

Flangas discussed how Martinez recommended her. She is a transfer student from a different university and she sits on a variety of committees at undergraduate level. She discussed how she can bring her perspective to support university students.

Guinn supported Waugh because of different perspectives at Graduate and Undergraduate level.

Gutierrez and Patri discussed Sierra as the individual to represent community college interests on the task force. He is a former student body president at CSN and remains very involved.

Opfer opens the floor to a motion with the correction of R.J. Lemus as State College nominee.

Molina moves to elect Waugh, Lemus, and Sierra as sector representatives on the Ad Hoc Task Force. Patenaude seconded. No further discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

5. SUSATAINABILITY EFFORTS ON CAMPUS**INFORMATION ONLY**

Opfer opened the discussion about the possibility of NSA addressing sustainability efforts on campuses in Nevada.

Patri discussed the importance of taking care of the environment. She has discussed with her senators about the use of biodegradable utensils and recycling bin accessibility similar to

Arizona State.

Opfer suggested we go around the table and discuss what initiatives campuses currently have.

Guinn mentioned that the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at UNR has biodegradable and recycling items at events. GSA has little control over what campus dining offers but have encouraged use of biodegradable materials as much as possible as alternatives. GSA has also gone paper free at meetings with items being available electronically.

Flangas discussed that UNR has a sustainability group that works with campus. A recent initiative is UPASS which is a public transportation program that provides free bus rides through RTC in Reno/Sparks for UNR students. She further discussed the Sustainable Nevada Initiative fund for grant funding available to student groups for sustainability initiatives, one example is a composting program started by students.

Gutierrez discussed that recently CSN has opened 3 student unions and discussed the importance of sustainability. Having sustainable practices in operations, providing eco-friendly food containers and utensils. Recycling had been abandoned previously at CSN but with the new buildings, new initiatives have been implemented. Gutierrez mentioned that he attended a summit at UNLV regarding sustainability and transportation systems. CSN is going back to green.

Patenaude reported that CSUN funded recycling containers and now the university is working to implement recycling containers. One of the new initiatives is transportation and being a bike friendly campus to improve convenience and possibly bringing in rental bikes to grow the effort. Student sustainability committee is working to promote sustainability on campus.

Opfer discussed that minimal recycling was occurring at the NSC campus and she is working to institute a sustainability council. Reusable items have been tested and trying to get implemented on a larger level, items such as reusable or recyclable cups and straws have been implemented and we will see where it goes. Opfer would like to see campuses be more conscious of recycling efforts on a systems level and wondered if we would like to push sustainability efforts as a group.

Gutierrez discussed a major concern he has regarding reducing paper and implementing paper recycling programs. Also, educating individuals about how to properly recycle items.

Opfer adding to future agendas for discussion

6. MEMBER REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Patenaude reported regarding the CSUN's President's Advisory Council. They held an informal, informational meeting and the first official meeting will be at the end of this month. Patenaude will report back on how this goes. Patenaude mentioned that just the idea of this council has sparked conversation about someone asking for their opinion and institutionalizes students voice and being inclusive.

Patri mentioned that TMCC is finishing welcome week for new students on campus. There were over 1,000 students in attendance. Patri mentioned that TMCC is also working on sustainability on campus.

Guinn reported that GSA is focusing on graduate student mental and physical health and awareness. GSA is implementing a 30-day fitness challenge among grad students to encourage activity.

Molina discussed how GPSA is working on document streamlining processes and policies. She is looking at other institutions at their policies and focusing on transparency and communication. Do you have Town Hall meetings? Molina will be reaching out to campuses for ideas about outreach events.

Flangas reported that ASUN has been welcoming students to campus. Flangas reported about the Nevada Fit program for freshman. Flangas also discussed the new Home Means the University of Nevada, Reno campaign which is a campaign to address loneliness. The campaign will help students have access to sharing stories with other students and sharing experiences to build a sense of community. It is a yearlong campaign. Flangas also reported that ASUN funded its first faculty award for faculty that use open educational resources in the classroom. Flangas explained that students nominate professors for this award and professors will be rewarded for making education more affordable for students.

Gutierrez reported that CSN opened new student unions. Gutierrez discussed that CSN has been working with auxiliary services for purchasing to understand the importance of comments and feedback being communicated (suggestion boxes) about the new student unions. Gutierrez also reported that CSN has increased community outreach efforts. Gutierrez also discussed a new Tech pilot program that will start next spring that will resemble a genius bar, providing services for understanding technology and programs they will encounter. CSN also has new VP Provost positions and they will be looking for a multi-campus platform. Gutierrez also reported that there was a near school shooting incident at the Henderson campus, no one was harmed, and the situation was resolved without incident.

Opfer discussed that at NSC safety is a concern and working with police consolidation in Southern Nevada. Opfer expressed that RTC is a concern that is being addressed. NSC now has a full senate including Freshman positions. Opfer also discussed that NSC is working on free textbooks and open source through the library and the new computer lab has seen good use. The new student lounge will be welcomed by students.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Opfer discussed how the NSA Chair's report will be a short simple report of what was discussed and opened the floor for additional items to be addressed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

Opfer mentioned that based on our conversation we would have sustainability efforts on our next NSA agenda for further discussion.

Gutierrez mentioned it may be helpful to examine paper reduction initiatives.

Flangas mentioned the importance of educating individuals on how to recycle across campuses.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

No Public comment.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:49 AM



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

September 5, 2019

5:00 pm

Time approximate: This meeting will begin upon recess of the Board of Regents Meeting

**Western Nevada College
2201 West College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89703
Aspen Building Room 226**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:38 PM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
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Board of Regents Chair Jason Geddes
Alexander Lum, NSC
Joshua Padilla, UNLV
Chancellor Thomas Reilly, NSHE
Chief of Staff Dean Gould
Board of Regents Vice Chair Mark Doubrava

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

Opfer opened the floor for discussion.

Flangas posed a question regarding the MGM program for employees. This is a cool program, but will this program potentially be expanded to other companies? Flangas expressed concern that since this is essentially a discounted tuition program could there be growing concern that some students are paying less than others for the same classes?

Chancellor Reilly explained that there are three goals associated with the MGM program. The program is only for online degrees which are limited in number across institutions, so this program is designed to help grow online programs. Also placing new programs such as UNLV MBA program online. Another goal of this program is to increase enrollment at institutions, reaching students that we may not have otherwise. Since this is a pilot program we want to make sure that we are accomplishing the goals of increasing online programs, access to programs, and are we making money from the partnership. If this program is successful, the program could be expanded to other companies but would be revisited after the pilot program.

Flangas asked about gathering data on how many MGM employees are utilizing slots in the online programs.

Chancellor Reilly responded that caps on enrollment only applied to the UNR Executive MBA program. That is why they started looking into putting the UNLV program online.

Flangas also asked if there will be caps on the enrollment in programs/classes?

Chancellor Reilly mentioned that UNR did and that yes, some classes may have caps depending on capacity, but we would not encourage caps if the capacity can be expanded. Chancellor Reilly also reminded members that admissions from MGM students into online programs is also contingent upon acceptance into the programs based on the same competitive process students already participate in.

Opfer wanted to confirm that NSC is not currently participating in the MGM program.

Chancellor Reilly confirmed that NSC is not participating because they currently do not online programs, they have online classes, but not full degree programs.

Flangas posed a question regarding whether MGM students that graduate have an obligation to stay at MGM or in Nevada after they receive their degree.

Chancellor Reilly responded that no, that is not a requirement and that would be dependent on MGM since they are paying the tuition for the students. Chancellor Reilly further discussed how MGM employees that receive degrees and do chose to stay benefit the workforce in Nevada with a college degree or certificate.

Flangas indicated that it would be informative to track MGM students once they graduate to see where they are going and how they use their degree, whether they stay in Nevada, and is NSHE investing in the community through this initiative. Guinn agreed this data would be beneficial.

Chancellor Reilly indicated that any information would be beneficial and could be gathered.

Gutierrez posed a question about the collective bargaining and binding arbitration issues that were brought forward by CSN faculty at the Board of Regents Public Comment.

Chancellor Reilly briefly explained the situation and why the issue was being brought forward. Chancellor Reilly discussed that salary negotiations would need to be handled collectively through NSHE and the legislature to be approved. He further encouraged Gutierrez to reach out to the NFA for a better understanding or even a presentation for clarification.

Vice Chair Geddes reminded NSA members that we are encouraged to speak during the meeting and ask for clarification on any issue. Vice Chair Geddes asked NSC for their thoughts on the proposed admission standard changes on the upcoming BOR agenda.

Opfer expressed that there were multiple discussions regarding increasing GPA to ensure students are still able to attend, but also ensuring that students aren't being excluded, taking a wholistic approach to enrollment.

Vice Chair Geddes entertained a discussion from NSA members regarding campus security and safety issues.

Patenaude discussed that CSUN students express concern about safety on campus. Prior updates of phones and lighting have been helpful on campus, but there are still areas of "darkness". Many leaders run for office on campus based on safety as a priority. There are still many areas for improvement for UNLV campus safety to make students feel more comfortable and have an accessible campus. Perhaps revisiting the campus master plan would be helpful, and maybe we are missing something bigger that can be done.

Vice Chair Geddes recommended that CSUN do a safety walk with Director Garcia and UNLV Police Chief to see what improvements can be made. Safety walks at UNR have been incredibly helpful to determine areas of concern that have been addressed. The city has even responded to help improve safety.

Opfer also expressed concern for campus safety, not only at UNLV but all campuses.

Flangas agreed that safety walks at UNR were helpful in enhancing safety on campus. The city of Reno also responded by adding additional street lights along Virginia Street and additional crosswalks for pedestrians.

Gutierrez expressed gratitude for the consolidation of Police services in Southern Nevada. However, there is still a concern at CSN about students that ride the bus in commuting to campus.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

No new business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

No Public comment.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 5:22 PM