

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

**Agenda**  
**June 11, 2020**  
**7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.**

### **Meeting Link:**

<https://bluejeans.com/457282048>

**ROLL CALL:** Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA  
Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN  
Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN  
Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA

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

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 ("DIRECTIVE 006") ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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<https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academics-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

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## **1. ROLL CALL**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will take roll call of members and circulate a sign-in sheet for guests so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **INFORMATION**

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

### **INFORMATION**

Terina Caserto will introduce herself, welcome the new members to NSA and ask them to introduce themselves to the group.

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

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Terina Caserto will briefly discuss the duties of each of the NSA officers and open up the floor for nominations for the three 2020-21 NSA officers: chair, vice chair and secretary. Candidates for each office must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this (the first)

meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. Chair and Vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will take place in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2019-20 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Nicola Opfer, NSC, NSSA

Vice Chair: Anthony Martinez, UNR, ASUN

Secretary: Tamara Guinn, UNR, GSA

At the completion of this agenda item, the new chair will take charge of the meeting.

**5. OPEN MEETING LAW INFORMATION**

NSHE System legal counsel will provide a briefing to NSA members regarding Nevada Open Meeting Law.

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on April 10, 2020.

**7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION**

The newly elected NSA Chair will discuss with the Alliance the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later the same day (on June 11, 2020).

**8. 2020 NSA MEETING DATES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Terina Caserto will provide a brief overview of the NSA Meeting Dates document, the meeting dates scheduled for the remainder of 2020, and the procedure for an NSA member to appoint a proxy. Keeping in mind the quorum requirement, the group will be asked to decide whether they want to cancel either or both summer meetings scheduled in July and August. In addition, the group will be asked to provide feedback on the scheduled fall meeting dates and potential spring meeting dates in order to determine whether adjustments to the meeting calendar are in order.

**9. 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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PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NSA PAGE OF THE NSHE WEBSITE: <http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/> AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (<http://notice.nv.gov/>) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE**

*Effective 5-11-18*

### **ARTICLE 1 - The Association**

Section 100 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

Section 110 The purpose of the Nevada Student Alliance shall be:

- 110.1 To promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
- 110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;
- 110.3 To aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good, as well as the good of students; and
- 110.4 To aid member schools' student governments in the attainment of their goals without undue interference in their internal affairs.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Membership**

Section 200 Each of the ten student governments (undergraduate and graduate) in the Nevada System of Higher Education (University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College at Henderson, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and Desert Research Institute) shall be members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

Section 210 Each Student Government Organization shall have one voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance.

- 210.1 Each president of the student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Alliance.
- 210.2 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Section 220 Each president of the student governments may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve on the Alliance.

220.1 Officers from the member student governments shall be the only persons eligible to serve as ex-officio representatives.

Section 230 A representative serves one full year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office, unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body.

### **ARTICLE 3 –Meetings, Officers and Voting**

Section 300 Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance may coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and shall be held in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

300.1 A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

In case of a member abstaining from voting, the necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to act shall be reduced as though the member abstaining were not a member of the body.

300.2 Any decision by the Alliance requires approval from at least a simple majority of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution.

300.3 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chair shall be elected by at least two-thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.31 The chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.32 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair.

300.33 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.4 The chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.41 The right to vote;

300.42 The responsibility for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting;

300.43 The responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order; and

300.5 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.51 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.52 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the vice-chair.

300.53 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.6 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties:

300.61 The right to vote;

300.62 The responsibility to fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair's absence, resignation or impeachment; and

300.63 The responsibility to oversee outreach efforts of the Alliance, including social media, or delegate an Alliance member to do so.

300.7 A secretary shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.71 The secretary will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.72 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the secretary.

300.8 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.81 The right to vote;

300.82 The responsibility to take minutes at every meeting and to ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting; and

300.83 If not able to attend a meeting, the responsibility to secure a substitute from the Alliance membership to take notes at that meeting and to obtain said notes and ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting.

Section 310 Provisions for Proxy

310.1 Each representative shall have the right to send a proxy in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote.

310.11 Any member of the Alliance wishing to exercise the right to a proxy shall, in advance of the meeting, notify the Alliance Chair in writing of the person designated to be his/her proxy and for which specific meeting. At commencement of the meeting the Chair shall, on the record, introduce the proxy by name and indicate for which member he/she is acting as proxy.

**ARTICLE 4 - Amendment**

Section 400 Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Any voting member may propose a revision to the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

400.11 A constitutional revision shall be introduced initially at a meeting of the Alliance as an information item.

- i. A final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to each member of the Alliance.
- ii. Each member of the Alliance shall distribute a final draft of the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

400.2 Action on said revision may not be taken by the Alliance earlier than at the immediately subsequent meeting. A two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Alliance is necessary for approval of any amendment of this constitution.

400.3 Once approved by the Alliance, any amendment to this constitution shall not be effective until approved by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.



## **ARTICLE 5 - Impeachment**

Section 500 Impeachment and removal of any member shall require the following procedures:

- 500.1 Any voting member of the Alliance, including the chair and vice-chair, shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting member for violation of the NSHE Code of Conduct, gross negligence of duties, and/or malfeasance of any kind.

In order for impeachment proceedings to commence, each Alliance member must receive a brief report from the Chair explicitly stating the alleged wrongful actions on the part of the member in question. The member in question has the right to submit a rebuttal report. Both reports must be distributed to the full Alliance prior to impeaching proceedings

Impeachment proceedings shall take place during the next scheduled meeting. The member in question has the right to be present for all discussions and will be given an opportunity to address the Alliance.

- 500.2 A two-thirds vote of the Alliance members shall be required to impeach the representative.
- 500.3 In the event of an affirmative two-thirds vote for impeachment, the impeached member shall be immediately removed from office.

## OPEN MEETING LAW OUTLINE

### OPEN MEETING LAW APPLIES (NRS 241.015):

- When a quorum (simple majority) of the members of the public body or of a subcommittee gather to deliberate toward a decision.
- “Public body”=gov. board, commission, *university foundation*, consisting of at least two persons which expends or disburses, or supported in whole or in part by tax revenue, or which advises or makes recommendations to such a body
- To serial meetings of less than a quorum if deliberation toward decisions occur or if decisions are made with intent to avoid OML requirements. NRS 241.015(3).
- “Deliberate” means “collectively to examine, weigh and reflect upon the reasons for or against the action. The term includes, without limitation, the collective discussion or exchange of facts preliminary to the ultimate decision.” NRS 241.015(2).

### OPEN MEETING LAW DOES NOT APPLY (NRS 241.015):

- To social gatherings if no deliberation occurs (NRS 241.015(3)(b)).
- To meetings with attorneys regarding potential or existing litigation (NRS 241.015(3)(b)).
- To receipt of information at briefings so long as no deliberation occurs.

### POSTING AND AGENDA REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE (NRS 241.020):

- Time, place, and location of the meeting—meetings are open unless closed session requirements followed (NRS 241.030)
- A list of no less than 3 places where the notice was posted,
  - Include principal place of business or if none, then place where meeting to be held on notice/agenda.
- A statement regarding assistance and accommodations for physically handi-capped people on agenda.
- Agenda contains ***clear and concise statement of the topics***; action items designated, new business item.
- Public comment before any action taken and at end of meeting, or after each item before action is taken; only reasonable time, place, manner restrictions permitted.
- Agenda posted and mailed no later than 9 a.m. of the third working day before the meeting.
  - Post notice and agenda on public body website and on state website.
  - Notice of meetings must be provided to all persons who have requested such notice within last 6 months.
  - Name and contact information of person to contact for supporting material.
  - Copy of materials, unless confidential, must be available at meeting or already provided to members of public on request.
  - Materials must be made available at the time they are made available to members of the public body.
- Emergencies are defined as disasters (acts of God) or impairment of public health and safety

### RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS (NRS 241.035):

- Minutes must be made which include: date, time and place of meeting;
  - List of members of public body present and absent;
  - Substance of all matters proposed, discussed, decided;
  - Substance of remarks of members of public and retain copies of any written remarks;
  - Record of their votes, if member requests; and
  - Any other information requested to be included by member of public body.

- Meetings must be recorded by audiotape or other sound reproduction or transcribed by a certified court reporter.
- Audio recordings or certified transcripts must be kept for one year—made available at no cost.
- Minutes or audiotape must be available for public inspection within 30 working days.
- Minutes must be retained for five years, then archival preservation.

#### **CONDUCT OF MEETING AND VOTING (NRS 241.020, NRS 241.0355):**

- Meeting must be public and accessible to public; if held by telephone, all members of public must be able to hear all speakers.
- Members of public may record meeting if it doesn't interfere with meeting.
- Discussions must remain on topic.
- Action is taken by a majority vote of the members who are present, unless public body composed of all elected members (then the vote must be by a majority of the elected members); BOR=7 affirmative votes for action (NRS 241.0355).

#### **PRIVILEGES (NRS 241.0353):**

- Absolute privilege of statements made by members during meeting (NRS 241.0353(1)), e.g. no defamation or grounds for civil action
- Witnesses have privilege to publish defamation if it is not a knowing misrepresentation (NRS 241.035(2)).

#### **CONSIDERATION CHARACTER, ALLEGED MISCONDUCT, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF A PERSON; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST A PERSON (NRS 241.031, NRS 241.033, NRS 241.034):**

- No closed meetings re Chancellor, Presidents or Regents (NRS 241.031).
- There are special notice requirements and hearing conduct requirements. See NRS 241.033 and NRS 241.034.
- Cannot discuss the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person without giving that person advance written notice.
- Cannot discuss competence (e.g. performance) of employees (other than Chancellor and Presidents) in public—violation of OML and personnel matters are confidential under BOR Code, Title 2, Ch. 5, Sec. 5.6.

#### **CORRECTIONS, CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES (NRS 241.0365-241.040):**

- Attendance of meeting with knowledge of violation=misdemeanor.
- Wrongful exclusion of anyone=misdemeanor.
- Member attending meeting is not an accomplice of other members.
- Civil penalty=with knowledge of violation \$500.
- Individuals aggrieved may sue (but \$ damages not specified).
- Actions in violation are void or Court may enter injunction against the public body.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION (NRS 241.0365)**

- Public body may correct the mistake before adjournment or within 30 days after alleged violation.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT (NRS 241.017)**

- BOR to establish rules for student governments “equivalent to those of this chapter and shall provide for their enforcement.” See BOR Handbook, Title 4, Ch. 20. BOR adopted OML for student government and provided disciplinary sanction and removal from office.

**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 20, SECTION B.—STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**3. Regulations for Meetings of Student Governments**

1. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 241.017, the Board of Regents establishes these regulations for the meetings of the student governments of the NSHE.
2. "Student government" means each association of students within the NSHE whose constitution has been approved by the Board of Regents of the NSHE.
3. The meetings of any multi-member executive or legislative body, committee, subcommittee, commission or subsidiary thereof of a student government shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, Chapter 241 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes*, as amended
4. This section shall not apply to judicial proceedings of any student government, except for proceedings or meetings to consider the adoption of rules.
5. Violations of this section shall be treated as follows:
  - a. Any action taken in violation of the provisions of this section is void.
  - b. Each official of a student government who attends a student government meeting covered by the provisions of this section where action is taken in violation of any provision of this section with knowledge of the fact that the meeting is in violation thereof has engaged in conduct which violates an applicable stated policy of the Board of Regents of the NSHE, and such conduct constitutes a violation of Section 6.2.2(t) of the NSHE Code.
  - c. The wrongful exclusion of any person or persons from a student government meeting covered by this section is conduct in violation of Section 6.2.2(t) of the NSHE Code.
  - d. An official of a student government who attends a student government meeting covered by this section at which action is taken in violation of this section is not the accomplice of any other member so attending insofar as violation of the NSHE Code is concerned.
  - e. Any violation of this section constitutes a violation of Section 10.2.1(u) of the NSHE Code and shall be processed procedurally in accordance with Chapter 10 of the NSHE Code.
  - f. The office of every student government official found to have engaged in conduct in violation of this section shall become vacant upon a final determination being made under Chapter 10 of the NSHE Code that such violation has occurred.



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

**Teleconference Meeting Only**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:04 AM**

- 1. ROLL CALL: Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) – Present**  
**Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) – Absent**  
**Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) – Present**  
**Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN – Present**  
**Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA – Present**  
**Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN – Arrived 9:46 am**  
**Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA – Present**  
**Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN – Present**  
**Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA – Present**

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

**Terina Caserto, NSHE**  
**Andrew Clinger, NSHE**  
**Michael Flores, NSHE**  
**Thom Reilly, Chancellor, Nevada Board of Regents**  
**Joe Reynolds, NSHE**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Caserto reported there was no registered public comment as of 8:30 am.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on March 5, 2020.  
Molina motioned, seconded by Patri. A roll call vote was taken:

Nicola Opfer, yay  
Anthony Martinez, absent  
Tamara Guinn, yay  
Gabrielle Clark, yay  
Melanie Dodson, abstain  
Daniel Gutierrez, absent  
Stephanie Molina, yay

Hannah Patenaude, yay  
Alexandra Patri, yay

Minutes were approved.

#### **4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS**

#### **INFORMATION ONLY**

Opfer opened the floor to Chancellor Reilly.

Reilly mentioned that with very short notice for preparation, the NSHE system is anticipating budget cuts of up to 14%. Governor only has authority to go to 15% without calling the legislature. We are asking for proposed budget cuts from all institutions. We have asked institution Presidents to minimize layoffs and disruption to student success. Freezing, keeping positions vacant. Looking at furloughs at 10% and 14% with temporary student surcharge at the 14% option. Presidents have power within their individual budgets.

Reilly further reported that Cares Act dollars are a godsend. These funds go directly to the institutions and 50% must go to financial assistance to students. Not sure when dollars will arrive. FY21 will be when the dollars are being used. Furloughs will be an option and we are asking for consistency across institutions in this implementation. Furloughs do not include classified staff because the legislature would have to convene for that decision. The proposed furloughs are for professional faculty only and would be 2.3% (6 days per year) at the 10% level and 14% level would be 12 days per year or 4.6%. Self-supporting positions would be exempt. 21 million dollars will be saved if furloughs are implemented. There is a proposed student surcharge at the 14% level which would be \$8 for graduate \$6 undergrad \$5 for Nevada State College and \$3 for community colleges per credit. Again, we are asking for consistency per institution. Reilly reminded that these are only proposals and have not been accepted. The governor will be reviewing and then we will go back before the board to make adjustments.

Opfer opened the floor for questions.

Opfer posed a question regarding the hiring freeze – How does this impact student workers and student government?

Reilly responded that there will be exceptions. Presidents will submit justification and will require approval from Chancellor and legal to get positions released. GA's and instruction pieces have been approved and released for hire. Positions must be justified. Institutions will need to go through the process.

Geddes added that student governments operate on student fees and student fees have not been impacted so those positions are not part of the freeze.

Clinger reported that in general most institutions have kept student workers on the payroll.

Guinn posed a concern regarding anticipated unemployment concerns for graduates and asked what options there may be to support these students in the coming months.

Reilly responded that we will reexamine the numbers in a month or so. The outcome today looks bleak, but we were at a healthy level before the pandemic. He is suspecting it will ramp up at a good pace once this is all over.

Clinger is unaware of the unemployment benefits available.

Reynolds mentioned looking at that at NSHE human resources department and to contact Joe Reynolds with question and concerns.

Opfer mentioned that many of us are transitioning out of leadership and asked how will this impact SGA's going forward and how do we prepare them?

Reilly recommended that among existing and incoming faculty and students, scheduling a meeting.

Flores added that during the NSHE onboarding process, this will be a key part of this process. We will be modifying some processes to accommodate these concerns and changes.

Opfer mentioned there are concerns regarding services beneficial to students.

Reilly responded that the institution Presidents have flexibility in institutions to make decisions – We ask for consistency in 3 key areas discussed before – preserve students' success and services. The Presidents should have pulse in their institutions and a sense of what is necessary and concerning.

Klinger added that business officers are meeting every day and the institutions have different needs. With 2.3. and 4.6 % cuts with furloughs business officers collaborated to discuss what was best for institutions. Some institutions could have waited to implement furloughs but in the interest of consistency decisions were made to implement them across the board.

Reilly without 21 million dollars as a furlough savings and 10 million in student surcharge would be 300 positions to lay off across the state.

Opfer asked for clarification that the Student surcharges at 14%, what were the amounts again?

Reilly responded that \$8 university graduate, \$6 University undergraduates, \$5 (NSC), \$3 community college

Opfer asked where would those fees go?

Clinger responded that the temporary add on fee will go to state operating budget and be used for teaching support.

Molina asked will reduction include GA numbers?

Clinger responded that no specific number of what is being presented

Guinn added that at UNR GA positions will remain.

Reilly responded that seems consistent

Patenaude mentioned that students at UNLV were interested in partial refunds that are not being used. Students do not understand why they do not get the money back when they are not receiving services or accessing buildings. What are thoughts to tell students?

Reilly responded that he had the conversation with Presidents and business officers and discussed that there will be refunds to dorms and parking fees. Presidents have asked to deal with this at the institutional level.

Guinn added that at UNR the communication has been very clear and justified regarding what fees will be reimbursed or not and where the fees are still going. Helping students understand why the money was still needed was helpful.

Clark mentioned they are hosting a town hall via zoom next week with the President to respond to questions and mentioned that perhaps a town hall would be helpful for students.

Opfer asked when will these budgets be presented?

Reilly responded that these will go Monday to the Governor; we won't know the impact until June. Initial review with feedback and decisions will be dependent on how long economy is shut down. It is likely this will extend well into late fall with adjustments and revisions to the budget. Once we get feedback there will be further discussions. He reminded that these are proposals and nothing will be implemented until after feedback and going to the board, presidents and campuses for feedback.

Opfer asked what can we do?

Reilly responded that we appreciate the work that is being done. How we communicate and stay involved with students is critical at this point.

Geddes mentioned that Nicola will be called upon in the budget meeting today for overall feedback.

Opfer asked NSA members how are we all feeling about this?

Patenaude discussed that UNLV undergrads are very vocal and want to know what resources are and how to get them. They are concerned about paying for more than what they are getting. There are 3-4,000 signatures on a petition asking for providing institutional transparency – students expect to know what is going on.

Clinger responded that it is important for students to understand CARES Act 60 million coming to institutions. That half goes to students for emergency financial aid. Presidents have great latitude for how dollars go to students. We ask presidents to consider breadth of students and be engaged and thinking about implications of decisions.



Gutierrez mentioned that at CSN they have an emergency fund for students, we have been increasing the fund and trying to offer resources to students. We are reaching out through social media to students. We are holding elections and reaching out to students, responding to emails as much as possible. Leadership is hosting town halls each week. An important aspect is the question and answer sessions. Students have expressed issues with professors that are not used to teaching in an online platform, and have expressed frustration with this. Classes that required labs have been challenging.

Patri mentioned that at TMCC we had a general assembly meeting we notified student government about the cuts and so far, so good. This hasn't affected students too harshly yet.

Dodson mentioned that CT students have been put on a hold which is causing confusion about the coming months. Students are getting used to doing online work. Professors have been flexible and understanding.

Clark discussed that they met with financial director and President about possible influx of students looking to gain skills in an economic downturn. Looking to prepare virtual options and recruitment and retention processes. Openness and transparency with current students.

Molina mentioned that GA numbers will be a concern. We have not heard much communication about the numbers going forward. GPSA is trying to help students and make budget adjustments. Assisting students through emergency funds.

Guinn mentioned there are concerns focused on informing students and making sure issues are being addressed. Unemployment is a growing concern, concerns about coming back next year

Opfer will summarize and present concerns to NSHE board at upcoming meeting.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

No new business.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

No public comment.

**OPFER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:01 AM**

## Nevada Student Alliance Meeting Dates for 2020

### **Board of Regents – In Person Meetings**

NSA meets twice on Thursdays at regular Board meetings, morning *and* evening. The Thursday morning start time may vary, but is normally 7:00 a.m. This meeting is an NSA Business meeting. The Thursday afternoon meeting will start upon adjournment of the Board of Regents' meeting that day. The start time will vary depending upon the length of the Board's agenda, but is estimated to be between 3 and 5 p.m. This meeting is attended by NSA members, Officers of the Board of Regents, and the NSHE Chancellor. All NSA members are expected to attend in person or appoint a proxy to attend on his or her behalf. Please follow the established NSA proxy communication protocol in advance of the meeting (see the bottom of this document for details).

- ~~March 5-6, 2020 / College of Southern Nevada, Henderson Campus~~
- June 11-12, 2020 / University of Nevada, Reno
- September 10-11, 2020 / Truckee Meadows Community College
- December 3-4, 2020 / University of Nevada, Las Vegas

### **Chancellor / NSA - Videoconferences**

Except as otherwise provided below, NSA video meetings generally occur the second Friday of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is an NSA business meeting that ends no later than 11:00 a.m. The NSHE Chancellor attends schedule permitting. See specific dates and locations below. In the event a meeting is cancelled or changed, updates are emailed to the Student Body Presidents and posted on the NSA webpage:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

- ~~February 14, 2020~~
- July 10, 2020
- August 14, 2020
- October 9, 2020
- November 13, 2020

Video meeting locations are typically scheduled at NSHE System Administration in Las Vegas and Reno, as well as at CSN, GBC, NSC and WNC. UNLV representatives join the meetings from SA Las Vegas; TMCC and UNR representatives join from SA Reno. DRI representatives join from either SA video site, depending upon their home location. Check the meeting agenda for specific locations.

### **Procedures for Proxy**

Per the NSA Constitution, NSA members must notify the NSA Chair in writing in advance of the meeting. Members are asked to email this information to the NSA Chair using the following wording:

*I, [VOTING MEMBER'S NAME], [TITLE] of the Nevada Student Alliance, hereby designate as my proxy [NAME OF STUDENT TO WHOM YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PROXY], to cast my vote(s) at the Nevada Student Alliance Meeting taking place on [DATE]. - [SIGNATURE & DATE]*

Please also copy the NSA Secretary as well as the NSHE Senior Analyst Terina Caserto, who serves as the System liaison to NSA (contact information below).

*Note: If you have questions about any information contained in this document, please contact NSHE Senior Analyst, Academic and Student Affairs, Terina Caserto at 775-784-3442 or [tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu)*