



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
September 9, 2021
7:00 AM

Desert Research Institute
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
SNSC 272

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MEMBERS: **Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)**
 Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
 Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)
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1. ROLL CALL

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 13, 2021.

**4. CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE AND
EQUITY DIVERSITY INCLUSION COUNCIL
PROPOSED NAME CHANGES**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSHE Deputy General Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson will present proposed Bylaw changes to the name and charge of the Board of Regents' Cultural Diversity Committee and changes to the name and charge of the Chancellor's Equity Diversity and Inclusion Council in the Board of Regents' *Handbook*.

5. MEMBER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

Members will provide an update regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

6. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Chair Hawn will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on September 9, 2021.

8. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION ONLY**

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POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK
TITLE 1, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3.d
[Cultural Diversity Committee]

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The [~~Cultural~~] ***Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access (IDEA)*** Committee shall:

1. [~~Study issues and r~~] ***Recommend policies to the Board [in an effort] to create, enhance, promote and support an educational and working environment that fosters*** ~~cultural and ethnic~~ ***inclusion, diversity, equity and access for all students, staff and faculty of the System*** [~~including, but not limited to, socio-economic, historical, cultural, capability, identity, gender, expression, linguistic and intellectual differences and similarities, throughout the System in order to ensure access and equity for all students, staff and faculty~~];
2. ***In consultation with NSHE's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council (EDIC) [R]*** review and [~~examine~~] ***assess*** issues, information, and activities that promote ***inclusion, diversity, equity and access*** among the students, staff and faculty of the System;
3. [~~Examine information and indicators regarding student access and equity;~~]
- [4. — Make recommendations to the Board intended to create, enhance, promote, and support an educational environment that welcomes all cultural and ethnic minorities]
- [5] Take actions appropriate to increase awareness, visibility, and emphasis of campus ***inclusion, diversity, equity and access*** [~~programs~~]; ***and***
4. ***Apply the definitions and meanings to the terms used in this section as follows:***
 - (a) ***“Inclusion” means active and intentional engagement, affirmance and valuing/respect for individuals and groups of diverse backgrounds, and creating a place of belonging for all individuals and groups across the System;***
 - (b) ***“Diversity” includes the differences among individuals or groups that impact perceptions, experiences and interactions, including, without limitation, differences based upon race, ethnicity, color, national origin, gender (including pregnancy-related conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, physical ability or disability, military status or military obligation, culture, age/generation, education, income/socioeconomic status, religion, expression, linguistics and intellect.***

(c) *“Equity” means fair and just treatment, access, opportunity and advancement for all individuals and groups, and the absence of barriers to inclusion and achievement that are systemically associated with societal advantage or disadvantage based on diversity; and*

(d) *“Access” means the equitable opportunity for all to fully participate in and contribute to programs, services, activities, environments, and decision/policy making. Access includes ways to make space for all individuals and groups to participate regardless of ability and experience such as accounting for design and use of spaces (physical and virtual), language, culture, information, and relationships.*

POLICY PROPOSAL - *HANDBOOK*
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5
NSHE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council

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DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION BY NSA:

(Already approved by EDIC)

Proposed recommendations to the name/charge of EDIC will be presented to the Chancellor and BOR, consistent with the pending approved changes to the name/charge of the Board's Cultural Diversity Committee to the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Committee.

Section 5. NSHE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion-Council

To support the principle established in Section 1 of this Chapter, an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion *[and Access?]* Council (EDIC) will be established to review, evaluate, and ~~as needed,~~ *formulate additional proposed recommend* NSHE equity, diversity, and inclusion *[and access?]* goals, policies, and practices, and provide statewide leadership in best practices. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion-Council shall report to the Chancellor and shall be appointed in conformity with Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.4.11 of the Code, to include representatives from each NSHE institution. The charge of the Council shall be set by the Chancellor to include the following tasks:

- 1 Recommend to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents proposed goals, policies, practices, related strategies, and accountability measures on diversity, equity, and inclusion *[and access?]*;
2. Conduct a continuing review of existing goals, policies, practices, concerns, and information related to diversity, equity, and inclusion *[and access?]* on all NSHE campuses;
3. Provide for opportunities for communication among NSHE institutions to identify and promote best practices for ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion *[and access?]* among the students, staff and faculty of the System;
4. Support and monitor the Board of Regents' ~~Master Plan~~ goals and strategies for equity and diversity *[inclusion [and access?]*;
5. Encourage regular collaboration between and among institutional faculty members and staff on issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion *[and access?]*; and
6. Support the Board of Regents' ~~[Cultural]~~ ***Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA)*** Committee with regular reports, supported by current research and related data, on the charges

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outlined in the Committee’s mission related to equity, diversity and inclusion *[and access?]* issues.

7. The terms “inclusion,” “diversity,” “equity” and “access” as used in this Section have the meanings ascribed to them in Title 1, Article VI, Section 3.d. of the Board of Regents’ Handbook as applicable to the IDEA Committee.

Meeting Minutes



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9:00 AM

Via Video-Teleconference

Meeting Link:
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or

Telephone:
1-408-317-9254

Meeting ID: 402 438 180

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA REMOTE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM (VIDEO-TELECONFERENCE) ONLY PURSUANT TO NRS 241.023, AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 253 OF THE 81ST LEGISLATIVE SESSION (2021), EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2021. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY HEAR, OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA THE MEETING LINK OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY PRERECORDED MESSAGE BEFORE 4:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 VIA EMAIL TO TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU OR VOICEMAIL: (775) 784-3442. MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING.

MEMBERS:

Present- Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)
Present- Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Present at 9:38am- Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)
Proxy Present, Zachary Stamp- Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA
Present- Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Absent- Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA
Present- Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Present- Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Proxy Present, Rosedavela Howell- Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

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Guests: Terina Caserto, Brian Akins, Tina Russom, Melody Rose

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1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Austin Brown will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Call to Order at 9:00 am

Quorum met with six members and one proxy.

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No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on July 9, 2021.

Zachary Johnigan moves to approve the minutes. Darian Richards seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Chancellor Rose leads an introduction of her role and any updates regarding NSHE.

Vice Chair Caren Yap asks a question about how NSHE will respond to the Nevada Board of Health meeting taking place on September 3rd that may mandate vaccines.

Chancellor Rose responds with updates regarding COVID-19 vaccines and that if there is a mandated vaccine, the timeline will likely follow student registration at each institution.

Darian Richards asks a question about student workers and mandated student vaccines.

Chair Matthew Hawn asks a question about how students will be held accountable for submitting any false vaccine cards.

Chancellor Rose responds that sanctions in the student arena would likely follow student conduct provisions. She also touches on the mask requirement. Our number 1 job is life and health safety.

Zachary Johnigan updates the Chancellor about a survey being distributed to CSN students that gathers feedback regarding mandatory vaccines.

Chancellor Rose discusses how she hasn't received too much feedback, but there was a lot of public comment at this most recent board meeting.

Brian Akins (member of public) discusses how the student population has dropped which has made it difficult to gather feedback.

Member Austin Brown became present at 9:38am.

5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION

INFORMATION ONLY

OPPOSING UNDERGRADUATE HEALTH INSURANCE FEES AT UNR AND UNLV

NSA members Caren Yap and Austin Brown will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution opposing undergraduate health insurance fees at UNR and UNLV. The body will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may come back at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA .

Vice Chair Caren Yap and Secretary Austin Brown proceed with a presentation of the resolution.

Andrea Sanchez asks a question about the possibility of whether this program can be optional.

Chair Matthew Hawn highlights how this will be seen in the September NSA meeting.

Vice Chair Caren Yap and Secretary Austin Brown are excused from the meeting.

6. **CAMPUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN DISCUSSION**

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion regarding fundraising efforts in support of student initiatives on individual campuses. Members of NSA will provide suggestions and concerns regarding fundraising challenges at each campus to shape future discussions and collaborations across institutions.

Chair Matthew Hawn consulted with Advisor Terina Caserto regarding the objectives of NSA and whether fundraising can be done under NSA. Chair Hawn decided that fundraising under NSA was not the direction he wanted to pursue and that individual campuses could work together in their own fundraising efforts for their respective campuses this year and not under the umbrella of NSA.

7. **MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY**

Members will provide an update regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

Proxy for President Dempsey updates about how about 60% of the college is online. Demographics are changing. Holding virtual events.

Zachary Johnigan has no update.

Darian Richards updates about the first general assembly meeting regarding incentives for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Andrea Sanchez de Loza is expanding those they're hiring. Distributing information about CoVID-19 vaccines.

Proxy for Nicole Thomas speaks about the virtual New Student Orientation.

Chair Matthew Hawn speaks about updates regarding UNR. ASUN is planning NevadaFit, concerts and other events.

8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Chair Matthew Hawn reached out to individual regents and heard back from a few. Please express individual thoughts to the regents about the vaccine mandate.

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