

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) - Present

Mr. Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair) - Present

Mr. David Turner II, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary) - Present

Mr. Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN - Represented by proxy: Hannah Jackson

Ms. Chelsey Fox, Great Basin College, SGA - Absent

Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA - Present

Ms. Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN - Present

Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA – Represented by new acting President: Mr. David Clark

Mr. Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD - Absent

Mr. Cody Shepard, Western Nevada College, ASWN – Represented by proxy: Jessica Hoyos

3. GUEST RECOGNITION

Mr. John V. White, Chancellor

Ms. Renée Davis, Director of Student Affairs with the Nevada System of Higher Education

Ms. Lilly Leon-Vicks, Western Nevada College Coordinator for Student Life

Mr. Umram Osambela, Previous Nevada Student Alliance, Lobbyist

Mr. Stephen Cohen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Student

Ms. Caitlyn Caruso, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Student, CSUN

Ms. Mariana Sarmiento, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, UndocuNetwork

Ms. Hafid Acosta, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, UndocuNetwork

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

(INFORMATION)

Mr. Umram Osambela, Previous Nevada Student Alliance Lobbyist presents to the NSA some Bill Draft Requests (BDR) that the NSA should be aware of, with a total of 14 BDRs. Three of the BDRs pertain to Higher Education, where the other 11 may or may not.

NSA Member Jill Robinson asks if the BDRs can be sent out to the NSA.

Mr. Umram Osambela says they can be and will send out the three that do pertain to Higher Education. Once the other BDRs have been reviewed the ones for K-12 will be dropped and the remainder will be sent out to the NSA members.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

*NSA Secretary David Turner moves to approve the minutes from July 14, 2016.
NSA Member Jill Robinson seconds
Minutes approved by majority vote.*

6. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR (INFORMATION)

Mr. John V. White, Chancellor introduces himself to the NSA. Provost at UNLV until 2015. Previous to that Mr. John V. White was the Dean of Law School for five years. Previous to that Mr. John V. White taught at LSU for 15 years. From Louisiana where he went to Community College while dual enrolled at LSU in Eunice before transferring to Baton Rouge where he went to Law School.

Due to governing documents the Board of Regents must have a Chancellor. After the previous Chancellor, Dan Klaich retired, Mr. John V. White was elected until a search process has been completed to find the next Chancellor, for which Mr. John V. White is not a candidate. Mr. John V. White's goal is to carry through the next year. During the Public Comment, the BDRs dealing with Higher Education were brought up, one of which is calling for a reform of the structure dealing with higher education in Nevada. One of which there would be campus unique boards. However, there is a lot of misinformation regarding the structure of the board itself being unique. Whereas our structure is almost identical to Hawaii and Kansas. Where colleges and universities are in the same system.

One of our unique qualities is that there are few state wide systems where there is a state wide election. Though without going into too much detail, the Chancellors roll is to deal with the systems health and its context. To make sure that our legislative agenda isn't being held up in the legislative process. While there is a call for reform, the feelings are that different organizations produce different results, what needs to be looked at are the results that we are wanting to achieve. Does the organization help with that solution?

One of the challenges facing Nevada is that we want to do something because we have been underperforming, not just as a system, but throughout the state. Our main underperformance has to deal with our secondary education institutes, dealing with secondary education. This leads people to want change and for it to happen fast. We are also dealing with state funding to education, being cut of upwards of 40%, which is huge. Which puts the state in the number three spot for most cuts to education. With the state asking for better results without needing to invest more money. Which is a pressure that everyone has to deal with.

One of the plans to deal with this, besides the normal day to day duties of the Chancellor position, is to work with the Board of Regents at a retreat that will give opportunity to the Board to discuss the structure. The second is to work in the office and provide aid to the public with how our schools are doing. With the goals for higher education in Nevada already being set. To increase enrollment, retainment and increase the number of people with degrees. This is to also close up gaps in higher education along demographic lines. Which the institutions have improved on, even if the state is a long way away from where it needs to be. This is to show that we are open to the public and our legislators with what is going on at our institutions. This is also to show that the states investment in higher education is low, which leads to natural outcomes that we are currently seeing.

Another issue we are facing is one that is being said the country is going to be facing by 2030, where we have a more diverse, lower income, first generation students going back into higher education. Showing we are on the leading edge of these challenges and need to be leading the way for solutions to these challenges.

These will be addressed through a series of speeches in the fall. That will cover how we will deal and solve these issues in the first half of the 21st century. The last time a study was done dealing with these problems was back in 2004, 12 years ago, showing that is time for another one of these studies to be done. These are ultimately the goals that Mr. John V. White would like to achieve within the 12 months, with the last half all being legislative in nature. This will be mending the credibility gap with the legislators. This being done on an interpersonal level. This also shows the amount of transparency that needs to happen, even with the issues that the individual schools are facing.

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta thanks Chancellor John V. White for the introduction, and reinforces the NSA's efforts with the legislative process in the past and is something we can consider for this upcoming session. To help in this effort, Desiree DeCosta suggests a round of introductions from the members and their institutions interests for their students and the needs for their schools and what might be relevant for the upcoming school year.

Desiree DeCosta explains one of the issues facing Nevada State College is the amount of growth in a short period of time they are experiencing. This is putting a strain on staffing and on their spaces. That there is open communication with the institutions President about expanding the capital in that sense and the financial aspect of it. With Nevada State Colleges own students investing in their infrastructure for improvement, because of a lack of state funding. This has already put a financial strain on the students, and leading to dialogue about how to go about solutions without adding any new strain to the students. This being the biggest concern up to this point.

Mr. John V. White points out that the capital proposal is going in front of the Board, being number two or three of their recommendations. Taking this to the Public Works Board on the 24th. With the capital side, we have been sitting in a bad spot for the last six or so legislative sessions, going from a point where there was always money for capital projects, but didn't plan for where resources for capital projects would come from. Where now, capital projects are funded as cash is available basis. Which means cycle after cycle we got one building project a year. Though there are eight institutions, and over the last six years only three buildings have gone up and a few repair projects have been done. The Public Works Board has been expressing needs for prison dormitories and public safety sells better which doesn't bode well with NSHE. With the new legislative request, Mr. John V. White, plans to structure case load growth built into the founding formula. Each institution has a greater amount of weighted student credit hours. The point that everyone is doing better on formula factors. This will drive a substantial amount of revenue to each institution through the ordinary course of things, assuming the legislation finds it. Which should be able to help, like Nevada State's, staffing issues. However, with extra staffing comes a need for spaces to put them and this goes back to the capital issue that was raised. Though the staffing side has promise to be funded, at least hopeful for it, which should produce additional staffing at the school.

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta thanks Chancellor John V. White for the insight and looks forward to working with him in the future and to work through the triumphs and needs.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez introduces himself, pointing out that the main focus for UNLV is the alignment of the Top Tier Status. To move forward and progress as a campus as a whole. That bringing together the diversity on campus is a positive thing. Another thing within that is to improve the telephone system so that they are more accessible to students. That students may feel safer on campus, which would attract more people to the university. Helping the focus of the NSA with the "It's on Us" campaign. To show any student that may go through any traumatic event that we are here for them. At UNLV within CSUN they are looking into the Green Dot training program. To train their own members within CSUN about how to deal with these things. They are also looking to help their Undocumented/DACA students. By one creating a scholarship and insuring that they have the resources to be successful at UNLV. There is a big amount of DACA students at UNLV, but there hasn't been enough focus on it as a university to provide what they need to succeed. Most of these are first generation students or along these lines, that we need to be welcoming to these students and look into, as the NSA, make sure these students are being catered to. That this is what UNLV has going on and they are really looking for the support.

With all this, to also make sure we are not forgetting another underserves student population, being students with disabilities. Being something that was presented at the last Board of Regents meeting and taking this back to UNLV to make sure we are representing these students.

Mr. John V. White explains that these are things that the Board supports across the board. Most of them not being legislative items. Though he is confident that the dialog is there for the legislative items. Pointing out that there is no single request for a Top Tier Status. Though that was something that was envisioned when the subject comes up. Though the biggest issue with that is that there isn't a lot of revenue from the state right now. So the Board has preference a request around the formula. With the biggest challenges with the Top Tier effort being the student to faculty ratios. So that instruction and research can happen with the same faculty. However, having already developed a close relationship with the president, there is confidence that the issue is already trying to be tackled.

Another topic that deserves a little comment being the DACA and undocumented student efforts. With this being a challenge at both UNLV and the system as a whole. To balance both wanting to help these students with the true political peril of doing so. To help this, one of the things the universities have done intentionally is not collect any information on a person's citizen status. Being something that could drive some people away. Though, now that there is DACA there is at least some regularity to the presence and opportunity to collect that information. Reminding everyone that until the dust kind of settles, there may still be some reluctance on the institutional side. Making the students efforts all the more important. Students helping students is a more defensible way to deal with it as if the universities had this information it opens it up to more entities that are against immigration who will be requesting that information the next day. Who maybe utilizing it that are counterproductive to the overall goals. There isn't one way to go about this, being something the schools have struggled with themselves. This is a component of the student body that is really in need of assistance. Which is really hard to do so as you need to be able to track the data. Which is an area that Mr. John V. White is excited to help with in finding ways to deal with that.

NSA Secretary David Turner shares that there is a lot in the works at Truckee Meadows. After completing a retreat with the leaders of the institution, administration, faculty and certified staff one of the issues to tackle is branding. Being labeled the Walt Disney of TMCC for a slogan, Integrating Imaginative Culture. The branding is an effort to increase enrollment and completion rates, to think outside of the box as the same old stuff just isn't going to work. One

possibility, and the students are standing behind is the possibility of offering sports at TMCC and being part of the NJCAA. Sports like Cross Country, Track and Field, Soccer, Swimming and Lacrosse. With the students showing support for this idea by willing to support it financially to pay for the cost of the space that is needed to offer this. To use this to create the Student Life that's need on campus to increase our enrollment and completion rates by helping the students feel like they truly are part of something bigger, a community. To help students get ready for UNR, to help students complete their time at TMCC and help them feel like they belong. This would also help with Alumni involvement and support, which is an area TMCC is falling short on. This is something to help bring the entire community together.

Some other student's initiatives that are in the works include an Early Syllabi Release program. Working with the faculty to give accesses to their syllabi two weeks before the start of the semester. This will give students a chance to change classes if they see a professor isn't going to work for their learning needs. There is the idea of a Stick-it Board, were students can come together as a community through our canvas program. This would help with carpool opportunities, roommates, and job opportunities through the college. To put everything in a centralized location to ease the access for students. This is also leading to the SGA itself to look into increasing its student fee, as the SGA only works off of \$0.50 a credit, giving SGA one of the lowest budgets to work with. This annual budget is less than \$89,000 which is everything from wages, activities, retreats and leadership building. With the students seeing how active the SGA has become that there is a need for more funding so that the SGA can increase its student support efforts. This would help create positions needed within the SGA such as a Diversity Programming Chair, Public Relations Chair and to spit two of the current senator positions as they are overseeing 1,500 students, more than any other senators. Which cannot happen with what the SGA is currently working with.

The students at TMCC are starting to see that it needs to start with them to better the school. Most of these initiatives won't happen in the time the current students are at TMCC these are things that will start five, six years down the road. However the students are starting to realize that it starts with them to better the college experience for future students.

Mr. John V. White applauds NSA Secretary David Turner's efforts. It seems there is a lot going on with TMCC. Having already met with the new president of TMCC Mr. John V. White can tell there is a lot of new energy at the school and this will be interesting to watch it all develop. In terms of the fees, the Board has raised tuition a number of times and in an ongoing process. It would be fair to say they are becoming allergic to fees, to make sure the case is well developed.

Ms. Renée Davis points out that while at the university level it is a separate fee for the student governments, the college level comes from the tuition distribution. That she doesn't know if there is a proposal for an actual SGA fee or a bigger percentage of the distribution. Either way it is going to be a challenge.

NSA Secretary David Turner explains that he is aware of this and emphasizes that this isn't something that will be coming for administration, faculty or staff, but from the students themselves.

Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN, proxy states that ASUN has a very detailed plan for this legislative session. Ms. Hannah Jackson explains that she would be able to email or send through other means the plan that has been put into place. With the last legislative session discussing merit pay and wonders what Mr. John V. White's opinion might be on it.

Mr. John V. White explains that's been number one on the list as the Board understands that we are in a crisis with faculty pay for the last eight years. Explaining that there have only been a few small increases. At the same time the Governor's Office has requested a flat budget and a 5% cut budget. Based on their concern that they may have to make cuts. The issue on professional merit is that as a system our request number is big enough, but not huge. At \$10 million if you do 2.5% the first year and \$20 million the next as you are building upon the previous amount. Then it will be \$30 million for the whole session. However, if you do it across the board for all employees you're looking at \$130-150 million, which there is clearly not a \$150 million in the state budget. The last session showed a tax increase for secondary education, among other things, finding funding for a one year merit increase and a cola in the second year. With the Board emphasizing that this is the number one request in hopes that money can be found to support it. The other thing to add about that which in doing so is that the health care package for workers is extremely poor. That if you can get onto an HMO then it is not as bad, but finding doctors in the South in the specific HMO is rather tough. Most people have opted out even in the North with how constraining it is. Creating a consumer driven health plan, or a catastrophic illness health plan. Meaning that a family plan is at least \$150 a month, with the out of pocket \$3800. While the health system puts in \$600, still leaving a lot to pay. Especially looking at our classified staff, many of which only make \$30,000 a year. Which 10% out of pocket is just not manageable. This crisis has caused employees to quit insurance, which made institutions expand their student health services to cover staff and faculty. That is why part of the flat pay has become a bit of a crisis. Leading to low optimism levels.

NSA Member Meghan Pierce, piggybacking off of NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states regarding Top Tier Status, the graduate students are very excited. There is concern, however, regarding the 5% cut and how that could affect their stipends and funding for complete their degree programs. This also worries the students about being able to maintain and recruit great faculty members. The last round of cuts lead to the loss of faculty members. They want to make sure that the institute is able to maintain a good student to faculty ratio.

Mr. John V. White states that the issue of the cut is a destabilizing one, but believes the governor and his office understands that. Unlike other agencies where they have had to submit particularized cuts, they have given the freedom to give them the budget calculus for the institutions. The institutions haven't had to offer a particular area or department they would have to cut. That there is still hope that the institutions will not have to face cuts. Part of that hope is based on an understanding that one way they could use the cuts is to distribute a flat budget in a context where they increase expenditures. One of the problems that has bedeviled higher education in every state is the growth in cost for prisons, social services and Medicare/Medicaid. Which is no different here in Nevada. The health care act, which we opted in, grants Medicare/Medicaid funding from the federal government. That will end at some point which is concerning as we have added 300,000 people into the programs. Which is a positive, so the people are not uninsured and not packing the emergency rooms and getting regular health care. There has been evidence showing that Obamacare has improved health outcomes. At the same time, coops have struggled and so the degree at which the private health care expansion under the health care act has been successfully endowed. That suggests an increase in Medicare/Medicaid spending for the states or even through the ACA. The challenge there is even if there is additional revenue, the cost for states for the other, non-education areas has gone up. There is hope that there will be a way of managing this and find the spots in the institutions where cuts can be made that will have the least amount of impact. Since they have not asked to give them this detailed areas that the institutions will be blunted in the cuts if they come. At least

we are not looking at a decrease in state revenue, the problem is that we are not seeing the level increase the budget projections have assume. This will be a tight budgeting session, but hopefully there is a way to avoid a catastrophic effects of cuts.

NSA Member Jill Robinson states that there is a lot going on at CSN as well. However, the first meeting with the President is not until the following week, so there is no news on the major things happening on campus. Other than a merge with another president and a few deans. This is to help out with the many locations down in Southern Nevada. To also piggyback off of the other institutions regarding DACA students, there is a lot of information and resources being gathered for the students. There has been some confusion with the votes going on within the NSA. CSN has already faced some of the struggles as previously mentioned. CSN has created two scholarships for them, but the question is if there is a way for the institutions to get onto the same page as to what is going on? The previous year, ASCSN awarded the Dream Scholarship, however there was one student who attended the school and threatened a law suit. The student stated that the scholarship when against his 14th amendment constitutional right to give these students this scholarship. Knowing that the institutions do not want to break these laws. As well as if there is a way to get more information on and to get the Regents to support these scholarships? TO make it so that there is a way to help these students and protection from these lawsuits? Cause there is a need to try and safely help these students. As it stands ASCSN is keeping quiet about awarding these scholarships, which doesn't seem correct. As it seems that ASCSN is facing these struggles that were mention with helping DACA students. As they pay their fees and the fees go back to the students and it seems that there is pressure from all ends to not help these students. Even though ASCSN and the institutions want to help them. It seems as if not everyone has all the facts when it comes to helping these students, and there isn't any certainty on how to do that. Which seems that the information would need to come from the top and work its way down. As there is a desire to help all students in a flawless way.

Mr. John V. White expresses that he isn't that impressed with the threat of lawsuits as that happens quite frequently. That if there was a worry about every lawsuit that the institutions would be shut down. This is a hot political issue. When this happens you have people who want to do things on both sides. That there isn't a way to avoid that component. Anything that the institutions do is going to be controversial. What is not being done is inviting the legislation to weigh in. There is no certainty in which way the legislation would actually go. The risk is that the legislators would make it harder to serve the students, in part to make a political point. The position has been to serve the students that go to Nevada's institutions and to serve them in the greatest extent possible. There are some limitations for what can be done for students, especially if they haven't filled out their FAFSA. What has been framed around the approach is to try and keep the legislator's further restrict what can be done. Which seems to be a fair approach. There does come a point when you will have to decide to get off the fence, but it doesn't seem that we are on the fence. But there has been some care taken to avoid a legislative intervention in that area. Because frankly speaking, those that are most passionate about the topic are ones that want to restrict access to the institutions. Which, no one wants to see that. The policy goals in the state of Nevada are all about enrollment and completion. Which is for the citizens of Nevada, the residence of Nevada and the people who pay taxes here. The fewer restrictions that can be placed the better that seems to be. While it has been a long time in playing this game. At least for this session and before the election, it is known what the terrain is. Though this doesn't help ASCSN's position, but it doesn't seem the Regents want to have an open public comment about this.

NSA Member David Clark follows close with other statements regarding finances. There is a lot of gratitude towards Veronica Zepeda, the new faculty director. As she has led to there being more transparency and the students knowing where the funds are going and what state the institution is in. Which is not great. In order to keep above water this semester there is going to need to be a \$2 fee increase for the students. In order to be able to do anything else, it would need to be \$2.50. There have been many cuts with superfluous cuts such as socials and adding things the grad students really need. In the last year GRAD gave away \$220,000 in travel funds, one of the most important things is for a graduate student to be able to travel conventions and present their papers. \$60,000 awarded in spring awards, small scholarships. Part of the problem is due to budget cuts, it's also due to a stagnate growth in graduate students. At the same time that that the population in the last 5-6 years hasn't grown, neither have the fees. Costs are going up as well as the initiatives for services for students. Like the Household Items Program, where individuals can donate furniture and it can be given to grad students without any. Which has been a huge success with free pickup and delivery.

Another source has been the marketing, which partially falls on the departments, but it also falls onto NSHE and the University to showcase the graduate program, not just in the North, but down South as well.

There is also an issue with assistantship and students frantically emailing Mr. David Clark because they cannot get an assistantship coming in. Which is a big issue because every grad student should have the support they need to do graduate school in the form of a TASHIP, RASHIP, or a GA. The science are lucky they have the Research Assistantships, which if there are not enough TA assistantships. If there was enough faculty to deal with a growing graduate population there would be more TASHIP's for grad students, which GRAD is hoping to help increase the grad students. Though there is a bad feeling for the education graduate students, which have a lot less resources. These students that need the research assistantships have to duel it out for TA or GA spots. The next thing is that UNR is a Tier One Research University, however it doesn't make sense that if UNR wants to remain a Tier One, than there needs to be antique training and funding for research students. In order to do that if there is an ability to increase research assistantships, students and faculty would help, but state funding is needed.

Another Issue was that the graduate student Fellowship program through the NSF and the GRFP was that not a single person in the state of Nevada won last year. Which, Mr. David Clark saw many of the applications and it doesn't give the impression that it is the quality of the applications themselves. Even if it is, what needs to happen is a collaboration between the GSA, the graduate school and the office of sponsored projects through a committee. This is to start a research grants task force, to educate students on every aspect of the research grants. There also needs to be a reevaluation of the application process for the whole state. It would be beneficial if everyone could come together to help bring Nevada up to where it needs to be, from NSHE down.

A problem that has been causing a lot of stir with the students is the new Ponderosa Housing has no mail service. Not only do they have to pay \$400 for a parking space right outside, with rent much higher than the norm in Reno, there is an extra \$100 for a P.O. Box. Which seems like an easy fix if the University would assign a mail stop. It is not a dorm, it is an apartment complex, it isn't even owned by the University, but an outside source.

Mr. John V. White explains that there isn't a specific, high request for Carnegie requests over the last couple years. This would be built around increasing GA support. In the flat budget context, they thought this wouldn't sell well. There is a catch all request, that's a last resort, but nothing in that group would be funded. There has been some debate about if it should be included because it might be a way for Legislators to pick institutions. However that would be

destabilizing. Though in the near future, if there is a way to get both universities to the very top level in Carnegie is going to require more investment in graduate students. TA levels and funding is very low, which it needs to be looked at how that's effecting productivity. Which, looking at states in similar size and even poorer than Nevada, like Mississippi, have twice as much in research expenditures. This isn't solely an institution specific issue, this is a university wide one. Through faculty and students, with grant writing at all levels. A big part of the increase is going to have to happen outside of the science areas, as they have gone flat. As other institutions such as in Oregon give a fifth of the expenditures into Liberal Arts, which may seem weird until you realize they have a Language Center. Unfortunately this isn't something on the radar for this session, but it is one coming up soon.

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta asks what the big goal for this legislative session.

Mr. John V. White explains there are two requests, a funding and capital requests. With the capital requests going for UNR's engineering building being one, the NSC building being two, and a couple of others. On the funding side, salary for professional staff being one, the regular increase with the funding formula being two, the build out for the two medical schools being three, a change in the formula to increase career and technical numeration being four. This would impact the community colleges so they can focus in dual roll and to help students with their training so the schools are no longer double dipping into the same funds. This being a stout amount about 30 million. There are some smaller like a change to the Silver State Opportunity Grant.

Ms. Jessica Hoyos Western Nevada College, ASWN proxy, states that the funding formula has not benefited WNC. There is an issue with the students coming through a crippled K-12 system. They are feeling discouraged with extremely limited resources. Even though there are 300 jump start students.

There is a new club sports program which has increased enrollment by 100 students. This program grabbing interests from international students. This new energy is reviving the campus through new diversity.

There has also been a donation effort to help students attain furnished apartments, which is seeing some success.

Mr. John V. White says that the formula change that he was discussing is also to help relieve the pressure the smaller institutions have felt. Particularly with the change in base formula. This will increase funding for career and technical which should help free up other funds within the community college. To help deal with gen. ed. and transfer students. Which there is a strong belief this will be funded. There has been bridge funding in the past, however they don't plan to keep bridging this forever. There is a new proposal and it goes along with the governor's approach with career and technical training. There is belief that this will help our community colleges as there is an increasing burden on them from new job opportunity's, both in the South and in the North.

7. NSA NEWSLETTER (INFORMATION)

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez updates the NSA with the deadlines to have information submitted for the Newsletters. To keep the Newsletter in line with the Board of Regents meetings, to have it submitted every quarter. The first of which being August 26, 2016. To have the

Newsletter set out September 2, 2016. The second is November 18, 2016. To have the Newsletter ready to be sent out November 28, 2016. NSA members can email the articles to Carlos.Fernandez@UNLV.edu. Please limit it to 500 words to keep consistency through out the Newsletter.

8. IT'S ON US NATIONAL CAMPAIGN (INFORMATION)

NSA Chair Desieree DeCosta asks members to provide a summary to the NSA of activities held on their campuses or future plans in support of the "It's On Us" campaign. Last semester the NSC asked students to take the "It's On Us" pledge through a social media campaign. With relevant resources through documentation and flyers to bring sexual assault awareness to the students. That's what has been done in the past. Looking to the future there is interest in doing something bigger, similar to UNLV with their concert and student engagement events to bring more awareness to the campus.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states one of the biggest things is to continue support for this initiative. This will entail CSUN members to work with the woman's center to be trained to better serve their constituents in this area. To deal with students who may be going through sexual assault, to know how to get them the resources and what they need. TO make sure all members are educated to take this information to the students.

NSA Secretary David Turner has partnered up with TMCC's equity and inclusion office who is signing the SGA members sign up for Campus Clarity, to educate them on what is and isn't consent. So that campaigns can be done to educate the students. This information is also being taken to the clubs to keep the students engaged. TMCC's Compass Club will be doing Take Back the Night again, which will be in April. The Power in Culture Club, TMCC's Latino Club, is looking to do an event in the spring, to hit both semesters. There is also work being done to partner with the counselors, to make sure that students are able to find someone they feel comfortable with if they need any kind of support.

Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN, proxy states that President Boone had no report at this time.

NSA Member Meghan Pierce brings up an event that was done the previous year, which was a social event for a social cause. Green Dot came done and help run a campaign to collect donations for safe nest.

NSA Member Jill Robinson, states that last year the ASCSN was not made aware of the "It's On Us" campaign until the last minute, and then helped CSUN disperse tickets for their event which were taken to all the campus. There were also courses that certifies them in sexual assault awareness offered to all the staff and students at CSN through the CSN Caps and Psychological services. This year all members of ASCSN are taking this course online and a three hour in person course, which is being offered by Debbie Tanner who is the Title Nine Coordinator. To take these resources to the students to have them take this course. There is also a partnership with the Multicultural Center at the North campus to create a safe zones to have students be able to open up and have these conversations. The safe zones are similar to the Green Dot at UNLV. As well as make sure information is posted throughout the school for students.

NSA Member David Clark has partnered with ASUN and the Director of the Student Union, Chuck Bryce with their initiatives through the "It's On Us" campaign. There will also be services and resources offered through the Unity and Diversity event that is held annually, which has a huge turnout.

Ms. Jessica Hoyos Western Nevada College, ASWN proxy, has no report at this time.

9. UNDOCUMENTED/DACA STUDENT SUPPORT (INFORMATION)

NSA Chair Desieree DeCosta would like to see if any of the NSA members have any ideas or have any initiatives taking place at their institutes. As well as open up by having Mr. Umram Osambela speak a little about this topic.

Mr. Umram Osambela gives a little information about DACA. DACA is an initiative started with an executive order by President Obama in 2012, which the federal governments have expended. Students on their original DACA from 2012 can still apply every two years. However DACA since then has been halted through the expansion.

NSA Secretary David Turner adds that TMCC has a few satellite campuses, one of which being the Meadowood Campus. Which greatly caters to the Latino population, through English as a second language, student services and citizenship. The SGA is working through the Power in Culture club to help them realize they are still students, to build a community so that SGA and TMCC can get them information on the scholarships that offered and help them continue on with their higher education. To make sure that scholarships offered through the school are not limited to citizens. The scholarships will be open to international, Latino and DACA students. To help this stay under the radar without it being hidden information. To be a workaround to not get push back about student fee money going to DACA students.

NSA Member Jill Robinson added that is what CSN has also had to do. ASCSN was able to give out two \$1,500 scholarships to students. That the scholarship requirement is that the student has to be enrolled in a minimum 6 credits for both the fall and spring semesters and maintain a 2.5 GPA to keep the scholarship. To give the student \$1,500 for both spring and fall. The student must also complete 15-20 hours of community service through CSN Serves. The other thing was last semester with plans to continue through the next semester is to work with Plan Nevada the congressional spent caucus institute, with citizen workshops. There is also information from the previous year and the work ASCSN has done to help DACA students, if anyone would like the information they can request it by email through Jill.Robinson@CSN.edu.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez would like to yield the floor to Ms. Mariana Sarmiento as a student who is part of the UndocuNetwork to see how help can be offered. As well as point out that DACA isn't just a Latino issue, but various groups within this Nation.

Ms. Mariana Sarmiento would like to point out a couple of things that are taking place at UNLV. Recently a program was started called the UNLV UndocuNetwork. This is to share resources with students, not just at UNLV but all over Nevada. There is also plans to work with the UNLV Multicultural Center and Hispanics for Social Justice. There is also an extended thank you to CSN for everything that they do, even with all the push back that they have received which is something UNLV wants to head towards. That Ms. Mariana Sarmiento is part of a new Task

Force for Undocumented Students with the Vice President of Student Affairs. This is just the beginning of what UNLV is working towards. And as a reminder, despite any push back that a group might receive to try and partner with community organizations and continue to keep working to better this. That there will be continued partnerships with CSUN to get this done.

NSA Chair Desieree DeCosta states that Nevada State College has a similar program to help DACA and first gen students that was started as a NSA initiative, to help push the program that was already started.

10. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (INFORMATION)

NSA Secretary David Turner states that TMCC is looking to expand into Open Education Resources. Currently Nevada is one of two states that is not using Open Education Resources as a whole. Stating that Nevada has the resources and the students in need to get this started. Open Education Resources is a data base that is peer reviewed by credible sources. An instructor or professor is able to utilize the resource and build their curriculum through the open education resource, creating in essence a text book that student is then able to access. The student is then able to print it out or use it online. The ideal classes to start with this resource are Math, English and Remedial Science classes, to help alleviate the cost of these text books for students.

Some of the concerns are with the protection of intellectual property. Which most of the colleges and universities have data bases through their libraries that a student has to login into to be able to access. This can be bypassed by creating a Nevada Open Education Resource Network that students would have to be able to log in to, to be able to retrieve the resources. Similar to Oregon's, Open Oregon Educational Resource, OpenOregon.org.

This site breaks it down into institution and course which lists all materials the student needs. Similar to programs such as MyMathLab or Aleks. Where a student is able to do their homework and read texts that they need for their classes. This can be done through an institute's online Library resource, which TMCC is looking to be creating one.

One of TMCC's professors has stepped up and is starting to pave the way for the open education resource through one of TMCC's 200 level Business Classes. Which is something that can be taken to the Board of Regents to get an Open Nevada Educational Resource, that Nevada's institutes are able to utilize and add to whenever they see fit to do so.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states approval for this initiative. That students are struggling with the tuition hikes that are mandated by our Board of Regents. That using this work as an example, and having this taken to a Board of Regents meeting coming up, to show the Regents what the NSA has going on. That CSUN spends over \$25,000 a year on a text book reserve for the library. Where this could create a digital catalog one save some money and two save on paper.

NSA Chair Desieree DeCosta feels that this is important and that this does need to be added to the Board of Regents December agenda. That there is an importance for these resources. That NSC has a completely digitized, cloud based library, so a student can remotely access the library. This is something we should consider bring to the Board of Regents.

NSA Member Jill Robinson states that CSN is looking into ways to implement this as there is a monopoly with the book store. Currently two Political Science instructors utilize this kind of resource. That students so far have not found any issues with this resource.

11. NEW BUSINESS
(INFORMATION)

No new business at this time.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT
(INFORMATION)

No new public comment at this time

13. ADJOURNMENT

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta Adjourns the meeting at 5:34 p.m.