

Minutes completed June 19, 2017 by Secretary of NSA Christopher Roys
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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

June 8, 2017

7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno

Joe Crowley Student Union

87 West Stadium Way

Reno, NV 89557

Rita Laden Senate Chambers

(Third Floor)

NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis calls the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. and introduces herself to the NSA.

1. ROLL CALL

- **Christina Barron, NSC—Absent**
- **Tania Covarrubias, WNC—Present**
- **Kanani Espinoza, UNLV GPSA—Present**
- **Sandesh Kannan, UNR GSA—Present**
- **Becky Linville, GBC—Present**
- **Kathleen Rodrigues, DRI—Absent**
- **Christopher Roys, UNLV CSUN—Present**
- **Noah Teixeira, UNR ASUN—Proxy by Keely Eshenbaugh**
- **Kimberly Tran, TMCC—Present**
- **Elizabeth Zuniga, CSN—Present**

Guests:

- **Renee Davis, NSHE**
- **James Martinez, NSHE**
- **Deep Sengupta, DRI**
- **David Turner, TMCC**

A quorum of members is present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

INFORMATION

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

Renee Davis explains her role within NSHE; members of NSA (and/or proxies) introduce themselves.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Renee Davis will briefly discuss the duties of each of the NSA officers and open up the floor for nominations for the three 2017-18 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 institution 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 2016-17 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Desiree DeCosta, NSC NSSA

Vice Chair: Carlos Fernandez, UNLV CSUN

Secretary: David Turner, TMCC SGA

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

Renee Davis moves on to election of officers; beginning with chair position.

- **Sandesh Kannan nominates himself for chair.**
- **Kimberly Tran nominates Kanani Espinoza for chair.**
- **Nominees for chair discuss their qualifications and experiences.**
 - **Roll Call vote**
 - **Covarrubias—Espinoza**
 - **Espinoza—Abstain**
 - **Kannan—Abstain**
 - **Linville—Espinoza**
 - **Roys—Espinoza**
 - **Eshenbaugh—Espinoza**
 - **Tran—Espinoza**
 - **Zuniga—Espinoza**
 - **Kanani Espinoza becomes chair with a vote of 6/6 votes (2 abstentions)**
- **Vice Chair nominations open:**
 - **Sandesh Kannan nominates himself for VC**
 - **Chair Espinoza nominates Kimberly Tran for VC**
 - **Nominees describe qualifications and experiences.**
- **Christopher Roys makes a motion for a period of question and answer:**
 - **Asks nominees questions about their qualifications and experiences with writing.**
 - **Question and answer period ends.**
- **Roll Call Vote:**
 - **Covarrubias—Kannan**
 - **Espinoza—Tran**
 - **Kannan—Kannan**
 - **Linville—Tran**
 - **Roys—Tran**
 - **Keely—Kannan**
 - **Tran—Abstain**
 - **Zuniga—Kannan**
 - **Vote fails to secure a 2/3 vote.**

- **Christopher Roys makes point of discussion about reasoning of vote.**
- **Christopher Roys makes a motion for roll call vote.**
- **Roll Call Vote #2:**
 - **Covarrubias— Tran**
 - **Espinoza— Tran**
 - **Kannan—Kannan**
 - **Linville— Tran**
 - **Roys— Tran**
 - **Keely— Kannan**
 - **Tran— Tran**
 - **Zuniga— Tran**
 - **Kimberly Tran becomes chair with 6/8 votes**
- **Nominations for Secretary of NSA position.**
 - **Kanani Espinoza nominates Christopher Roys for Secretary.**
 - **Roll Call Vote:**
 - **All members vote in favor of Christopher Roys for Secretary.**

5. OPEN MEETING LAW

INFORMATION

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

NSHE Legal Counsel James Martinez provides a brief on 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 13, 2017.

Sandesh Kannon moves to open action item 6; seconded by Secretary Roys.

Chair Espinoza holds vote:

Vote passes with 8-0-0

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 morning (on June 8, 2017).

Chair Espinoza discusses some goals with the committee.

8. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Former TMCC Student Body President David Turner requests NSA's approval of a resolution urging the Board of Regents to create an "Open Nevada" educational resource initiative, which may include but is not limited to investing in partnerships with relevant educational entities and out of state systems of higher education, facilitating a database for open sourced educational materials, and creating an Open Nevada Committee to govern a Systemwide collaborative effort.

Secretary Roys makes a motion to open action item 8. Seconded by Tania Covarrubias. David Turner summarizes the purpose of the resolution and answers member questions. Chair Espinoza reads the resolution into the record. Vote passes with 8-0-0

9. 2017 NSA MEETING DATES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Renee Davis will provide a brief overview of the NSA Meeting Date document, the meeting dates scheduled for the remainder of 2017, and the procedure for an NSA member to appoint a proxy. Keeping in mind the quorum requirement of 6 members, the group will be asked to decide whether they want to cancel either or both summer meetings scheduled in July and August.

**Renee Davis provides timeline of upcoming meetings.
Christopher Roys makes a motion to cancel July 13 meeting.
Seconded by Sandesh Kannan.
Discussion held by Chair Espinoza.
No dissent.
Body votes to cancel July 13 meeting with 8-0-0**

10. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

- **Sandesh Kannan requests members consider moving the video conference time as Thursday at 4:00 p.m. conflicts with his class schedule**
- **Members request a discussion of NSA goals for the year**
- **Keely Eshenbaugh requests a recap of the legislative session and a discussion of ideas for further integrating NSA with NSHE institutions.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

Chair Espinoza moves to adjourn meeting at 8:18 a.m., second by Tran.