

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**Minutes**

**February 9, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)**

**Reno System Administration Building, Room 134**

**2601 Enterprise Road**

**Reno, NV 89512**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta at 4:01 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 – Absent*

*Ms. Augustina Fernandez, Great Basin College, SGA – Absent*

*Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA – proxy Dimitrios  
Kyriakou*

*Ms. Diana Gurrola, Western Nevada College, ASWN - Present*

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

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

*Mr. Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD – Absent*

**3. GUEST RECOGNITION:**

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

*Mr. Daniel Little, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN Vice President*

*Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN Secretary*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*No public comment.*

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*NSA Secretary Turner moves to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016*

*NSA Member Jill Robinson seconds.*

*Motion passes by majority vote.*

**6. NSA NEWSLETTER FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states how important it is for the members to get the Newsletter out so that the Regents and all those that read the Newsletter can see what the institutions have been doing or what their plans are. That as Presidents, we do a lot and we need to be able to show our constituents what we are doing. The topics can range from events to policies. There is a 500-word limit and a picture required. Submissions will need to be sent in by Feb. 20, 2017. The request is for everyone to do this, there were a number of institutions that missed the last one.*

**7. CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta states that the committee is really getting down to business and that tentative dates to review the candidates for Chancellor have been set for April 19-20, 2017. If everything goes as planned, April 21, 2017 will be the date set to appoint the new Chancellor.*

**8. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DACA AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states that we are now able to take action with this resolution as it seems that the campus climate has changed since we first started tackling this issue. NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez proceeds to read the Resolution to all NSA Members.*

*NSA Secretary Turner states that the fourth whereas it states "Within the University Committee" is not needed and can be stricken, as it seems to omit the Community Colleges.*

*Ms. Renée Davis states that a "Higher" is missing from before Education in the same whereas statement that NSA Secretary Turner pointed out. There are also a few suggestions from the legal counsel, in the Therefore section, second bullet to be changed to read, "Students enrolled in institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education." The next edit for the final bullet, "Urges all students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education to refrain from partisan platforms refrain from using the words illegal when referring to Undocumented Students and to adopt practices that promote a safe educational environment for all students."*

*NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states that he did get the suggestions and they were the ones read into the record.*

*NSA Member Jill Robinson requests for the same bullet where it states, "urges all students" to be changed to "all individuals within the Nevada System of Higher Education" due to the incident with the faculty member from UNLV at the December Board of Regents meeting.*

*NSA Secretary Turner moves to approve the Resolution supporting DACA and Undocumented Students with edits.*

*NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez seconds.*

*Motion passes with majority vote.*

**9. PARTICIPATION IN NEVADA'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONN** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta states that all members have been communicating back and forth regarding the new legislative session, but would like the members to inform the group what each individual institution is doing. Starting with Nevada State College a tentative date is set for April 6-7, 2017 to go up to Carson City. That they are still in the planning stages and they have not reached out to any institution yet.*

*NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez states that UNLV is looking to take 4 trips in total. The trips will consist of various groups from the Student Government and one will include a student that is proposing a bill with the final trip opened up to 60 students. That they are looking to go up for Higher Education Day.*

*NSA Secretary David Turner asks about the Governors Dinner for Higher Education, that TMCC's Doctor Dalpe is looking into the dinner too. The only info is that UNR and UNLV typically send 20 students to this dinner and wondering if any other member is aware of this.*

*NSA Member Jill Robinson states that she has some info on the subject. CSN was invited for a CSN day April 19, 2017. CSN is going to set up booths for a list of students in favor for the Health Sciences Building. That if any institution would like to collaborate to reach out and CSN will do their best to set it up.*

*NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta states that she is looking forward to the email for more information.*

*Ms. Renée Davis states that this is the first time that an institution has their own day and asks if this is the same day as Higher Education Day.*

*NSA Member Jill Robinson states that this was set up through William McCurdy for District 6 and CSN Day is separate from Higher Education Day.*

*Ms. Renée Davis states that she will check on when the Higher Education Day and that's when the dinner normally happens.*

**10. NEW BUSINESS****INFORMATION**

*Mr. Dimitrios Kyriakou states that he has been meeting with a committee to discuss issues with international students obtaining Nevada State Driver's Licenses. That these Driver's Licenses should be issued to the end of the status or when the Visa expires, but in many cases licenses are being issued for one year at a time, which is illegal. That these expenses are hurting students that have to keep spending money year after year. There is no consistency in how the DMV is handling this, as some of the students are being issued for 5, 3 or even a single year. That as every institution has international students it could be something the NSA takes over to help all international students.*

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT****INFORMATION**

*NSA Member Jill Robinson states that CSN just approved three new Student Union buildings for the three campuses. That this is a big win for the students.*

*NSA Secretary David Turner states that the TMCC SGA is looking to change their constitution soon, which will include an amendment to turn the Athletic profits from the new athletic facility into endowments and scholarships to be made available to all students of TMCC.*

**12. ADJURNMENT**

*NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta adjourns the meeting at 4:30 p.m.*