

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
April 13, 2017
4:00 p.m.
Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
Carson City-WNC Dini 105
Elko-GBC LCSL 122
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Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta at 4:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair)
David Turner II, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary)
Jonah Dueck, Great Basin College, SGA – *present by proxy, Cristian Apolinar*
Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA – *present by proxy, Dimitrios Kyriakou*
Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN – *arrived at 4:08 p.m.*
Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Absent: Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Diana Gurrola, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

Guests: John V. White, NSHE Chancellor
Renee Davis, NSHE Director of Student Affairs

A quorum of members is present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Secretary David Turner moved to approve the minutes. President Meghan Pierce seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

NSA members met with Chancellor John V. White.

Chair DeCosta thanked Chancellor White for his support throughout the last year.

Chancellor White provided a system/legislative update. The main project is the budget, which is in a holding pattern awaiting the figures from the Economic Forum. The Governor's budget proposal is based on revenue estimates made in fall by the Economic Forum. It is expected there may be a small increase when the new numbers come out in May. The amount of increase could impact what additional measures are approved. NSHE does not expect a significant departure from the Governor's budget. He also explained some concerns the System and institutions have with the state of federal funding.

Secretary Turner asked about federal student loan forgiveness program and whether NSHE is going to fight against it being cut. Chancellor White indicated NSHE would.

There was a brief discussion of the prospect of the reinstatement of summer Pell and its possible impact on SSOG program revisions. Not much information is available yet.

Chancellor White said good-bye to the students as they complete their terms and thanked them for their work throughout the past year.

5. NSA NEWSLETTER **INFORMATION**

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez was not present at the meeting. Chair DeCosta asked members to submit final articles by the end of the day. It is an opportunity to highlight all that has been accomplished. President Meghan Pierce reminded members that Vice Chair Fernandez is also looking for photos for the newsletter.

6. CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE **INFORMATION**

As an advisory member of the NSHE Board of Regents ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee, NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta explained that the next meeting of the committee was scheduled for April 20. The agenda has been issued and Board of Regents Chair Rick Trachok issued a letter. The business of the meeting will mostly be discussing the status of the search. Thirty-three applications received; 9 semifinalists. The top five candidates all withdrew.

7. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION**

Since Chair DeCosta will have transitioned out of office by that point, she will not be able to run the May 11 meeting. Secretary Turner will be available to run the meeting.

Secretary Turner has a resolution on Open Educational Resources he would like on the next agenda for possible action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION**

Dimitrios Kyriakou announced he and other graduate students from UNR met with the DMV Director in Reno regarding the issues international students were encountering when applying for drivers' licenses. There has been no consistency in the length of the licensing period. Apparently the expiration date is set based on a data feed from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the state DMV does not have flexibility to choose a different date. Chair DeCosta said the issue is being discussed by legislators and she encouraged everyone to follow the issue.

President Jill Robinson said it was a pleasure to work with all of the other student body presidents and thanked them for their service and all she has learned.

Chair DeCosta adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.