



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES**

November 17, 2017

9:00 a.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:
Battle Mountain – GBC BM 4
Carson City - WNC Dini 105
Elko - GBC LCSL 122
Henderson - NSC RSC 351
Las Vegas–CSN CHEY 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101**

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair)
Ms. Kimberly Tran, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary) – **arrived at 9:13 a.m.**
Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA
Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN – **arrived late (time uncertain)**

Absent:

Ms. Tania Covarrubias, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA

Guests:

Elizabeth Bounds, WNC
Ms. Renee Davis, NSHE

A quorum of members is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

INFORMATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion to approve a.m. and p.m. minutes for September 7, 2017 (Teixeira/Contreras) passed 6/0/0.

NSA NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION

NSA Vice Chair Kimberly Tran explained the fall newsletter was distributed. Check it out. The next deadline is not until spring.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (PSLF)

INFORMATION

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza read the proposed resolution and then asked the student body presidents to return and discuss on their campuses before the next NSA meeting at the end of the month. It will be an action item on the next agenda.

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DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION ON CONDEMNING BIGOTRY ON CAMPUSES IN NEVADA

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President Noah Teixeira mentioned he may bring revisions or additions for the resolution at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES & GOALS

INFORMATION

Chair Espinoza mentioned that she expects a more robust discussion at the in-person meeting at the end of the month. Possible topics for discussion may include CSUN's anti-smoking initiative, disaster relief, NSA constitutional revisions. President Teixeira mentioned ASUN made a budget and policy presentation to the Chancellor and his campus will be working with Chancellor Reilly and President Johnson on anti-smoking legislation next session. They are also working with Assemblywoman Amber Joiner and Senator Heidi Gansert on a bill draft request. He suggests CSUN and UNLV join with them on their legislative work. Secretary Roys said CSUN has begun working with ASUN representatives on lobbying and other political action plans.

DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION

INFORMATION

NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza requested that members go back and look at the NSA constitution to consider areas needing amendment. Secretary Roys mentioned modernizing the newsletter and moving toward a more social media based model. Also suggested looking at frequency of meetings and how NSA may become a more agile body.

President Teixeira agreed. Chair Espinoza also agreed with adjusting the NSA meeting schedule. Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis gave some background on previous changes to the meeting schedule and explained the body had full control over their meeting schedule, and changes could happen without a constitutional revision.

MEMBER REPORTS**INFORMATION**

Presidents Becky Linville (GBC), Elizabeth Zuniga (CSN), Alicia Contreras (NSC), Elizabeth Bounds (WNC), Christopher Roys (UNLV CSUN) and Kanani Espinoza (UNLV GPSA) gave updates about student body government activities on their campuses.

NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION**

Chair Espinoza suggested getting together on the Wednesday before the Board meeting. Secretary Roys said he would send out Google Calendar invite to the presidents from out of town.

Chair Espinoza asked members to email her with any new business suggestion

PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

No public comment presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.