



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
November 30, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Student Union, Room 213
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas 89154

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Kanani Espinoza at 5:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair) Present
Ms. Kimberly Tran, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Vice Chair) Present
Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary) Present
Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA Present
Ms. Tania Covarrubias, Western Nevada College, ASWN Present
Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA Present
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA Present
Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD Absent
Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN Present
Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN Proxy: Daniel Little

Guests

Board of Regents Chair Kevin Page
Board of Regents Vice Chair Jason Geddes
NSHE Chancellor Thom Reilly
Chief of Staff Dean Gould
Yuri Aoki
Viavina Arroyo
Renée Davis
Syheem El Divine
Deuvall Dorsey
Daniel Little
Hyun Seb Shin
Nathanial Wang

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

INFORMATION

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

Chancellor Reilly, Chief of Staff Gould, Chairman Page, Vice Chair Geddes introduce themselves; the members present at the meeting also introduce themselves.

Christopher Roys:

Possible NSA proposal going up to condemn US Senate approval of HR1 and similar legislation. NSHE was encouraged to publicly oppose HR1 in resolution. Jason Geddes clarifies whether or not the resolution was HR1 in its entirety or just the provisions that affect higher education; Roys clarifies that it focuses on higher education.

Kanani Espinoza asks about SGA meetings and open meeting law requirements; Chancellor Reilly and Chief Gould clarify that SGAs are bound by Nevada Open Meeting Law due to NRS regulations and it is likely that NSHE legal counsel would recommend compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law as a public body.

Noah Teixeira:

Questions the timeline for the five NSHE strategic goals as well as the timeline for the biennial budget; Chancellor Reilly discusses comparisons between institutions within NSHE with other peer institutions from other states. Chancellor Reilly clarifies that strategic goals for NSHE will be made public after the retreat with NSHE leaders/officials.

Chancellor Reilly:

Budgeting process for \$25M will be heard in January for the one-time distribution pool which is determined based on needs for the respective institutions in NSHE. Capital projects and strategic initiatives are to be considered by each institution in the investment with the one-time dollars distributed by NSHE. Institutions will be expected to develop proposals for the one-time funds by the end of December; funds should be spent within the calendar year. \$25M will be taken from the operating reserve from the NSHE System Office; Chancellor Reilly explains that it's important to maintain funds for a rainy-day fund, but overages should be used responsibly and distributed to institutions.

Daniel Little:

Asks questions about ASCSN's process of constitutional amendment; Chancellor Reilly recommends discussing with him in more detail later.

Sandesh Kannan:

Asks how NSHE will counter HR1 tax-proposals; Reilly and Gould responds with the idea that the US Senate is still "up in the air." It's best to wait on a result from the US Senate before we are able to react. Sandesh asks for more proactivity, but Chancellor Reilly and Chairman Page agree that it's difficult to be proactive when there is hypothetical legislation on the table in the US Senate. Jason Geddes encourages students to reach out to state-elected representatives.

NSHE Officials conclude discussions with the body.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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Christopher Roys: Tania Covarrubias mentioned FAFSA rules and regulation changes occurring in the US Congress; we won't be able to make a decision or resolution in regard to FAFSA legislation.

No other new business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Deuvall Dorsey: UNLV Journalism and Media studies student; RebelCAN (Cannabis Awareness Network) is an organization that supports education about public policy related to marijuana, marijuana laws, and the marijuana industry. There are four pillars in RebelCAN: academics (presenting research and information), professional (preparing for the workforce), activism (advocating for change), as well as social (expanding your horizons and discussing issues with peers). Mr. Dorsey explains an experience he had taking a class that provided industry-specific training and information related to the marijuana industry. He also goes into details about professional development, internships, and college-credit internships with cannabis industries. The goal of RebelCAN is to expand and bring new chapters to other institutions; he also encourages the body to find the College Cannabis Podcast that is the only one in the world. Mr. Dorsey also wants to ensure that new organizations are professionally developed, created, and that organizations operate within the standards of professionalism that RebelCAN espouses. Educating the public and students on cannabis laws and industry is incredibly important.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.