



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**MINUTES**

**March 1, 2018**

Main Building, Room 182  
Desert Research Institute  
755 East Flamingo Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**  
Ms. Kimberly Tran, TMCC, SGA (NSA Vice Chair) **PRESENT**  
Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary) **ABSENT**  
Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA **PRESENT**  
Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **PRESENT**  
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA **ABSENT**  
Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN **PRESENT**  
Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD **ABSENT**  
Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **ABSENT**  
Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, **PRESENT- DANIEL LITTLE AS PROXY**

**GUESTS**

Board of Regents Vice Chair Jason Geddes  
Chief of Staff Dean Gould  
NSHE Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon  
Elizabeth Bounds, WNC  
Renee Davis, NSHE  
Andrew Sierra, CSN

**A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

No public comment.

2. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

Vice Chair of the Board of Regents Jason Geddes, Nate Mackinnon on behalf of Chancellor Reilly, and NSHE Chief of Staff Dean Gould are present.

Kanani Espinoza asked the officers give information about the allocation of the tuition and fees (if increased).

Vice Chair Geddes discussed a possible four-year locked-in rate in the past, but it didn't get off the ground. After the budget cuts, student support services were cut instead of cutting costs in the classroom. Vice Chair Geddes states that Nevada is still one of the most affordable higher education systems.

Nate Mackinnon stated that NSHE is growing and is affordable. NSHE has an advantage in cost-savings, but the NSHE system has been ranked highly in affordability. There will always need to be a balance between low-cost and continuing to maintain high-quality. It's important that students need to be informed.

Chair Espinoza states that out-of-state students are disproportionately affected, 1.8% affects them differently than in-state students.

Alicia Contreras asked if tuition and fee increases are allocable or if they are required to go to other areas. Nate Mackinnon stated that the NSHE Board of Regents has discretion for allocation of most funds; it's important to get student feedback on what they would like to see with the new funding.

Vice Chair Geddes defers to the NSHE institutions' Presidents to come up with the things that they would like funded for each institution. Financial aid information is shared including scholarships and grants to students.

Vice Chair Geddes reassures the SGA Presidents that they are welcome to use the microphones at the Board of Regents meetings and that they should speak up if they have any questions.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

No new business.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

No Public Comment.

**CHAIR ADJOURNS MEETING AT 5:30 PM**