



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)  
MINUTES**

**February 9, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order 9:03 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**

**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 after  
vote on minutes**

**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 Present**

**Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN Absent**

**Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD Absent**

**Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN Proxy: Hannah Jackson**

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

**A quorum of members is present.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

**No Public Comment**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Minutes Approved: Motioned by Sandesh Kannan, Seconded by Hannah Jackson**

**Vote of 7-0 (Kimberly Tran Absent)**

**4. NSA NEWSLETTER**

**INFORMATION**

**Kim Tran asked if they still want to do newsletter this semester if changing constitution; Kanani said it's up to Kim, but not necessary and can do something else such as a Facebook live while in Vegas for march meeting or record a video about what's happening with NSA. Kim Tran declared that she will follow up with the body in the near future.**

Alicia Contreras suggested adding something to NSA website where can click on and see updates from each school. Individual webpages links to the Nevada SGA's would be beneficial.

## 5. DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES & GOALS

## INFORMATION

Chair opens discussion.  
No discussion.

## 6. DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CONSTITUTION

## INFORMATION

Chair Kanani introduced proposed changes to the constitution. They will be included as an action item on the next agenda.  
No questions or discussion—solely an information only item.

## 7. MEMBER REPORTS

## INFORMATION

- **GBC** – Doing sexual harassment, dating violence awareness at the various campuses – dinners, teaming up with housing and other entities.
- **NSC** – Increase in student enrollment, so organization has more money than expected. Meeting coming up to discuss contributing \$10k to basketball court/multi court and \$50k for student lounge. Held town hall where discussed possible increases in student fees, and planning to hold more forums to give input. Also preparing a survey. Holding suicide prevention forums
- **UNR GSA** – On Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, all 4 governing bodies, including fsa, will meet from 9-12 to talk about goals/new initiatives for UNR. President Johnson, Provost, Chief Diversity Officer will speak. Planning to hold this every semester – a chance for all groups gather and discuss how to move forward as an institution. Will create list of recommendations to present to “higher administration”
- **UNR ASUN** – Highlights – Creating a democracy plaza in front of Knowledge Center dedicated to student activism, rights/responsibilities. Launched student rights/responsibilities websites with institutional policies on what students can/can't do. Encouraging more women to run for office; expanding Constitution to accommodate other departments and revise credit requirement for running for office.
- **CSN** – Working on safety fairs to educate students -mental health/physical health; organizing a wellness panel; working on empowering women/forums to speak to students. Inviting all clubs on campus to an event to introduce students to them. Holding a “re-entry program” to talk to transfer students/graduates – where they can talk to transfer advisers, prepare students who are graduating regarding transfer, finding jobs. On the 1.8% fee increase – partnering with NSC and asking to use NSC's survey too, hoping for bigger response than received when held meeting on the issues.
- **UNLV – CSUN & GPSA** – Sponsoring speaker – law professor from UCLA to speak to students; hosted town hall on tuition/fee increase (during early afternoon) and will host one more after school hours.
- **Chancellor Reilly-**
  - Starting in June, will move to new format where focus on one of the goals at each meeting, data, deep dive, as well as other “goals.” June's focus will be research with extensive presentations on Carnegie 1 from UNR/UNLV/DRI. Fall meeting focus

- will be access with data on national and peer aspirations.
- Thus, at beginning of agendas, will spend about 2 hours on those goals.
- Also developing a list of issues/Board agenda items that are typically more routine and could go straight to the Chancellor – i.e. a list of items that could handle administratively – for consideration of the Board
- March – Multiple presentations: housing at UNLV; “spend down” of monies at UNLV; big discussion on budget following the January meeting when each institution gave their own presentations on their respective budgets. At the March meeting, will present 6 policy issues for the Board to consider, including summer school, performance pool, etc.. Then, in April, will come back with NSHE budget and specific recommendations. Also in March, will have a presentation on articulation with some important changes that will impact community college transfer to universities. He wants to fix the process, to make it more seamless and make some changes so that when an issue can’t be resolved at the institutional level, will convene panel of faculty experts to come up with recommendations.
- Chancellor Reilly requested that Sandesh Kanan resend the email on diversity events.
- Chancellor Reilly is also going to Washington, D.C. on Feb. 12 to meet with Nevada’s Congressional Delegation for multiple issues, primarily DACA.

**8. NEW BUSINESS****INFORMATION**

No new business.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT****INFORMATION**

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.