



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES**

July 13, 2018

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:

Carson City – WNC Dini 105

Elko – GBC LCSL 122

Henderson – NSC RSC 351

Las Vegas – CSN CHEY Bldg C 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101

Pahrump – GBC PVC 122

CHAIR CHRISTOPHER ROYS CALLS MEETING TO ORDER at 9:03am

1. ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Chair) PRESENT

Mr. Andrew Sierra, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (NSA Vice Chair) PRESENT

**Ms. Ahtziry Vasquez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary) PRESENT-
JAROD HAREN AS PROXY**

Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN 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 PRESENT

Ms. Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA PRESENT

Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA PRESENT – MELISSA RANGEL AS PROXY

Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD (GRAD has not elected a president for 2018-19)

GUESTS:

Chancellor Thom Reilly, NSHE

Renee Davis, NSHE

Carissa Bradley, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

Chet Burton, Chief Financial Officer, NSHE

Henry Gauani, Extension Campus Senator, ASCSN

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Henry Gauani, ASCSN Extension Campus Senator, introduces himself and states he is happy to be present in the meeting

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Minutes passed 9-0-0

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chancellor Thom Reilly speaks about the future Board of Regents meetings and topics that might be discussed. Meetings will touch on topics around tuition and new programs that will be available at NSHE higher education institutions. Chancellor Reilly discusses what happened in the previous Board of Regents meeting where the topic of cost of living was touched upon and how this all effects students. Budget is still being discussed and will continue to be discussed in meetings to come. A proposal around summer school and faculty compensation has been presented and will be a topic of further discussion. Currently the board is formulating a supplemental request directed to the governor and legislature around faculty compensation and an additional 8 proposals around non-funding formula enhancements, including funding for summer school. Chancellor Reilly also talks about how the Gallagher study which suggests that faculty are not being underpaid, but instead there is a huge compression problem creating an equity issue. Proposal is being put together by Board where they are trying to come up with a resolution to this compression issue that many faculty members are experiencing.

Andrew Sierra asks Chancellor Reilly if out of the 1.8 increase there will be a 25% that will be allocated to the foundation of every individual institution.

Chief Financial Officer Chet Burton explains that the 1.8 tuition increase did not have a set amount that will be allocated to any specific program or foundation of an institute.

Chet Burton then states that all the allocations will be discussed in the August meeting with the board.

Hanna Jackson asks if the workshops that Chancellor Reilly talked about are open to everyone and when they were going to take place.

Chancellor Reilly clarifies that all the workshops are open to the public and anyone can connect through video conference.

5. DISCUSSION ON NSHE FUNDING FORMULA**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chief Financial Officer Chet Burton discusses the funding formula in some detail to the NSA in order to clear up any confusion with how it used. Burton touches on his background and how he was the president of Western Nevada College where he was living under the funding formula, allowing him to have experience in using and understanding it. CFO Burton starts PowerPoint with a general overview of the NSHE Budget Structure and informs NSA members about how the formula and non-formula budgets work and how they affect the NSHE institutions, their programs, and faculty. History of funding formula's purpose is briefly discussed, touching on how this formula allows for there to be equitably distributed funding. CFO Burton explains how the funding formula is not set in statute; rather the formula was set as a policy by legislature and adapted by the Board. The formula is more about the distribution of the money instead of

absolute funding and is an output-based model. Weighted Student Credit Hours are used as part of the funding formula, giving institutions funding based on students' completion of credits.

Christopher Roys asks for clarification of how exactly each institution receives funding.

Officer Chet clarifies that each institution has a budget of their own and that the System works with the Governor on a recommended budget that is presented to the Legislature each session.

Examples of how the funding formula works are shown. There is discussion on the difference between State Operating and self-supporting budgets and how they both effect NSHE institution.

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON NSHE TUITION AND FEES **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Becky Linville makes a motion to approve the resolution on NSHE Tuition and Fees.

Andrew Sierra seconds

Andrew Sierra questions what will happen once there is an approval by the NSA on this resolution on NSHE Tuition and Fees

Christopher Roys states that the approval of this resolution and the support will be sent to the chief of staff and the Board of Regents and it will be made public that NSA has the interest of students in mind.

9-0-0 the resolution passes

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Becky Linville makes a motion to approve

Hannah Jackson seconds

9-0-0 resolution passes

8. MEMBER REPORTS **INFORMATION**

Andrew Sierra has been working with CSN administration and student affairs officers on the topic of the upcoming legislative session. The 27th of this month the first session will take place where he will be present. He has been talking with Nicola Opfer from Nevada State College and Hannah Jackson from the University of Nevada about cooperation between schools and how they can build a supportive connection. He is also working on getting \$10,000 in scholarships available to students before the semester starts.

Jarod Haren from Truckee Meadows Community College states that summer has been slow and has nothing big to report back to the NSA.

Hannah Jackson reports that she has been working with the legislative affairs department doing research on the campus hunger reduction act that has been talked about by Congress. She is looking into how this can be an act that the students benefit from. She suggests that this should be an act that is supported by the NSA. Road trip nation is also a program that Jackson believes can have a positive impact within all NSHE institutions.

Sandesh Kannan reports that he just got back into the office and currently has nothing to share with the NSA.

Becky Linville informs the NSA on her duties serving on the vice president of academic affairs search committee at GBC and is excited for new additions in staff. She also reported that she is also serving on the vice president for the student affairs committee, which just recently had a meeting. SGA's updated constitution is with the Chancellor at the moment and is being reviewed. Also states that she will not be able to attend the November meeting.

Viridiana Miranda is working on the constitution that she is hoping to get done by the beginning of the semester in order to get it to the Chancellor as soon as possible. She is also working on recruitment for her student government team because she only currently has one senator.

Melissa Rangel informs NSA that NSSA is coordinating the Scorpion Calling, which is the biggest event that the school puts together. They are planning to have a meeting with the president about the constitution that has been revised. They have sent out a survey on what students may want to see in the student government office. Rangel also reports that the student government is working on creating a bimonthly newsletter that is sent out to all students informing them about opportunities in their community and coming events. Four of their students are at the NACA conference in Colorado and they have one that is a voting member on the Dean of Students Committee.

Stephanie Molina is working on creating a cap and gown lending program. She is planning on updating student government documents that have not been revised in 12 years. Molina is hoping to also find a way of creating partnerships between undergraduate students and graduate students and maybe also high school students in order to encourage them to enroll in a higher education institute. She is also looking into how GPSA will be involved in the legislative session this upcoming year.

Christopher Roys reports that he will be updating new scholarships and grants and how they will be distributed. He is working with everyone on his campus in order to support a student centric environment in order to get more student engagement. Roys also informed NSA that the directors for all their departments have been hired recently.

9. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Andrew Sierra and Christopher Roys discuss with Hannah Jackson how they have used surveys before in order to get information from students on current issues.

Jackson suggests having a presentation on the Campus Hunger Reduction Act and Road Trip Nation. She wants to touch on how these programs might benefit students in higher education and how it can be implemented by NSHE institutions.

Sierra speaks to NSA about a possible NSA newsletter. Renee clarifies that it is not required by Sierra as Vice Chair of NSA because duty is no longer on the NSA constitution.

Jackson, Molina, and Sierra are all interested in being part of the committee that the chancellor is putting together to develop a tuition guarantee policy.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Carissa Bradley wants to welcome all NSA members to feel free to contact her with any questions about the divestment resolution because she had been working on it very closely.

CHAIR CHRISTOPHER ROYS ADJOURNS MEETING at 10:15am