

DRAFT – PENDING APPROVAL BY NSA



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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November 9, 2018

9:00 a.m.

**Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512**

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MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY NSA CHAIR CHRISTOPHER ROYS.

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) ABSENT

Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN PRESENT (ARRIVED LATE)

Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA ABSENT

Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA PRESENT

Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN ABSENT

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

Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA PRESENT BY PROXY ALEXANDER LUM

Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD VACANT

Guests:

Thom Reilly, NSHE Chancellor

Gabriela Coreas, NSSA

Crystal Abba, NSHE Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Renee Davis, NSHE Director of Student Affairs

Allison Combs, NSHE Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS WAS PRESENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION ONLY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

No action taken. This item was postponed to the next NSA meeting.

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chancellor Thom Reilly discusses the planned onboarding/training for student officers in the spring and highlights items on the upcoming November Board meetings, including legislative strategies and orientation for all new legislators with student leadership present; a new inspector general position to provide a complaint “triage” system; the tuition guarantee programs, institutional plans for athletics and changes to streamline the Board’s committee meetings.

5. NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OMBUDSPERSON INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Transfer and Articulation Ombudsman Dave Singleton could not be present. NSHE Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba explains there is a critical focus on transfer and articulation and offers to send the new NSHE Transfer and Articulation brochure to the members. Abba also provides an update on the NSHE transfer and articulation audit that was just completed with over 300 transfer agreements audited and notes the report will be presented to the Board’s ARSA Committee in March 2019.

6. UPDATE ON NSHE TUITION GUARANTEE WORKING GROUP INFORMATION ONLY

NSHE Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba explains that the tuition guarantee proposals developed by the working group will be presented as an information item to the Board of Regents on the afternoon of its November 29th meeting and provides an overview of the format with a representative from WICHE providing a national perspective and extensive data on tuition guarantee proposals. Abba explains that there are no changes to the Registration Fee Guarantee Program (Option A) since the last NSA meeting when the proposals were presented, but Option B (Predictable Pricing Program) is revised based on the discussion at the last NSA meeting to require notification to the institutional and student body presidents at the same time the Board is notified of the new registration fees and tuition for the subsequent year based on the HEPI rate. Jackson asks about access to the Commonfund’s HEPI report and Abba provides information on how to access the report online or through her office. Sierra asks about any information on student access funds and whether they benefit students. Abba is not aware of any specific research on that issue but is aware of research about sustainability. Members discuss the possibility of considering a resolution in November or March in support of a tuition guarantee proposal.

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NSHE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS RENEE DAVIS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion by Sierra. Seconded by Jackson. Approved unanimously (5-0-0)

8. MEMBER REPORTS INFORMATION ONLY

Lum provides an overview of the activities of their boards, including capital improvement work on student lounges and public relations with visits by elected officials and a new building dedication on November 1st.

Jackson notes they are working on legislative issues and asks about the timing of a student lobbying day early or later in the session. Chair Roys notes that UNLV is also planning a lobbying trip.

Sierra highlights major initiatives including an executive director of inclusion and work with nonprofits to secure help for students struggling with issues including food insecurities and homelessness.

Linville highlights a new center at Battle Mountain to serve student needs for meals. They are also hosting a town hall meeting on November 14th to discuss an athletics program and student willingness to support a program.

Chair Roys highlights work with the interim president to shift campus dialog and also focus on safety issues with recent crime on campus. Also working on smoking policy revisions and a Rebel Rides program for student safety to transport students around campus using golf carts. Chair Roys notes they are gearing up for the legislative session with plans to support the NSHE budget proposal and funding for summer courses.

9. NEW BUSINESS

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Chair Roys lists new business items for the November 29th morning agenda that will include a discussion of the upcoming legislative session and a student lobbying day, as well as NSA meeting dates for 2019. The afternoon agenda will include an item to discuss the tuition and guarantee proposals that will be presented to the Board earlier that day.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 10:13AM