

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

June 6, 2019

7:00 a.m.

Joe Crowley Student Union
Rita Laden Senate Chambers (Third Floor)
University of Nevada, Reno
87 West Stadium Way
Reno, NV 89557

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 A.M. BY RENEE DAVIS, NSHE

1. ROLL CALL

Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **PRESENT**
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **PRESENT**
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **PRESENT**
Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA **PRESENT BY PHONE**
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **ABSENT**
Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD **VACANT**
Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA **VACANT**
Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN **VACANT**

Guests:

Zelalem Bogale, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT (6/7 @ beginning of meeting)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Current members introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their goals during their term in office at their respective institutions.

INFORMATION

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Davis opened the floor for nominations for 2019 – 2020 Chair of NSA

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Opfer and Molina self-nominated for Chair position. Candidates each gave a brief overview of their goals if elected to NSA Chair position. Davis called for member vote, Opfer is elected by 4/6 votes.

Davis opened the floor for nominations of the 2019-2020 Vice-Chair of NSA.

Martinez and Molina self-nominated for Vice-Chair position. Candidates gave a brief overview of their goals if elected to NSA Vice-Chair position. Davis called for a member vote, Martinez is elected by 4/6 votes.

Davis opened the floor for nominations for the 2019-2020 Secretary of NSA.

Guinn self-nominated for Secretary position. Davis called for a member vote, Guinn is elected 6-0-0.

Davis welcomed new officers and offered her support and assistance.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW

INFORMATION

Davis introduced Zelalem Bogale, Deputy General Counsel for System Administration to give a brief overview of Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Bogale discussed how NSA is a subcommittee of the Nevada Board of Regents and must follow Nevada Open Meeting Law. He reminded members to be conscientious of when deliberation about action items may be taking place and ensuring that communications and gatherings abstain from deliberation.

Bogale gave an overview of agenda posting requirements for public meetings and how in-depth meeting minutes should be.

Davis posed a question about Robert's Rules of Order and whether members should abstain from approval of the meeting minutes when they were not in attendance at the meeting.

Bogale discussed that members, even when they did not attend, are strongly encouraged to vote regarding the meeting minutes. If there are questions, members should request recordings of the meetings.

Davis posed a question regarding whether meetings must start within a specific time frame.

Bogale responded that meetings can start any time after the posted agenda time as long as quorum has been reached. Present members can wait as long as necessary to start to reach quorum.

Davis thanks Bogale for attending and will be forwarding his contact information to NSA members.

Davis turns the meeting over to Opfer.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Minutes are approved by unanimous vote 6-0-0

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

Opfer excuses herself from presenting the report at the Board of Regents meeting, Martinez or Guinn will give the report.

Opfer will draft a list of general goals for the 2019-2020 year and send to Martinez and Guinn.

8. 2019 NSA MEETING DATES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Davis opens the discussion about the upcoming scheduled NSA meetings, and asks members if they want to hold the scheduled meetings during the summer months.

A brief discussion is held about availability of officers. Dates are accepted by members. Meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month.

9. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Opfer opened the discussion about potential 2019-2020 NSA goals.

Gutierrez mentions that a concern on his campus is protections for students going through legal matters such as court dates. He discusses how students may miss important exams or clinicals and are not able to make them up.

Davis suggests that Gutierrez reach out to NSA members to discuss current policies and protections on their campuses.

Opfer encourages NSA members to think about goals and issues we would like to address this year, and to email her with any questions or concerns.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Opfer thanks NSA members and expresses that she looks forward to the upcoming year.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:04 A.M.