



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

July 12, 2019

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:

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MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:15 BY NSA CHAIR NICOLA OPFER

1. ROLL CALL:

Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) PRESENT

Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) PRESENT

Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)

Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN PRESENT

Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN

Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA PRESENT

Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD VACANT

Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA VACANT

Office Vacant, Western Nevada Collage, ASWN VACANT

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE

Nicole Flangas, UNR, ASUN

David Singleton, NSHE

Kevin Wong, UNLV, CSUN

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT (7/12 @ beginning of meeting)

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

No public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

No motion made.

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

Michael Flores, Chief of Staff, presented on behalf of Chancellor Thom Reilly. Flores discusses how the Chancellor's office works with the Nevada Student Alliance through its Chair. Flores comments that communication with students is a focus of the Chancellor's office. Flores would like to get to each campus this year and attend a student government meeting at each campus. Flores discusses how Board of Regents meetings are run and the role of Nevada Student Alliance to represent their institutions.

Flores discusses a possible partnership between the company Charles Schwab and the student government at each institution. Charles Schwab would like to hear from students of their financial challenges while attending college. Flores has a meeting set with the representatives from Charles Schwab at the end of August.

Chair Opfer offers to follow up with Flores.

4. **NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OMBUDSPERSON**

INFORMATION ONLY

David Singleton, NSHE's Transfer and Articulation Ombudsperson discusses his role as an advocate for students transferring to an NSHE institution from inside and outside the System.

Guest Nicole Flangas, ASUN Vice President, inquires of the data being collected by Singleton regarding the support services that transfer students are receiving. She comments that students are having difficulty transitioning between two-year institutions and four-year institution. Anecdotal examples are given for UNR.

Singleton responds that student can be referred to him for additional help or support. Singleton also suggests that each institution identify the challenges of transfer students and then the services that are in place to help address those.

5. **NSA GOALS FOR 2019-20**

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Chair Opfer presents possible NSA goals or campus issues worth assessing for consideration by members for the upcoming year.

- To assess the diversity of instructional and teaching faculty. Opfer discusses that the diversity within the teaching faculty should reflect the diversity of the student body.
- Sustainability on campuses – to assess efforts across NSHE institutions of sustainability.

Patri, TMCC, introduces the concern that there is a lack of coding classes offered at TMCC to prepare students for either careers or transfer to a major in a four-year school.

Gutierrez, CSN, brings up the need for students to have a proper mailing address when applying for financial aid. He would like to see NSA determine if campuses can provide a mailing address, especially for homeless students who would need an address in order to fill out FASFA information.

Gutierrez also introduces the need for legal support for exam issues students face on campus.

6. MEMBER REPORTS

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Martinez, UNR, discusses the explosion that happened the week prior on the UNR campus at the Argenta Residence Hall. He expresses concern that he has not had enough updated information from his administration. He thanks the NSA for their continued support and will reach out should they need more help.

7. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

No new business presented.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment is made.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 10:33 A.M.