



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
September 5, 2019
7:00 a.m.
Western Nevada College
2201 West College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89703
Bristlecone Building Room 135**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 AM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PROXY**
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) **PRESENT**
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **PRESENT**
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **PRESENT**

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA
Office Vacant, Western Nevada Collage, ASWN

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Nicole Flangas, UNR PROXY FOR MARTINEZ
Alexander Lum, NSC
Ariel Rojas, UNLV
Joshua Padilla, UNLV

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT** **INFORMATION ONLY**
No public comment.

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

Motion is made by Molina for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on August 9th, 2019. Seconded by Gutierrez. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

- 4. UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**AD HOC NSHE TASK FORCE FOR PERFORMANCE
PAY ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

Davis discussed reasoning behind addition to agenda because of quorum, University members alone would constitute quorum therefore the discussion regarding potential University representatives on the Ad Hoc Task Force needed to take place at this public meeting. This would also allow for a vote to take place.

Recommended potential members:

Universities: Nicole Flangas, UNR; Christopher Roys, UNLV; Nathaniel Waugh, UNLV

State College: R.J. Lemus, NSC

Community Colleges: Andrew Sierra, CSN

Opfer opened the floor to members to discuss who they nominated and how those individuals would benefit the Task Force and constituents as representatives.

Molina recommended Nathaniel Waugh. She discussed how Waugh has been a student in the NSHE system starting in community college at CSN. Waugh was an undergraduate and is currently a graduate student who has held positions in student government. Molina expressed that Waugh is interested in serving on the Task Force and he understands the time commitment.

Patenaude recommended Christopher Roys. Unfortunately, the time commitment will not be okay for Roys so she further recommended Waugh to represent University students.

Opfer also supported Waugh.

Flangas discussed how Martinez recommended her. She is a transfer student from a different university and she sits on a variety of committees at undergraduate level. She discussed how she can bring her perspective to support university students.

Guinn supported Waugh because of different perspectives at Graduate and Undergraduate level.

Gutierrez and Patri discussed Sierra as the individual to represent community college interests on the task force. He is a former student body president at CSN and remains very involved.

Opfer opens the floor to a motion with the correction of R.J. Lemus as State College nominee.

Molina moves to elect Waugh, Lemus, and Sierra as sector representatives on the Ad Hoc Task Force. Patenaude seconded. No further discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

5. SUSATAINABILITY EFFORTS ON CAMPUS**INFORMATION ONLY**

Opfer opened the discussion about the possibility of NSA addressing sustainability efforts on campuses in Nevada.

Patri discussed the importance of taking care of the environment. She has discussed with her senators about the use of biodegradable utensils and recycling bin accessibility similar to

Arizona State.

Opfer suggested we go around the table and discuss what initiatives campuses currently have.

Guinn mentioned that the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at UNR has biodegradable and recycling items at events. GSA has little control over what campus dining offers but have encouraged use of biodegradable materials as much as possible as alternatives. GSA has also gone paper free at meetings with items being available electronically.

Flangas discussed that UNR has a sustainability group that works with campus. A recent initiative is UPASS which is a public transportation program that provides free bus rides through RTC in Reno/Sparks for UNR students. She further discussed the Sustainable Nevada Initiative fund for grant funding available to student groups for sustainability initiatives, one example is a composting program started by students.

Gutierrez discussed that recently CSN has opened 3 student unions and discussed the importance of sustainability. Having sustainable practices in operations, providing eco-friendly food containers and utensils. Recycling had been abandoned previously at CSN but with the new buildings, new initiatives have been implemented. Gutierrez mentioned that he attended a summit at UNLV regarding sustainability and transportation systems. CSN is going back to green.

Patenaude reported that CSUN funded recycling containers and now the university is working to implement recycling containers. One of the new initiatives is transportation and being a bike friendly campus to improve convenience and possibly bringing in rental bikes to grow the effort. Student sustainability committee is working to promote sustainability on campus.

Opfer discussed that minimal recycling was occurring at the NSC campus and she is working to institute a sustainability council. Reusable items have been tested and trying to get implemented on a larger level, items such as reusable or recyclable cups and straws have been implemented and we will see where it goes. Opfer would like to see campuses be more conscious of recycling efforts on a systems level and wondered if we would like to push sustainability efforts as a group.

Gutierrez discussed a major concern he has regarding reducing paper and implementing paper recycling programs. Also, educating individuals about how to properly recycle items.

Opfer adding to future agendas for discussion

6. MEMBER REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Patenaude reported regarding the CSUN's President's Advisory Council. They held an informal, informational meeting and the first official meeting will be at the end of this month. Patenaude will report back on how this goes. Patenaude mentioned that just the idea of this council has sparked conversation about someone asking for their opinion and institutionalizes students voice and being inclusive.

Patri mentioned that TMCC is finishing welcome week for new students on campus. There were over 1,000 students in attendance. Patri mentioned that TMCC is also working on sustainability on campus.

Guinn reported that GSA is focusing on graduate student mental and physical health and awareness. GSA is implementing a 30-day fitness challenge among grad students to encourage activity.

Molina discussed how GPSA is working on document streamlining processes and policies. She is looking at other institutions at their policies and focusing on transparency and communication. Do you have Town Hall meetings? Molina will be reaching out to campuses for ideas about outreach events.

Flangas reported that ASUN has been welcoming students to campus. Flangas reported about the Nevada Fit program for freshman. Flangas also discussed the new Home Means the University of Nevada, Reno campaign which is a campaign to address loneliness. The campaign will help students have access to sharing stories with other students and sharing experiences to build a sense of community. It is a yearlong campaign. Flangas also reported that ASUN funded its first faculty award for faculty that use open educational resources in the classroom. Flangas explained that students nominate professors for this award and professors will be rewarded for making education more affordable for students.

Gutierrez reported that CSN opened new student unions. Gutierrez discussed that CSN has been working with auxiliary services for purchasing to understand the importance of comments and feedback being communicated (suggestion boxes) about the new student unions. Gutierrez also reported that CSN has increased community outreach efforts. Gutierrez also discussed a new Tech pilot program that will start next spring that will resemble a genius bar, providing services for understanding technology and programs they will encounter. CSN also has new VP Provost positions and they will be looking for a multi-campus platform. Gutierrez also reported that there was a near school shooting incident at the Henderson campus, no one was harmed, and the situation was resolved without incident.

Opfer discussed that at NSC safety is a concern and working with police consolidation in Southern Nevada. Opfer expressed that RTC is a concern that is being addressed. NSC now has a full senate including Freshman positions. Opfer also discussed that NSC is working on free textbooks and open source through the library and the new computer lab has seen good use. The new student lounge will be welcomed by students.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

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Opfer discussed how the NSA Chair's report will be a short simple report of what was discussed and opened the floor for additional items to be addressed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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Opfer mentioned that based on our conversation we would have sustainability efforts on our next NSA agenda for further discussion.

Gutierrez mentioned it may be helpful to examine paper reduction initiatives.

Flangas mentioned the importance of educating individuals on how to recycle across campuses.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

No Public comment.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:49 AM