

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda
June 11, 2020
7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Call to Order: 7:10 AM

Meeting Link:
<https://bluejeans.com/457282048>

ROLL CALL: Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA *Present*
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN *Present*
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA *Present*
Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA *Present*
Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN *Present*
Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA *Present*
Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN *Present*
Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN *Present*
Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA *Absent*

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 (“DIRECTIVE 006”) ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made available in advance of the meeting as follows: 1) from the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs by calling Terina Caserto at (775) 784-3442 or emailing her at tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu; or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academics-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the meeting site.

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1. ROLL CALL

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will take roll call of members and circulate a sign-in sheet for guests so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum is met: 8 voting members.

Members in attendance can proceed with the scheduled meeting.

Guests: Terina Caserto, NSHE

Renee Davis, NSHE

Zelalem Bogale, NSHE Deputy Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

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As of the 4:00 PM deadline yesterday, there was no public comment submitted. Public

commented was submitted via email this morning, from Stephanie Molina, UNLV and will be entered into the minutes of the meeting as they are published. (See attachment).

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

INFORMATION

Terina Caserto introduces herself, welcomes the new members to NSA and asks them to introduce themselves to the group. Each member present introduces themselves by name.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Terina Caserto will briefly discuss the duties of each of the NSA officers and open up the floor for nominations for the three 2020-21 NSA officers: chair, vice chair and secretary. Candidates for each office must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this (the first) meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. Chair and Vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will take place in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2019-20 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Nicola Opfer, NSC, NSSA

Vice Chair: Anthony Martinez, UNR, ASUN

Secretary: Tamara Guinn, UNR, GSA

At the completion of this agenda item, the new chair will take charge of the meeting.

Terina Caserto briefly explains the Constitution and duties of each elected position as per the document attached outlines: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Melanie Dodson nominates Gabrielle Clark for the open Chair position.

Gabrielle Clark accepts the nomination.

Nomination is approved 8-0-0.

Will Carrasco nominates himself for the open Vice Chair position.

Nomination is approved 8-0-0.

Karli McFarling-Kelly nominates herself for the open Secretary position.

Nomination is approved 8-0-0.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW

INFORMATION

NSHE System legal counsel will provide a briefing to NSA members regarding Nevada Open Meeting Law.

NSHE Deputy General Counsel, Zelalem Bogale, informs the Student representatives of the proper and legal procedures to conduct meetings in regard to Nevada Open Meeting Law. He discusses how NSA is a public body and how the open meeting law applies to NSA. Bogale follows his outline attached to the agenda. He specifically covers quorum, what it means to deliberate, and what an agenda needs to consist of and how to post it. He refers to the attached outline and asks members to reach out to him with any questions as he is available as they need him.

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on April 10, 2020.

Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly motions to approve agenda item #6.

Vice Chair Will Carrasco seconds the motion.

Motion passes 8-0-0.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT**INFORMATION**

The newly elected NSA Chair will discuss with the Alliance the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later the same day (on June 11, 2020).

There is no Chair report.

Terina Caserto mentions that the NSA Chair will sit at the Board table during the Quarterly Board of Regents meetings to represent NSA and will give a brief report of NSA. For the meeting later today, introduce yourself. Typically the Chair will gather feedback at the NSA morning meeting from the members of items to include in the report given later in the day. The Chair will also be able to speak during noted agenda items on behalf of NSA.

8. 2020 NSA MEETING DATES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Terina Caserto will provide a brief overview of the NSA Meeting Dates document, the meeting dates scheduled for the remainder of 2020, and the procedure for an NSA member to appoint a proxy. Keeping in mind the quorum requirement, the group will be asked to decide whether they want to cancel either or both summer meetings scheduled in July and August. In addition, the group will be asked to provide feedback on the scheduled fall meeting dates and potential spring meeting dates in order to determine whether adjustments to the meeting calendar are in order.

Terina Caserto explains that NSA will have monthly meetings and meetings in conjunction with the Quarterly Board of Regents meetings. She requests for NSA members to send feedback on whether they can attend summer NSA meetings, if it is intended that quorum will not be met for those meetings, they can be cancelled.

As of now, NSA monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of every month at 9:00 AM. Terina Caserto asks that we inform her if that time/date will work for NSA monthly meetings until fall 2020.

NSA Quarterly meetings will commence at 7:00 AM (business meeting) and again at 5:00 PM (with Chancellor and Board of Regents officers).

Terina Caserto will initiate a follow-up regarding agenda item #8.

9. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

There is no new business.

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No additional public comment has been submitted.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NSA PAGE OF THE NSHE WEBSITE: <http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/> AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (<http://notice.nv.gov/>) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 AM.

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE – PUBLIC COMMENT

Thursday 11 June 2020

The following statement, to be read into the public record, on behalf of:

Stephanie Molina, President of the Graduate and Professional Student Association

The state of Nevada defines a “public officer” as a person elected or appointed to a position that is established by a statute of the state. As publicly elected officials, student body presidents are state public officers given that Nevada Revised Statute 396.547 establishes student governments for each branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Furthermore, this statute provides our organizations with self-governance and full independence from institutional administration and oversight. The state intended for us to be able to exercise administrative discretion in the formulation of policy, expenditure of public money, and administration of these public bodies with the authority set forth in our bylaws.

However, administrations will interfere when student governments create policy that does not reflect their directives, and obstruction, as defined by state statutes, of public officers ensues.

Presently, UNLV is violating Nevada statutes without oversight by interfering and obstructing with my ability to perform my official duties as a public officer of the GPSA. They have threatened academic sanctions and they have already inhibited my educational opportunities, including those afforded as a result of student government, such as running for NSA office.

A third term presidency is not common within our student government associations. Rather than allowing me to continue to effectively administer my association per Nevada statutes, UNLV has undertaken an investigation against me that is out of their jurisdiction (both by UNLV, NSHE, and DOE standards) into my personal life while utilizing false evidence that an employee submitted to the institution. Most recently, UNLV has invaded my privacy by demanding thirty thousand pages worth of personal communications not subject to NRS. Moreover, they have failed to provide me with twenty-six months, and counting, worth of remuneration.

As such, I am encouraging each and every one of the Nevada Student Alliance members to revise your individual bylaws and constitutions to reflect this Nevada statute that prohibits institutional oversight. Furthermore, the NSA must spearhead this change within its own constitution as a leader for all student governments.

Finally, as the chief executive of the GPSA, currently being unable to administer my organization freely from system administration as per NRS, I am requesting the removal of the GPSA from membership in the NSA, effective immediately, until further notice from me.