

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda

June 11, 2020

5:00 p.m.

*Time Approximate: this meeting may begin earlier than 5:00 p.m.
upon recess of the Board of Regents meeting.*

Call to Order: 4:40 PM

Meeting Link:

<https://bluejeans.com/184040518>

ROLL CALL: Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA **Present**
Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN **Present**
Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA **Absent**
Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **Present**
Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN **Excused**
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 **Present**

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU OR VOICEMAIL: (775) 784-3442 OR (775) 784-3447. MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020 MAY BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT, INCLUDING EMAIL SUBMISSIONS AND/OR VOICEMAILS, RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING WILL BE TRANSCRIBED AND INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT RECORD.

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 main meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office in advance at (775) 784-3442 or (775) 784-3225 so that arrangements may be made.

1. ROLL CALL

The NSA Secretary 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: 7 voting members.

Members in attendance can proceed with the scheduled meeting.

Chancellor Thomas Reilly, Board of Regents Chair Jason Geddes, Vice Chair Doubrava and Chief of Staff Michael Flores were all in attendance.

*Additional Guests: Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's

Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

AS of the 4:00 p.m. deadline yesterday, no public comment had been submitted to be read into the record. Today Stephanie Molina, UNLV submitted a public comment which will be entered into the record of the meeting minutes when they are published. (See attachment)

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

Student representatives will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with members of the Board of Regents and Chancellor. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Chancellor Reilly introduces himself and entertains the open dialogue with student representatives.

Chair Gabrielle Clark asks Chancellor Reilly about tuition increase regarding medical departments at UNLV and UNR.

Chancellor Reilly says that it will increase 3% each year.

Chair Gabrielle Clark mentions that the Student representatives held their first meeting earlier in the day.

Chancellor Reilly informs Student representatives that we can be recognized to ask questions/make comments during agenda items at Board of Regents meetings.

Chancellor Reilly informs Student representatives that the Board will discuss the budget (additional 5% budget reduction plan) that Gov. Sisolak requested during tomorrow's Board meeting. He also mentions that they are recommending that the Board extract the funds from an investment pool, which will be another \$35 million being taken from investment pool. Depending on the contribution made by each institution, UNR, UNLV, TMCC, and Desert Research Institute will receive a small percent more than they made during cuts because of the losses they have had.

Chancellor Reilly mentions the request of Gov. Sisolak to hold a special session of the Legislature to discuss furloughs and all proposals for FY 2021.

Chief of Staff, Michael Flores states Student representatives' and student voices and engagement are critical to make sure Legislatures and Governor's office are aware of our concerns and needs.

Chair Gabrielle Clark asks if Student representatives should collectively meet to address Legislature issues.

Chief of Staff, Michael Flores advises that each institution should strategically speak to Legislatures in their district/area.

Chair Gabrielle Clark entertains scheduling a meeting with Chief of Staff, Michael Flores, to further discuss strategies to connect with Legislatures and address concerns.

Chair Gabrielle Clark asks Chair Geddes if he can inform students and Student represents about campus police activities and their policies, so students are aware of law enforcement rules/policies around campus communities.

Chair Geddes states that Chief Garcia and Chief Renwick are scheduled to speak during the September Board meeting to present their policing policies; and, a staff has been asked to look at potential policy changes to Board. He also asks Student representatives to submit any requests to our Chancellor, Chiefs, or Board members so they are mentioned during the September meeting.

Nevada State College student body president, Suman Randhawa, introduces herself to the Nevada Student Alliance.

4. 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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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.

There is no additional public comment.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:59 PM.

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.