



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

July 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 AM

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ROLL CALL:

- Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Chair)**
Present
- Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Co-Chair)**
Present
- Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada (NSA Secretary)**
Present
- Melanie Dodson, Great Basin College, SGA**
Absent
- Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**
Present
- Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno (ASUN)**
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- Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (GPSA)**
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- Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN)**
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- Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College (NSSA)**
Present
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

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.

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1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly will take roll call of members and ask guests to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum is met: 6 voting members. Members in attendance can proceed with the scheduled meeting.

Note: Attendance changes to 8 voting members at 9:32AM; Sidath K. and Joshua P. join the meeting

Chancellor Thomas Reilly, Renee Davis, and Terina Caserto were all in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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As of 4:30 PM yesterday, there was no public comment submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on June 11, 2020.

Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly motions to approve the meeting minutes in agenda item 3.

Vice Chair Will Carrasco seconds the motion.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

4. WELCOME TO NSA MEMBERS

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Gabrielle Clark will welcome NSA Members for the 2020-21 academic year. Members will be asked to introduce themselves and talk about their goals during their year in office.

All NSA members give brief autobiography to introduce themselves.

5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Thom Reilly. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

NSHE Chancellor Tom R. gives brief update on Legislative Special Session (convened on Wednesday, July 8th): Governor Sisolak put forth budget reductions (with Board of Regents approval); Assembly concern – the Reserve Account (established in 2010); Governor may furlough everyone for twelve (12) days; budget session may adjourn by Monday, then Special Sessions on police reforms, election reforms, policy issues, energy saving issues and CCSD issues will convene in August; at 10AM Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will testify on the Millennial Scholarship to allow flexibility of 'satisfactory/unsatisfactory' grading; Nevada Promise - Treasurer's Office has \$1Million carryover that will get cut and replenished for the spring; Governor's Office offers to give \$1Million from Federal Cares Dollars to use for spring 2021.

Suman R. asks Chancellor Reilly who makes the budget and healthcare cut decisions.

Chancellor Reilly responds that Governor Sisolak writes the Proclamation addressing the issues and put together what areas to cut to accumulate the target budget of \$110Million.

Chancellor Reilly suggests NSA is present during Legislative Sessions to voice student concerns; recommends NSA meets with Chief of Staff Michael Flores to connect Legislators with students (strategically prioritize student needs and address issues).

Chair Gabrielle C. asks if NSA can present as a student body at the Legislative for AGR5 (Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5) if our stance is the same.

Chancellor Reilly replies "Absolutely."

Chancellor Reilly informs NSA that the UNLV President search candidates will be announced next week (there are four (4) candidates); public forums will be held on July 20th and 21st; Advisory Committee will be held on July 22nd; Board of Regents will meet on July 23rd (possibly - new president will be announced).

Chancellor Reilly informs NSA that there will be a meeting regarding the UNR President search on Sunday, August 9th; newly-elected Chancellor Melody Rose will interview the candidates Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th; Board of Regents will host public forums the week of September 17th (will announce new president of UNR that week).

Chair Gabrielle C. asks Chancellor Reilly if he is going to assist Melody Rose with her position.

Chancellor Reilly responds that he will be active in his role till December 31st.

Chair Gabrielle C. informs Chancellor Reilly that she will update him on the NSA goals for 2020-2021 at a future discussion.

6. NSA GOALS FOR 2020-21

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Gabrielle Clark will lead a discussion on possible goals or issues for consideration by members. Specific initiatives or actions may be included for action on future agendas.

Chair Gabrielle C. proposes three central themes/concepts for NSA to focus on: Logistics (support of NSHE during Legislation to provide success for students in higher education), Empathic (ensuring change/revitalization practices, diversity/equity), and Financial (budget crisis, etc.).

Terina C. states that if the current NSA wants to create resolutions, members can look at past NSA resolutions on the NSA web page for examples.

Chair Gabrielle C. states her idea to research what student governments relations are doing with their institution's foundation to generate private sector revenue (scholarships, grants, etc.).

Alyssa F. states that at TMCC, SGA receives a per credit fee; income depends on enrollment and not foundation nor private sectors.

Dominique H. states that ASUN has a John Mackey Endowment Fund to raise money for student government to give to students in scholarships.

Suman R. states NSC hosts campus scavenger hunt called "Scorpion Stroll" in October; NSSA has their own scholarship amount that they can disperse.

7. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT CONCERNS ON THE COST OF REMOTE LEARNING

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA member Dominique Hall will lead a discussion on the concerns of students regarding the cost of remote learning. Hall will solicit feedback from NSA members on their perspective of student concerns from the NSHE campuses.

Dominique H. asks if student leaders have received any feedback from students regarding remote learning and the cost of remote learning. She states that students at UNR are expressing their thoughts that they should not have to pay full tuition for remote learning.

Suman R. states she has not had the chance to discuss with her students about remote learning and its cost.

Chair Gabrielle C. mentions that student fees are paid to cover the cost of maintenance at NSHE institutions. (Maybe maintenance should not take place if students are not able to access those facilities).

Secretary Karli M. reports that some students at CSN have noted they may not return to classes for fall 2020 if remote learning continues. She also expresses concerns for science majors who may not be able to take in-person classes for their required labs.

Chair Gabrielle C. asks Karli M. to share any campus solutions CSN may develop that helps students who take lab courses for fall 2020.

Vice Chair Will C. suggests student leaders to look into receiving a U.S. grant or some other financial aid to pay fees instead of trying to get institutions to abolish fees.

8. MEMBER REPORTS**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Members will each be invited to provide an update on current and planned events, initiatives and other activities or actions taking place on their campuses and within their student government organizations.

Dominique H. (ASUN) – Focusing on three major crises: international students, racism in America, and traditional campus events during COVID.

Joshua P. (CSUN) – Remote learning at UNLV (conversation about same online platforms for all professors); Student Town Hall (August 4th or 5th); UNLV posts memo regarding international students, University Pack Meetings.

Alyssa F. (SGA) – TMCC has held multiple conversations between faculty and students regarding racism (diversity office updates students on resources to further educate them on the topic); faculty diversity training is going well & will start advocating for student diversity training; biggest student complaint – lack of understanding on how to operate online learning, SGA has started to compile a list of solutions; preparing to return to campus with COVID.

Will C. (GSA) – UNR Senate members are only active during fall/spring semesters; working on providing resources and information to international students; will begin senate workload when fall classes convene.

Karli M. (ASCSN) – CSN hosts Faculty and Student Town Halls (working with VP of Academic Affairs to better advertise for STH); creating programs for academic success for African American males (working to close achievement gap at CSN); create cultural enrichment for international students (collaboration with clubs/orgs), start of Diversity and Inclusion Assessment Plan, improve transfer bridge between CSN and other NSHE institutions; ASCSN hosts multiple virtual engagements with giveaways.

Sidath K. (GPSA) – Stephanie M. initiated a program for COVID effected students to receive financial aid (started June 15th & has received 418 applications); allocated \$25,000 in grant money for the program; will send out award letters next week; GPSA has a sponsorship for travel application process (received 19 applications); Student Research Award allocated \$15,000 (2 Masters students - \$3,500 each & 2 PhD students - \$4,000 each) deadline to apply is July 15th; I.C.E. guidelines meeting at 11:00AM; discussion on policies for students returning to campus.

Gabrielle C. (ASWN) – Goal is to provide students with meaningful, community engagement with students & establishing student outreach; mental health discussions; applied for \$28,000 grant to Nevada Energy to fund food pantry; access to resources outside of class; received funding for lactation station.

9. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION ONLY**

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.

Chair Gabrielle Clark suggests meeting with Chief of Staff Michael Flores for a meeting on student leaders advocating during Legislation.

Suggestion of Dominique Hall to present her discussion topic of campus sexual assault as a possible agenda item for the next meeting.

Possibly send invitation to Regent Lisa Levine and newly-elected NSHE Chancellor Melody Rose to join a future NSA meeting.

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No public comment submitted during the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:37 AM