



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
September 2, 2020
3:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

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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)**
Kaashifah FNU as proxy for Will C.
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)**
Present
- Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada. Las Vegas (GPSA)**
Present
- Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN)**
Present
- Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College (NSSA)**
Present
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

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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: 7 voting members

**Note: Voting changes to 8 at 3:08 PM; Alyssa F. enters meeting.*

Members in attendance can proceed with scheduled meeting.

Chancellor Melody Rose, Chief of Staff Michael Flores, 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 NSA meeting held on August 14, 2020.

*Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly motions to approve agenda item #3.
Kaashifah seconds the motion.
Motion passes 7-0-0.*

4. WELCOME TO NEW CHANCELLOR AND INTRODUCTION OF NSA MEMBERS

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Clark will welcome Chancellor Melody Rose and introduce the NSA officers. Clark will then ask members to introduce themselves.

Chancellor Rose gives a brief introduction of her life and career journey.

NSA student leaders give a brief introduction of their leadership positions and goals.

5. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION ONLY

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

Chief of Staff Flores starts agenda item by stating that his team will have a legislative training with the faculty this Friday. He wants to follow up with the larger conversation between both groups [faculty and students] to focus on the Legislative agenda. He also says Chancellor Rose is going to be meeting with all legislators.

Chief of Staff Flores states with Chancellor Rose's background in women's leadership and with a woman lead legislature and student government, there is an opportunity to learn from her [Chancellor Rose's] leadership. He also says he wants NSA to continue with our monthly meetings with Chancellor Rose to make sure we are prepped for the Regents Meeting [by reading through the Board of Regents agenda]. Flores notes that he and Chancellor Rose are going to tour Nevada institution campuses soon, and with COVID they can either host an event adhering to social distancing or host a virtual event.

Dominique H. asks if the NSHE administration will provide financial assistance to the students attending colleges/universities of Nevada and what is the role of the NSHE Chancellor?

Chancellor Rose says as chancellor she takes the statewide view in terms of setting a vision for the future of Nevada's higher education, goals, and aspirations. The Chancellor's Office has strategic goals that includes access, achievement, gap, closure, student success, etc. The objective in the Chancellor's Office is to work with all eight (8) campuses to ensure all campuses have access to information as the Chancellor's Office implements their vision. In terms of financial assistance NSHE Administration does not receive funding for student -direct funding [student financial aid]. For example, federal financial aid under Title IV goes through the institutions directly and bypasses the NSHE Administration. Therefore, day to day student support relief [typically] comes from campuses, either in the form of federal financial aid or through private scholarships and fundraising. The role of NSHE in supporting students financially is by advocating for students in the legislature. So unfortunately, NSHE does not have money to alleviate those student burdens [of financial aid assistance], but they do help coordinate some of the institutions in grant seeking. For instance, two Nevada institutions (College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College) just received federal grants because they are Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) and that money will be used to support students.

Chair Clark asks for Chancellor Rose to state her personal goals in her new role as NSHE chancellor.

Chancellor Rose first notes that she served as Chancellor in the state of Oregon, but one of the things that their system did not include was the community colleges, so her opportunity to work with 2-year and 4-year institutions is important. She also says that some of her work in the past included streamlining the movement of students between 2-year and 4-year institutions, as that is a national problem. She reiterates her goals as Chancellor is to analyze the processes and policies and to close the achievement gap to change trends because that is where they [NSHE] can help students in terms of accelerating their pace and saving them money as they are moving through the [higher education] system.

Chair Gabrielle C. makes a comment regarding students who are dual enrolled needing to log into two different Canvas portals instead of having one.

Chancellor Rose replies that there currently is not a way for institutions to join their Canvas portals – since each campus has their own independence, culture, and expertise – despite more students dual enrolling.

Secretary Karli M. asks Chancellor Rose on her plans for offering resources for non-academic services.

Chancellor Rose acknowledges that each campus has its own perspective and goals, but all have the goal of improving the quality of education to provide better retention. Cocurricular experiences, such as writing center services, are as important as academic experiences. She

mentions that those “day to day components” [cocurricular experiences] often are not recognized by policy makers. Therefore, it is up to the Chancellor’s Office and college/university presidents to communicate to policy makers that cocurricular experiences are equally important to the success of students. For example, NSHE set the goal of the number of academic advisors that would be at each campus per 1,000 students; since the ratio of advisors to students can help students graduate/graduate on time.

Suman R. asks Chancellor Rose what has been the biggest challenge she has experienced and what she did to overcome it.

Chancellor Rose says being hired to run the University of Marylhurst [Catholic school in Marylhurst, Oregon] was her biggest professional challenge. The university was experiencing a decrease in enrollment and quality; therefore, she was hired to restore the quality the institution as she had done with other distressed universities in the past. However, by the time she began her job at the university, it had declined so much she made the decision to close down the institution and transfer the students to places with better services. She also mentions that her family experienced personal security issues as a result of her work at the university, and that was another challenge.

Suman R. asks a follow-up question to Chancellor Rose: Did you have a lot of people go against your decision?

Chancellor Rose says not a lot, but the ones who did were very vocal and disruptive. She gives example of seeing a student push a nun as a result of the decision to close the university.

Joshua P. asks Chancellor Rose what plans she has to strengthen the connections/relations between the Nevada Legislature and NSHE institutions.

Chancellor Rose says she is perplexed with how to achieve that goal in the age of COVID, so managing remotely [virtually] is new to her and she is open to suggestions [on how to improve connections while remote/social distancing].

Chief of Staff Flores says that Chancellor Rose’s willingness to listen and learn as much as she can during her first week as chancellor says a lot about her agenda and mission. He also says as NSA members we have direct access to speak to Chancellor Rose and during COVID it is important to make sure students speak up since we cannot meet on campus. In terms of the Nevada Legislature, Nevada is experiencing economic hardships (\$25 Million budget cuts) so students should discuss with their legislatures the importance of state-funded grants and scholarships (Millennium Scholarship, Silver State Opportunity Grant, Nevada Promise Scholarship) because those financial aid services may be on the table for potential cuts in the future, if the economy does not improve.

Chancellor Rose says that her working relationship with the student body presidents in Oregon was effective and they were in-sync with their legislative objectives; they even went to their state capital in partnership. She says it is a great demonstration for legislatures

when they see student leaders and senior administrators come together for advocacy as it creates credibility. Chancellor Rose states as the legislative agenda is shaped, she looks forward to having conversations with the NSA members to see where they can collaborate for mutual benefit.

6. 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.

There is no new business.

Chair Gabrielle C. thanks Chancellor Rose for meeting with the NSA.

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There is no other public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:59 PM