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## **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

### **MINUTES**

**September 10, 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.*

**Meeting Link:** <https://bluejeans.com/738667834>

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:49 PM**

**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 *Absent*  
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 *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.

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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.

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## 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 scheduled meeting.*

*Chancellor Melody Rose; Chief of Staff Michael Flores; Board of Regents Vice Chair Carol Del Carlo; Board of Regents Chair Mark Doubrava; Renee Davis and Terina Caserto were all in attendance.*

*Vice Chair Del Carlo asks NSA members to give a brief introduction – All members give an introduction.*

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

## INFORMATION

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inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

*As of 4:00PM yesterday, there was no public comment submitted.*

### 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.

*Chair Doubrava gives a brief background on his involvement as a senator and student body president during his college years – expresses that student government involvement can be rewarding for students.*

*Chair Clark tells Regents that NSA members are excited to provide and share perspective as students for the creation for the Budget Reduction and the Advisory Committee. She asks where students would sit at the table and what you [Board of Regents] would expect [from students]?*

*Chair Doubrava responds that student representation would be at the Advisory Committee.*

*Joshua P. asks for clarification on agenda item 16: The Fiscal Year 2020 Student Fee Account Balance report (presented by Andrew Clinger) – In the ending account balance FY 2020, are the numbers currently in those line items not being used?*

*Chancellor Rose answers that one of her assignments includes to “take this issue”. She says she will [probably] address the issue with all Council Presidents. Chancellor Rose proceeds to explain that a carry forward, or a rollover is a snapshot of what was in the account on June 30<sup>th</sup>, (FY 2020, the end of the fiscal year) – In university finance, you [Regents/University Finance Advisors] want a snapshot to understand when you wrapped up the fiscal year, or what were your balances, and you are there for your carry forward. She also states that it is possible that those numbers are different now, because we are [NSHE] in default term. Chancellor Rose concludes by stating NSHE must make sure they are not sitting on money that could alleviate financial distress for students, she also will meet with the Council of presidents in two weeks and have them bring in their responses.*

*Chair Doubrava states there was a significant surplus (around \$24 million; about 4+ years ago) at UNLV, and the Board was told there was a “log jam” and they could not get the money out. He says to Chancellor Rose there may be some merit to the possibility that the pandemic CARES money might have been disbursed and that did leave a little leftover [for financial aid assistance].*

*Chancellor Rose agrees with Chair Doubrava and states that the source of those dollars need to be known. She gives an example of when she used to oversee student scholarships that had narrow requirements and could never be given away because the donor had created a fund that was narrowly tailored.*

*Vice Chair Del Carlo adds that one of the points was that the students have needs and that is what it [the account balance] is for. However, the Board did not want to be carrying the large amount of money over because it is the students that are currently attending that have put into the account, so it should be spent on them.*

*Joshua P. asks what are the costs of the ongoing Title IX investigation [between Dean Gould and Regent Levine], and if not currently available to the public, when would those costs become available to the public?*

*Chair Doubrava replies that information will be released soon, possibly within a week or two. Because it is a current issue, it is a sensitive topic and the Board wants to keep confidentiality regarding employees.*

*Chair Clark asks about challenging litigation for Title IX – are we [NSA members/students] going to get updates throughout the year, depending on what our team of attorneys and NSHE is doing?*

*Chancellor Rose recalls from the last meeting the charge to Joe Reynolds, NSHE Chief Counsel, to investigate the possibility of joining a lawsuit, but there are not any public systems in the country that are specifically suing over the Title IX regulations; it is the state attorneys general. Nevada's attorney general indicated that he had everything he needed from NSHE related to their concerns, student needs, and their current policies and protocols. He is pursuing on behalf of the State of Nevada, the possibility of joint litigation. She further discusses that the litigation process can become more complicated after November, if Joe Biden is elected and that we [State of Nevada/NSHE] could have a new slew of Title IX regulations – causing us to be back where we are to talk about what they mean for our communities and campuses.*

*Chair Clark mentions the PowerPoint regarding Nevada Legislature (presented by Michael Flores) and Dominique H.'s social media skill because we [Nevada Legislatures] are going to be in session this upcoming spring. She says she wants to represent students and NSHE well in the legislation for spring.*

*Chancellor Rose states she is used to working with student government on shared interest legislation, so we [NSA and Chancellor Rose] will have conversations about legislation. She also says she is thankful to have Michael F. to guide NSHE about what to expect, where NSHE will take a stand on policy issues, and where we can come together on shared interest on some of that legislation.*

*Chair Clark says social justice is the theme of NSA and we are ensuring that we provide and/or enact equitable practices for our students.*

*Chancellor Rose states she has been on multiple boards in Oregon, where they completed Equity Lens Training (to help see things in a new way and ask different questions that maybe would not have asked before). So, she understands NSA's will to change policies and is looking forward to having more discussions with NSA.*

**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.

*Suman R. discusses her institution’s Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives Department advocating to observe October 12<sup>th</sup> as Indigenous People’s Day in lieu of Columbus Day with Plan Nevada [spearheaded by Dr. Florence]. Suman suggests having Dr. Florence attend an NSA Meeting to further explain the initiative to get NSA’s support to recognize the day.*

*Chair Clark suggests having Northern and Southern commands for university police be guests at the next NSA meeting to discuss and agree with their mission statement, and how we can best help them in their jobs.*

*\*Chair Doubrava responds to Chair Clark: Tomorrow there is a Security Committee meeting. Possibly a presentation by both Northern and Southern Command and they are going to talk about everyone's concerns.*

*Dominique H. states the legislation should be at the legislature this upcoming February, so that is when Every Voice Nevada Coalition will need student voices/activism from different Nevada campuses to be present.*

*Suman R. asks how NSA members should ensure that we are allowing everybody's voices to be heard because different perspectives are important.*

*Chief of Staff Flores responds to Suman: NSA should schedule a meeting/conversation in the next couple of weeks, where we can have both chiefs and our general counsel to talk about this because it was the general counsel's team that helped along with the diversity officers.*

*Chair Clark suggest NSA members collaborate about how we can educate our students to register to vote.*

*Vice Chair Del Carlo offers her support to help NSA members get students to register to vote.*

*Suman R. suggests NSA/NSHE run a statewide voter registration campaign.*

*\*Chancellor Rose offers her support in any way she can.*

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*There is no other public comment.*

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:35 PM**