



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES
October 9, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 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)**
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- 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
- 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: 6 voting members

**Note: Voting changes to 7 at 9:26 AM; Karli M. enters meeting.*

Members in attendance can proceed with scheduled meeting.

GUESTS:

Chancellor Melody Rose, Vice President of Public Safety Services and Director of Police Services for Southern Command Adam Garcia, Assistant Vice President Director for Police Services Northern Command Todd Renwick, Lieutenant with Police Services Northern Command John Galicia, Renee Davis, and Terina Caserto were all in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 September 10, 2020.

Co-chair Will C. motions to approve agenda item #3.

Joshua P. seconds the motion.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

4. 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.

Chancellor Rose gives NSA members updates on NSHE activities:

Chancellor Rose visited the NSC campus to have open forum with students, staff, faculty to discuss the possibilities of a presidential search. Students and staff were able to tell Rose what they are looking for in their next campus leader. Says her next step in the search process is to speak with her Board Chair and Vice Chair; they will help her decide if she should move forward with a national search, since she had an overwhelming amount of requests to do so.

Her staff is starting to think strategically about what the state agenda and federal agenda are. Rose says NSHE can build on some of the successes that campuses have had with HSI funding and build out a comprehensive federal agenda that moves forward and advocates for all Nevada campuses as a unit on some shared objectives.

Andrew Clinger, NSHE CFO, and Rose did their first pass high level budget presentation to the governor, staff, and legislative staff a week ago.

The NSHE Board is preparing to announce the membership of its Budget Reduction Response Committee, which is moving to a model of having a special committee that will be populated by regions, and to have an adjacent Advisory Committee. The

committee announcement will happen in the next week or two, and then they are expected to hold their first meeting sometime in November before the holiday.

Chancellor reported that NSHE Board Chair, Mark Doubrava, has scheduled the next Special Board meeting for Friday, November 13th.

Chancellor Rose mentions that the Board's next traditional quarterly board meeting will be on December (3rd) and 4th.

Joshua P. asks if there are any updates on student surcharges. Will they only be for the academic year or longer?

Chancellor Rose replies that conversation topic will be discussed during the December 4th Board Meeting. However, that is a conversation that NSA members and Rose should have in detail prior to the meeting, because COVID is affecting NSHE budgets. Rose has asked CFO Clinger to put together an overview of all of the E-proposals from all NSHE campuses, and as soon as she has that document she can analyze the trends and figure out what the impact is going to be far in advance of the December meeting.

Chair Clark asks if we [NSA members and Chancellor Rose] are going to discuss the student fees more in detail and what is going to happen with regards to the Budget Reduction Response Committee and being on that advisory board.

Rose: Would invite the chair of that committee to come and meet with NSA. She has proposed to the Board chair that there be three student representatives on the advisory committee from a 1-year institution, a 2-year institution, and our State College. In terms of the agenda for the committee, the first meeting will include a conversation about the title of the committee and the mission statement of the committee.

5. NSHE'S SOUTHERN POLICE COMMAND AND NORTHERN POLICE COMMAND **INFORMATION ONLY**

Southern Command Director Adam Garcia and Northern Command Director Todd Renwick will share their mission and goals for the year as well as give an update on their services. Chair Clark will facilitate a discussion with NSA members' comments and questions.

Adam G. gives an update on the current status of Southern Command police services: Police services now has the ability for notification systems at all the institutions – this brings command and compliance with system policy and has enhanced our safety on our campuses. In the past 18 months, his department has applied for \$2,340,000 of

grant funding. As of today they have received \$601,446 for a variety of different projects, including traffic safety initiatives, walk through metal detectors for Thomas and Mack to additional police positions (which will be assigned to homeless and residential life), layers on prem machines and more. Officers of Southern Command have received over 2,500 hours of training, an increase since 2019.

Adam G. discusses his opinion on the review of police reform within Nevada/NSHE campuses. He testified in August before the Special Legislative Session in support of AB3. He has worked with the UNLV Antiracism Task Force and engaged with the Center for Democratic Culture and the Forest Directory Project.

He has co-created a policy that will include a Campus Review Board. If approved by the Board of Regents, the board will review disciplinary actions by University Police Administration, which will put them [campus police] in compliance with the law.

Todd Renwick discusses the mission of Northern Command: To support the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) through proactive community involvement, service protection and trust. His department has a task force (led by John Galicia) with the men and women from police services, through the Office of Diversity Inclusion, to evaluate their ethics/policies.

Police Services would like to be involved and assist with moderating town halls.

Because of COVID in March, the Northern Command learned about the financial hardships that students were having [in the north], so their officers proposed hosting a fundraiser to help students experiencing financial insecurity. They raised just under \$4,000 to help their students.

Chair Clark states that because of the Northern Command's fundraiser, \$600 was donated to the food pantry at Western Nevada College.

***Please refer to Todd Renwick's PowerPoint presentation for supplemental information discussed during this agenda item.*

6. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Member Suman Randhawa of NSC will introduce Dr. Kimberly Florence. Dr. Florence is the Community Resource Coordinator with Nevada State College's Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives (C.E.D.I). Dr. Florence will present on the proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day as put forth by C.E.D.I.

Suman R. introduces Dr. Kimberly Florence.

Dr. Florence gives a review on the importance of Indigenous People's Day: She recently met Beverly Harry, Coordinator for the Indigenous Community, and she talked

to her about the issues that are significant for Native American and Indigenous people. One of Harry's goals is to see Indigenous People's Day be celebrated in Nevada.

Dr. Florence spoke with her Director in the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives on how NSHE can help Indigenous People's Day be recognized as a state holiday. She has sat on committee meetings with University of Nevada, Reno to discuss drafting of a proclamation.

Dr. Florence gave a disclaimer that the opinions expressed by Dr. Florence are solely her own.

Dr. Florence states there is a lack of appreciation and understanding of Native American and Indigenous history, and culture. Because of that, there is often skewed opinions about Native American Indigenous history as well as their contributions in Nevada. She believes having a day that recognizes Indigenous People will give opportunity, (especially for) college campuses to begin discussions on the reeducation of Native American and Indigenous history. It will also be an opportunity to encourage and invite Native American Indigenous youth to be a part of the higher education community and to feel accepted at various campuses.

Clark County will be acknowledging Indigenous People's Day, but not in lieu of Columbus Day.

Chair Clark gives some clarification on resolutions: Resolution must be written by October 29th, so it can be discussed during the next NSA Meeting [November 13th]. Once the resolution is written and discussed during the November meeting, NSA will present the resolution to our respective campuses and discuss it with our campuses and office members. Then, NSA will bring it back to the table for further discussion. In December, the resolution will essentially come to fruition and will be considered an action item.

Dr. Florence gives information for an upcoming event: on Thursday, November 12th at 3pm, her team is hosting a zoom virtual event. Beverly Harry, her daughter, Autumn, a professor from Nevada State College, and two other professors from UNR (Deborah Harry and Myrton Running Wolf) will be talking about aspects of Native American and Indigenous People's history.

Alyssa F. comments that TMCC has an Indigenous People's Day acknowledgement and her senate will start doing a land acknowledgement at the beginning of their general assembly meetings.

7. JEWISH HOLIDAYS ON NSHE INSTITUTION CALENDARS

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Member Dominique Hall of UNR will present on the recognition of Jewish holidays on NSHE institution calendars.

Dominique H. explains that one of her campaign goals was to get Jewish holidays

recognized on the University of Nevada, Reno's calendars, but one institution cannot do that. At UNR, there is a high volume of anti-Semitism, so Jewish students do not feel comfortable practicing their religion on campus or requesting their holidays off. They have to write a letter to their professor and get it signed by the director of Hillel to request their holidays off; however, their professors will still require them to complete and exam or assignment without making arrangements.

Since Christian holidays are recognized by NSHE, then Jewish holidays, at least the major Jewish holidays, should be recognized as well. Some holidays to consider Yom Kippur, Shavuot, etc. This would allow Jewish students to practice their religion in the safety of their own environment without having to come to campus.

Hall's goal is to have a discussion then write a resolution that NSA could adopt. She would also like to advocate this topic to the Board of Regents. She emailed Chair Doubrava and he informed Hall this agenda item will be on the Board of Regent's December Agenda.

8. ELECTION DAY AT NSHE

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Member Joshua Padilla of UNLV will present on ways students and staff can vote more conveniently on Election Day. Padilla's discussion may include how large a voter base NSHE community creates for the state of Nevada.

Joshua P. discusses his research on Election Day not being acknowledged as a NSHE or state holiday. However, states including Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico have acknowledged Election Day as classified state or civic holiday.

NSHE cannot declare this agenda item and put it on the calendars, therefore it would have to go through the legislature first, then NSHE could adopt it as a holiday or as a state holiday, giving students, staff, and faculty the day off.

Padilla asks for clarification on the two processes of resolutions proposed by NSA members.

Renee Davis responds: There is no requirement anywhere that NSA members must go back to our constituencies before signing on to a resolution, although that is typically what happens, since we are their representatives. According to Open Meeting Law, the first time that the resolution is addressed, NSA could vote on it, pass it and be done (if it is posted with the agenda as an action item).

Padilla asks if NSHE can acknowledge specific days for specific things, or does it have to go through the legislature first, that then gives permission to NSHE to change the calendar schedule?

Davis says she, with Caserto, will have to do more research to know that answer.

Caserto clarifies that NSA members can send her their resolution drafts for review. She reminds members they can read all the approved and passed resolutions on the NSA website, and use them as a template of how things have been done in the past. Reading them can allow NSA members to see if a similar resolution of the same topic, whether in the same context or not, is already on the website.

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.

Further discussion on the three resolutions cited earlier in the meeting.

Chair Clark asks NSA members to submit a 2-3 sentence description of the agenda item we want to bring forward for the following meeting.

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There is no other public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:45 AM



NSA Presentation

UNIVERSITY POLICE SERVICES' NORTHERN COMMAND

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, TODD RENWICK





Mission

To support the
Nevada System of Higher Education
through proactive community involvement,
service, protection and trust.



Vision

Build trust, be compassionate
and understanding,
while protecting our future!



Goals

Lead: Through empowerment, development and accountability

Compassion: Through inclusion, empathy and actions

Trust: Through dialogue, transparency, and relationships

Follow Through: By being responsive, caring and accountable to our community



Diversity Initiatives

- ▶ Diversity Taskforce
- ▶ Assisting with moderating Wolf Pack Community Howl Training (Policing in America and How do we safeguard and improve our elections) Student focused
- ▶ #8cantwait
- ▶ Executive Staff is a co-chair for the Diversity Summit subcommittee and the Equity and Inclusion subcommittee
- ▶ Council of Professional Standards – System reform
- ▶ Social worker interns
- ▶ Executive Staff enrolled in Structural Oppression class





Diversity Initiatives

- ▶ De-escalation training for department
- ▶ JUSTin Hope training (for those with Developmental Disabilities)
- ▶ Current instructors at E.L. Wiegand Fitness Center for fitness classes (CrossFit, RAD, Girls on Guard)
- ▶ Raised money for students in need at UNR, WNC and TMCC





Questions?

