

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

REVISED AGENDA UPDATED MEETING LINK

Agenda

December 3, 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:

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5:55 p.m. Call to Order

ROLL CALL: **Present** Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
 Present Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN
 Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA
 Present Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
 Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
 Present Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
 Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
 Present Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
 Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair Board of Regents
Mark Doubrava, Chair Board of Regents
Michael Flores, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor
Jacqueline Camacho – CSN representative.
Melody Rose, Chancellor
Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE

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1. ROLL CALL

The NSA Secretary will take roll call of members and requests that guests be identified so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum met with five members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

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No public comment

3. **DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS 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 Clark opens up for questions from NSA Members.

Joshua Padilla – do you know if there is an update on the status of the student surcharges? The November 13 meeting it came up and a few Regents were in opposition of the surcharges and the plan was to accept the budget for now but that discussion would come back. Is that discussion going to happen at the next Board meeting or at the budget sub-committee meetings?

Regent Carol Del Carl defers to the Chancellor and Chair.

Chancellor Rose answers that it is her recollection that the Board declined the surcharge. She then defers to Mark Doubrava.

Regent Mark Doubrava – That is what I recall, too.

Chancellor Rose – I don't actually recall conversation about coming back to that subject.

Del Carlo – we didn't talk about it coming back. Depending on the economic forum and the budget we do get from the Governor. When it comes back, it will depend on how dire things are that it might have to come back. Let's hope it does not come back. We have heard loud and clear from the students in public comment on how much everyone is hurting. We still got to keep our system running.

Padilla thanks them. Joshua then thanks them for the role and impact on the discussions of the pass/fail that did get approved it helped a lot of students out.

Chancellor Rose – Grading policy is governed by the campuses. The Board of Regents took action last spring because the presidents were unanimously asking them to do so and they wanted to speak with one voice. Is a general matter, grading policy is governed by campuses and rightly so. It is in the policy that the board sets campus should govern that issue. I would expect given the conversations with all the presidents, I would expect some campus conversations about grading options in general. The conversation that has emerged is whether normal grading process outside of COVID standard within the industry or if there are changes needed. There may be further discussion of the subject beyond COVID.

Regent Del Carlo asks question, if each institution is deciding if every class gets an S/U or limiting? That is an institution decision? – so does each institution decide what

Chancellor Rose – Yes. That is a campus decision. Based upon uniqueness of each campus there were different views. And it is about faculty prerogative over curriculum. The conversation was collaborative and respectful of local differences. You may find slightly different application of S/U based on campus. That is within their prerogative.

Chair Clark – We have our first resolutions today and what happens to the resolutions that are passed?

Renee Davis – In the past we handle like any other response we send to the Board after the meeting, we send to Board staff and Board staff disseminates to all the regents.

Chair Clark thanks Renee.

Chancellor Rose – maybe Chief of Staff Flores has shared the internal conversation around the subject of religious holidays and collecting data about what other systems are doing around the country beyond just Jewish holidays but other religions as well. We are unsure where this will go. But we have been internally collecting information and will have a conversation with the Chair and Vice Chair to see where they want to go with it.

Chair Clark thanks Chancellor Rose.

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.

No new business.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.