



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**Agenda
March 4, 2021
5:05 p.m.**

***Time Approximate: this NSA meeting may begin earlier than 5:05 p.m.
upon recess of the Board of Regents meeting.***

**Meeting Link:
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MEMBERS: **Present** 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 Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
 Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
 Present Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
 Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA
 Present Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
 Present @ 5:13 Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA
 Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Chancellor Rose - NSHE
Renee Davis - NSHE
Terina Caserto - NSHE
Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson - NSHE
Darian Richards - Vice President of TMCC Student Body Government
Chair Mark Doubrava - Board of Regents

Vice Chair Carol Del Carlo – Board of Regents**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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Call to order 4:51 p.m.**1. ROLL CALL**

The 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 met with seven members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Public comment submitted by Kate Torres on behalf of Every Voice Nevada is attached.
Please see attached file for reference.

**DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS
INFORMATION ONLY
AND CHANCELLOR**

Student representatives will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with members of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Chair Clark asks the Chancellor about Bill Draft Requests in the legislature that become bills that are then passed by legislation that concern NSHE and how does that work with NSHE policy.

Chancellor Rose – explains the legislative process when a bill is passed and becomes a Nevada Revised Statute and how NSHE then responds by reviewing to determine if it becomes policy with NSHE and then how it comes before the Board for adoption. If there are legislative requests that students are thinking of, the sooner they go to the Chancellor the better as they may have some time to sort it out.

Chair Clark please clarify what she is expecting from NSA for the Mental Health Task Force listening tour.

Chancellor Rose – Explains the Task Force is thinking of a listening session with students state-wide to help hear things directly from students. The Task Force is already collecting data and needs help to spread the word about a listening forum. Chancellor is open to ideas from NSA as to what role they would like to play in creating a listening forum. And would like to do by end of April.

Chair Clark gives a couple of ideas and concerns about the sensitivity of students sharing their personal stories in a large open forum.

Regent Del Carlo recalls how there were open forums in each institution when the Foster Youth Task Force was collecting student stories, Pre-Covid.

Chancellor will get back to Chair Clark as to what they may do moving forward.

NSA Member Will Carrasco – For the mental health task force, be very careful about opening up in too many different mediums – as it just becomes just another survey in which information is collected and nothing happens. Separate question: we [UNR GSA] are all redoing the bylaws and constitution and asks what the process is.

Terina Caserto and Renee Davis explained the process of routing constitutions through the campus and then to the Chancellor's office. Terina will send the instructions again to each campus.

NSA Member Joshua Padilla – question directed to Chancellor Rose – does she have insight about the comments from Governor Sisolak about the community colleges and university being split into different systems. Asked for updates on Chancellor Rose conversation with the Governor. Do you think realistically we will see higher budget cuts for higher education or mitigate those cuts?

Chancellor Rose – explains that the problem for the Governor is that he wants our community colleges to be doing more workforce development and that is what he is focused on. Chancellor has been working closely with the Governor’s office and trying to educate regarding the potential solutions to solve this problem. Some in our state believe the way to make that happen is to put them under a different authority. Some states do this. They are huge states – CA, NY, WI. But it is a duplication and an expense. We talked to him [Governor] about that, and important to know, in the funding formula, the non-credit, short term certificates are not funded by the state. The bill you will see shortly will put together a two year study of the issue, appointing the Chancellor as one of the co-chairs.

Chancellor – we had the first half of the budget hearing. We receive the formalized questions from LCB from the two weeks prior. Chancellor discusses the need for legislators to ask hard questions and be responsible for the public dollar and NSHE is taking good care to answer the questions methodically. We are spending more time with them. She has asked the Governor for study for the funding formula after the budget session to study it and all implications carefully.

Chair Clark – question about the ebb and flow of NSA. Why have the campaigns [at the individual institutions] at this time this year?

Renee Davis -it is the campus decision and is contained in each constitution. There is no Board policy as to when campuses have to have the elections. It may not be good though if everyone transitions in for different Board meetings. Keep in mind the academic year and when people graduate.

NSA Member Will Carasco comments that UNR GSA will be transitioning even earlier to allow for more transition time.

Chair Clark asks for any other questions.
No other questions.

3. 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, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

No new business.

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No public comment.

Gabby thanks the students for the NSA year.

Meeting adjourned 5:43 p.m.

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Public Comment on behalf of Every Voice NV bill (currently BDR #34-237)

Nevada students have been working since last June to write and file a student-and-survivor-written bill aimed at **preventing campus sexual violence** and **supporting survivors**. The Every Voice NV bill is being sponsored by Senator Melanie Schieble and has received widespread, bipartisan support from students, legislators, community organizations, and experts.

The Every Voice NV bill encompasses best-practice methods to prevent campus sexual violence and support survivor and ensures that all students across all campuses have:

1. **Free access to medical and legal support services** for students through Memorandum of Understanding partnerships between universities and rape crisis centers.
2. **Amnesty policy** that prevents students from being punished for reporting due to alcohol or drug use at the time of an assault.
3. **Confidential advising services** for students to make clear their rights and options.
4. **Collect public data** on sexual violence through **campus climate surveys** to increase transparency, measure progress, and improve policy.
5. **Provide annual, evidence-based prevention and response training** for all students and staff.

A similar version of this bill has been passed in New Hampshire (July 2020) and Massachusetts (January 2021) and there are currently 5 other similar Every Voice bills in legislatures across the country. This legislation does not conflict with Federal Title IX policies and indeed compliments the existing federal regulations and current existing NSHE policies.

NSHE INFO:

“The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is committed to providing a place of work and learning free of sexual harassment, including sexual violence. The NSHE “Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment; Complaint Procedure” is found in the Board of Regents Handbook, [Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13](#).

Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the NSHE will act to stop the harassment, to prevent its recurrence, to remedy its effects, and to discipline those responsible in accordance with the NSHE Code or, in the case of classified employees, the *Nevada Administrative Code*. Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is a form of discrimination; it is illegal.

No employee or student, either in the workplace or in the academic environment, should be subject to unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is sexual in nature. Sexual harassment does

not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature. It refers to behavior of a sexual nature that is not welcome, that is personally offensive, and that interferes with performance”.

We are asking everyone here today-- Student Representatives, Chancellor Rose and others-- for your help in passing our Every Voice NV bill in order to support students and survivors in Nevada and ensure Nevada is a leader in the country both in our standard for higher education and in our standard for addressing the epidemic of campus sexual violence.

Student Representatives, please join your fellow Student Representatives (we've already received support from CSUN, ASUN and WNC) in writing a letter of endorsement on behalf of our Every Voice NV bill. Please reach out ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com for more information on how to do this.

Chancellor Rose, we ask for your help in showing NSHE's support for students and survivor. We ask you help us by:

1. Publishing a public letter on your social media and websites endorsing the Every Voice NV bill signed by yourself and each NSHE school president
2. Send the letter to Legislative Leadership to show your support for students and survivors in NV

In case you would like any more information about the Every Voice NV bill, we emailed you this public comment yesterday and we'd love to set up a meeting to discuss more soon! In the meantime, please reach out to ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com with any questions.

Together, we can create safer communities across all NV campuses and work together to end campus sexual violence. Thank you all for support.