



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
June 10, 2021
7:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

- P** Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
- P** Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA
- P** Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
- P** Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
- Proxy Dara Colon** Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA
- P** Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
- Absent** Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN
- P** Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
- P** Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
- Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Yvonne Nevaerz-Goodson – NSHE Deputy Counsel
Virginia Smercina – UNLV Graduate Student Advisor
Terina Caserto, NSHE

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Call to order 7:02 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum was met. 8 members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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No public comment given.

3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will introduce herself, provide an overview of the NSA, and welcome the new members and any person participating as a proxy for a member of the NSA. NSA members and any person serving as a proxy will introduce themselves and share any updates from their respective campuses.

Terina Caserto introduces herself as the technical advisor for NSA through the Chancellor's office and discusses that NSA is a public body and must adhere to Nevada Open Meeting Law. She concludes with a briefing of what NSA is about.

Terina introduces NSHE Deputy Council Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson. Yvonne talks about her background and advisory and support role with NSA in regard to Open Meeting Law and navigating legal issues.

Terina then calls upon each NSA member to quickly introduce themselves and give a brief overview of their respective organizations.

Matthew Hawn, UNR, GSA - focusing on infrastructure, international temporary graduate student housing, graduate student health care

Katie Dempsey, GBC, SGA – GBC student government is unique and includes online members, focusing on constitution this year

Zachary Johnigan, CSN, ASCSN -- Goal of ASCSN for the summer is to make sure that they are prepared in the fall for students to come back

Darian Richards, TMCC, SGA – focusing on a mental and physical health initiative from last year, open resource initiatives carried forward from last year

Nicole Thomas, UNLV, GPSA – focusing on constitutional revisions and student organization funding

Austin Brown, UNR, ASUN – working on filling all of officer positions, foundation for internship program, focusing on student engagement this year

Caren Yap, UNLV, CSUN – just closed application for all open cabinet positions and will be interviewing, created two departments this year, finalizing budget for the fiscal year and will distribute money directly to students

Dara Colon, Proxy for Lauren Porter, NSC, NSSA – working on bringing back student engagement, bring health care programs to campus for students, promote and bring help for ELL and MLL learners on campus that have struggled while being online and virtual, filling a few seats that are open with freshman

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing NSA officers and the duties of each of the NSA officers. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for the three 2021-22 NSA officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. A person serving as a proxy may not be nominated or serve as an officer. A nominee for each office must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. The Chair and Vice Chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will be conducted in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2020-21 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Gabrielle Clark, WNC, ASWN

Vice Chair: Will Carrasco, UNR, GSA

Secretary: Karli McFarling-Kelly, CSN, ASCSN

Terina briefly outlines the officer positions according to the NSA Constitution. She then outlines the process of the election today.

Terina discusses in depth the Chair position role and responsibilities.

Terina calls for members to express interest in the Chair position.

- Zachary Johnigan expresses interest and discusses the reasons he is interested as well as some of his experiences that lend to the role of Chair.
- Matthew Hawn expresses interest and gives background of how he would meet the role of the Chair.
- Caren Yap expresses interest and discusses her student government experience and how that experience and her major lend to the role of the Chair.

Terina calls for a motion to elect a candidate.

Motion by: Darian Richards motions for Matthew Hawn for Chair

Second by: Dara Colon seconds the motion

Discussion: Dara expresses the only concern about Matthew is that he needs to put himself as a student first and not hold back as a student. Matthew responds regarding his academic success and his research and academic plans.

Zachary asks Matthew about his time delegation for NSA. Matthew responds that his schedule in the afternoon and evening is for GSA or NSA.

Austin – asks all the candidates how they will engage in all the other members of NSA. Matthew responds that he spoke to most NSA members and will be looking to put together a statewide event that is unique to each campus and put on an event that showcases this problem exists and potential get donations and funding. Zachary responds that he reached out to each member but was not able to meet with all and his idea, to add to Matthew's ideas, he would ask all student body presidents to present a list of all issues on their campuses and then pick the top issues of those common issues and do a fundraiser as a group. Caren responds that the most impact they can make is that all students know about NSA, establishing that every single institution puts

efforts into educating students and engaging the Board of Regents better, encouraging collaboration.

Vote: Motion passes: 7-yes, 1 -no, 0- abstain

Matthew addresses the membership and thanks them for their support.

Terina discusses in depth the Vice Chair position role and responsibilities.

Terina calls for members to express interest in the Vice -Chair position.

- Zachary Johnigan expresses interest and points out that Matthew would be a good chair but now Zachary would like to opportunity to work with him as Vice Chair
- Caren Yap expresses interest and adds that the outreach efforts and social medial is her experience and can add to that.

Matthew/Terina calls for a motion to elect a candidate.

Motion: Nicole Thomas motion to elect Caren Yap for Vice Chair

Second: Darian Richards

Discussion: Zachary asks Caren about her social media experience. Caren responds. Zachary then asks Matthew if he thinks he has a good connection with Caren. Matthew confirms that.

Vote: Passes unanimously

Caren thanks the membership for the vote.

Matthew asks Terina to discuss the position of Secretary. Terina outlines the responsibilities.

Matthew calls for members to express interest in the Secretary position:

- Austin Brown expresses interest and discusses his experience that aligns with the role and responsibilities of the Secretary position.

Matthew calls for a motion to elect Austin Brown for Secretary:

Motion: Zachary Johnigan motions for Austin brown for Secretary

Second: Nicole Thomas

Discussion: None

Vote: Passes unanimously

Austin thanks the membership.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on March 4, 2021.

Motion to approve minutes: Zachary Johnigan

Second: Katie Dempsey

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passes unanimously

6. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The newly elected NSA Chair will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on June 10, 2021.

Terina discusses the responsibility of the Chair to give a report to the Board of Regents at each quarterly meeting and what to consider when making a report.

Matthew shared some ideas of what he would report including an introduction of himself and some of the individual challenges that have been expressed through his discussions previously with the NSA members. Matthew asks for additional items and takes down those suggestions for consideration.

7. 2021 NSA MEETING DATES AND PROXY PROCEDURES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will provide a brief overview of the proposed NSA meeting dates for the remainder of 2021, and the procedure for a NSA member to appoint a proxy. The members of the NSA and any person serving as a proxy for a member will provide feedback on the proposed fall and spring meeting dates and make any necessary adjustments to the meeting calendar.

Terina discusses the *Meeting Date Document* that was attached to the agenda that outlines the meeting dates moving forward for the rest of 2021 and points out the language to be used when assigning a proxy. She reiterates the importance of assigning a proxy.

Matthew entertains discussion about moving dates. Zachary would like confirmation that the Board of Regents meeting starts at 1 p.m. Terina confirms yes. No other questions or suggestions for moving dates.

Motion : Motion made to keep the meeting dates as is

Second: Caren

Discussion: August meeting the UNLV members may not be able available and will need to send a proxy.

Vote: Passes unanimously.

8. 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.*).

Terina notes that Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson will be presenting in July on OML.

Zachary Johnigan asks if a plan of action will be done moving forward with all members providing a list of issues.

Matthew responds with a recap to possible host a larger event or smaller events on each campus under NSA which all work together and raise funds. Suggests that for the next meeting to come together with a list of what is affecting our individual institutions and to suggest meeting with your respective councils about working together collaboratively.

Zachary Johnigan – discusses the social distancing signage is being removed from his campus.

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No public comment given.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:34 a.m.

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NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015

TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

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