



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
October 8, 2021
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

Present Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)
Proxy Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair) -
Proxy Blanca Pena
Present Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)
Present Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA - **Absent**
Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA - **Absent**
Proxy Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN - **Proxy Victor Clavel**
Present Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Visitors:

Virigina Smercina – UNLV GPSA Manager
Michael Holliday – CFO Nevada Housing Division
Zachary Stamp – President GBC
Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson– Deputy General Counsel
Terina Caserto – NSA Advisor
Byron Brooks – NSHE Regent
Joe Arriscaoda – NSHE Regent
Laura Perkins – NSHE Regent

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Austin Brown 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 established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

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Public Comment:

Michael Holliday – Nevada Housing Division

A meeting we had with Chair Hawn last week regarding the Nevada Student Alliance we came up with discussions about and some solutions or potential things the Alliance may want to be aware of in regard to creating housing for students. There are some challenges with the normal resources that housing agencies like ourselves use in that students are typically prohibited from qualifying for most of that housing. There are a few exceptions for some federal properties that include single parents that are not dependent upon another individual, married couples that file joint tax return and they all have to be income qualified but they still all have to be competing for units with just the general public. One thing we wanted to make the Alliance aware of that there is a resource division called NVHousingSearch.org where all of our affordable properties are listed and it is a free search tool that students could try to find housing if they do qualify for it. That site is NVHousingSearch.org. One of the other things that came up in conversation that I wanted to make the Alliance aware of is that one of the valuable resources available to institutions of the Alliance that may have available to them is land that happens to be owned by the institution where they can partner with a private sector development to build affordable student housing. Challenges developers usually face is finding land and finding affordable land so typically if they are going to put that amount of work in they will do it for market rate housing. But I think if the institutions can look at their inventory and find some suitable locations that may be a way to entice a private sector developer to build student housing. The final thing that I think is an opportunity that the Alliance should be aware of is American Rescue Plan funding that the state of Nevada received, approximately 4 billion dollars, billion with a 'b', so that is a big number and they are over a hundred different purpose that qualify for that funding and housing and education are two of them, so I think there is some tie-ins there. The one thing I think the Alliance could do is that the Nevada Recovers Framework is accepting submissions for ideas about how to spend that funding and student housing certainly seems to me like it could qualify. So you can go to NevadaRecovers.com and do two things. There is a survey there where they are collecting information about what people think the funds could be used for and more importantly for the alliance, you can submit an idea for how to use the American Rescue Act Funding for the state of Nevada. So, that is where I think the Alliance can go and submit an idea about using some of the funding to create student housing which is otherwise very difficult to do. One of the things these funds could be used for are for things we cannot currently do. So, it could be a good tie-in and just wanted to Alliance to be aware of those three or four resources. I appreciate you allowing me to make public comment this morning.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on September 9th, 2021.

Zachary Johnigan motioned to approve the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on September 9th, 2021. Victor Clavel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

Members will provide an update regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

NSA Members provided updates about problems and how they are being solved at each institution through the student government and the university administration. Updates ranged from how HEERF Funds have been allocated, vaccine mandates, programming, housing costs and availability, and much more.

5. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Chair Hawn updated the NSA on his efforts to outreach to the Regents regarding any communication they have for the NSA. Additionally, Regent Brooks wants to be a voice for students if they want to be anonymous when expressing any concerns. Chair Hawn met with Michael Holiday to discuss student housing at NSHE Institutions.

6. 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.*).

Zachary Johnigan proposed to add a discussion of student housing concerns at the next meeting.

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

Public Comment:

ASUN President, Austin Brown – “Thank you, Chair Hawn, Austin Brown for the record. I did forget just one more event that I wanted to let you all know about in my report so I figured I could bring it up here. On Monday, October 11th at 6:00 pm, ASUN, in conjunction with the Graduate Student Association and our Faculty Senate are hosting a Nevada Recovery Listening Tour so the Nevada State Treasurer, Zach Conine and a representative from the Governor’s Office will be here in the Joe Crowley Student Union listening to students, staff and faculty about where we think the American Recovery dollars should be going - I know that is something that just got brought up so that is what reminded me of it. If any of you are close by, you are more than welcome to come attend, if not, there is that link that you can submit ideas on the website.”

Regent Laura Perkins: “Thank you so much, Matthew, I just wanted to say thank you for inviting me. I have enjoyed hearing what is going on at all the campuses, and be sure to attend that Nevada Recovery - The student voice is needed and wanted and encouraged to make sure that the State of Nevada knows what the students -- what our students in Nevada actually need.”

Adjourned at 10:05 am.

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DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
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
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