

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
JANUARY 13, 2022
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

P Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)
P Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Proxy Keegan Murphy. Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)
P Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
P Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA
P Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
P Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Proxy: Edward Sanchez and left at 10:45 a.m. Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA

**P Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

Guests:

Terina Caserto – NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison
Yvonne Nevarez Goodson - NHSE Deputy General Counsel
Nia Smercina– UNLV GPSA Advisor
Laura Perkins – NSHE Regent
Arturo Franco – UNR GSA
Blanca Pena – UNLV CSUN

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Call to order 9:00 a.m.

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 met with all members or designated proxies present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on December 2, 2021.

Nicole Thomas– motion to approve

Zachary Johnigan – second

Motion passes unanimously

4. REMARKS FROM NSHE REGENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Individual Regents may provide remarks and discuss aspirations and concerns of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Lauren Perkins introduced herself and is here today to listen and learn and figure out policies they can do with the Board to help. Shared that Department of Family Services Clark County are looking for spaces on campus to come do training -- just to reach out to her.

5. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES ON NSHE CAMPUSES

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will present information on mental health and suicide prevention in the state of Nevada. NSA members may report on the mental health resources and data available from their respective campuses. Discussion may include opportunities or recommendations for additional student resources.

Chair Hawn introduced NSA member Lauren Porter to introduce the mental health topic. She shared statistics from the National Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Each NSA Member contributed to a discussion by giving updates on data or information on suicide prevention and mental health services on their respective campuses.

Nicole Thomas – UNLV – new therapists and psychiatrists on campus but still resources are overwhelmed and students are not being seen quick. Employed an application on campus to help students but it does not replace full time therapy. The clinic at UNLV is also open to the public and is run by graduate and post-docs in the mental health counseling programs. That is a three or four week lead time pre-COVID. Need to figure out what is stressing students out on campus. Working with the Vice Chancellor on the Mental Health Task Force

Caren Yap – UNLV CSUN- undergrad students are experiencing the same thing and have the same resources as the grad students. They do have after hours hotline using a third party system for the non-traditional student. All information is reporting back to the university. That is

implemented this year. It can be very difficult for students to get an appointment on campus and it can take weeks to get an intake appt.

<https://www.unlv.edu/caps>

Matthew Hawn – UNR has a self-help center for things like stress management and have virtual and physical relaxation and prayer rooms. Explained services through the Counseling Center. Same day consultation appointments are available but get booked quickly. UNR PD has a therapy dog. Shared statistics on the graduate side. Training for mental health awareness is available.

Austin Brown's Proxy: Keegan Murphy– shared that at UNR there is a place called the Annex for group therapy and short meditation and Take 5 program. A couple other options with the Downing Clinic psychological services and a partnership with Nevada Cares, and a psychiatrist at the health center. Shared general statistics of their counseling center including those of the mental tele-health.

<https://www.unr.edu/counseling>

Zachary Johnigan – CSN has vast amount of resource and engaged with students' mental health as well as counseling provided by UNLV. They have a service called CAPS = Counseling and Psychological Services. Discussed the general outline of that is offered – short term, individual and couples' therapy as well as group therapy. Workshops and outreach presentations are offered to CSN classes, groups and organizations. They provide consultation, crisis solution and intervention. Suicide prevention number is on the back of student ID cards. Mental health training is available for faculty, staff, and students through Incognito. Shared statistics of those numbers that are trained. Areas of improvement – maybe therapy animals after hearing that at today's meeting.

<https://www.csn.edu/caps>

Lauren Porter – NSC – initiative centered around mental health awareness. Biggest piece is having faculty and staff being trained. Early intervention is key. It is about preventing the crisis and then what to do if the crisis is prevented. One of the first lines as a student is going to a professor to get help. Partnered with All About You Counseling for some free sessions for students - they do have a counselor on campus.

<https://nsc.edu/current-students/counseling-services/>

<https://nsc.edu/studentwellness/>

Darian Richards – TMCC – TMCC counselors offer Assist and Safe Talk workshops regularly at no cost to staff or students. Also partner with Nevada Coalition for Suicide prevention for workshops. Provide training to students, faculty, and staff designed to get students help. Have therapy dogs. Students can make appts with counselors and have a counselor twice weekly for group therapy of substance abuse and grief counseling. They also have domestic abuse counseling.

<https://www.tmcc.edu/counseling>

Andrea Sanchez De Loza - WNC – recently WNC implemented an artificial intelligence system to determine risk levels for wellness, academic engagement, finance etc. Depending on how a student answers questions, it determines the appropriate resources. Crisis Hotline is on the back of all student IDs. Create events on campus that target mental health awareness and resources.

<https://www.wnc.edu/counseling/>

Zachary Stamp Proxy: Edward Sanchez – GBC – there is more an online environment for students and not a lot of in person engagement. Working towards getting the Crisis Hotline info on the student ID cards. The website does have the hotline information and the LGBTQ hotline. The nursing program is having a hard time as they are being put to work as they are in school and so they are trying to support those students.

<https://www.gbcnv.edu/security/>

General discussion with questions and answers .

6. **DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

INFORMATION ONLY

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion with NSA members on services and data available for undocumented students on each NSHE campus. Discussion may include opportunities or resources to further support these students.

Chair Hawn asked guest Blanca Pena Nevarez of UNLV CSUN to introduce the topic. Blanca shared different facets of services at UNLV and challenges an undocumented student may encounter such as scholarships, grad school, programs that lead to licensure, and resources being sparse and it is hard to meet the demand sometimes. The pandemic has dialed back progress that has been made. At UNLV there is an immigration clinic with the Law School for UNLV student only. For out of state undocumented students have trouble establishing residency documentation even when lived in Nevada for years. There are admissions staff and advocates that try to help students before they get to campus. <http://unlv.edu/diversity/undocumented>
blanca.pena@unlv.edu

Darian Richards – TMCC – last year the student government associated voted and approved for a new scholarship to help DACA undocumented students called the Green Door scholarship – for award each semester until they complete math and English. Safe space to obtain resources in the Diversity Equity and Inclusion office. Also have a list of other scholarships and students can make an appt with the financial aid also offers help with forms and resources. For out of state undocumented and DACA students, there is a specific process for that which goes through a board to try to obtain that.

Andrea Sanchez – WNC – also have a scholarship for \$1000 for DACA - \$500 each semester. Foundation office is constantly looking for other scholarships. Encourage these students to fill out FAFSA so that WNC can identify them and steer them toward other possible aid. Look at state funding for them. DACA are eligible for non-work study which are department funds, not federal funds. But they need to apply for DACA. Issue is that there are so many students that are eligible for DACA and they do not know it.

Lauren Porter - NSC – has a staff member specifically for undocumented students. The student government has have a scholarship for DACA and undocumented – Butterfly Scholarship. They have resources through their diversity office. They have not been able to have undocumented students on the official student government board. They actively working on a way to navigate around that by using different funds and a different council. <https://nsc.edu/cedi/undocumented/>

Matthew Hawn – GPSA – Discussed some general information he has learned through the social services coordinated with the Center. That helps direct student to different resources. There are a few scholarships they may be able to apply. For the student government, a scholarship is received and that covers DACA students if elected and can sit on the executive board. Challenge with programs that lead to federal licensing. Yielded his time to guest Arturo Franco to give more specific information. Matthew yielded his time to Arturo Franco with GSA, guest on Matthew's behalf. Working on establishing a DACA and undocumented student club – and how to help student pursue undergrad and graduate school. Hoping to help students who want to apply for fellowships.

Deputy General Counsel Yvonne Nevarez Goodson commented in the chat feature: Hi all - the NSHE All Access Committee is a great resource working toward understanding and improving resources for undocumented students. For mor information - Co-Chairs of the Committee are Mariana Sarmiento - mariana.sarmiento.nsc.edu and Erika Arballo at erika.arballo@nsc.edu

Caren Yap – UNLV – established a partnered scholarship for DACA and non-documented students. Trying to sponsor DACA renewal.

Nicole Thomas – UNLV – on the graduate side there is more difficulty establishing who is undocumented as they also have international students on work Visas. A lot of students are unable to renew their DACA or apply for it and are caught in the federal loop and regulations. Shared some statistics from the graduate school. Would like to see a systemwide Alternative Need Form.

Where I would like to see NSA/ NSHE move in the future: an overall DACA renewal fund that NV students can use, and working toward an overall Alternative Need Form that allows students to apply for multiple campuses without having to fill out a new form.

Austin Brown Proxy: Keegan – ASUN – added onto Matthews comments. UNR has a resource navigator position for undocumented and DACA students and information on the website for the FAFSA unqualifying students and our international undocumented students. There was a struggle with CARES ACT money for these students so they made money available elsewhere. Website has resources and toolkits available to help.

Zachary Johnigan - CSN – shared links and CSN You Tube video. CSN has a club to provide support to all DACA, undocumented, and immigrant students. The CSN website locate more information on all the things that are being done. The All Access Committee identifies resources for these students to access. Previous student government leadership voted to approve drafting a letter of support to the Generation Dreamers Club and involve the wording in how undocumented students can be compensated for student government. This is an area of improvement.

<https://www.csn.edu/all-access>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U06k8PQm3v0>

<https://ir.nevada.edu/>

Edward Sanchez – GBC—this topic is currently being looked into.

Nicole Thomas offered her services working with Blanca at UNLV to draft a resolution to bring forward a future meeting. Send suggestions to Nicole.

7. MEMBER UPDATES**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Matthew Hawn – UNR GSA – committees are meeting to plan the upcoming semester. Working in tandem with GPSA at UNLV. Asking chairs of each committee to link with relevant senate members at UNLV. Putting together ideas for student housing resolution. Ride Share program. Grad student survey went out.

Caren Yap - UNLV -- Masks encouraged, 90% vaccination rate, & Travel discouraged; Planning on buying covid tests for the student body for testing; 300 COVID tests would take from 6 - 8 weeks; Welcome back event with Susan Lee Senator; Working on a voter registration drive; CSUN Airbud distribution still going on; Budget reallocation; and UNR vs UNLV basketball game coming up

Keegan Murphy – UNR ASUN - Addressing COVID concerns - 98% vaccinated; Welcome Back Week Events - Coffee Crawl on Tuesday, Sound Body Sound Mind - Mental Health, Spring Club Fair - Second Monday of School, Jan 29th - 1pm Regent meeting; ASUN Gala – March - Goal to provide more student scholarships; Field House Vote and Education Program; Addressing Housing Insecurity - Working Committee; 1st Diversity week - March 1st - 12th; Student Elections will be on PACK Life; Working on expanding Pack Provisions; and Working with the SNU student Government.

Zachary Johnigan – CSN -- Will be open this Friday at 9am for issuing IDs, accepting flyers, and their first senate meeting for the semester; MLK Parade - Students and Faculty will be walking during the event; Hosting a Meet and Greet for student government - Goals for this semester: They will plan to focus strong on ASCSN resources, Student emergency fund, want to inform students of CSN offers; and 98% of employees are vaccinated.

Lauren Porter -NSC – Dr. Pollard has been officially placed in the 8th President; Gearing up for events for this semester; Back in Bold - Spring semester Events week; 95% of staff being vaccinated; and 80% of students vaccinated

Darian Richards – TMCC – will be participating in the ACCT Legislative Summit in DC in February; Will be doing welcome week with incentives for students by offering food at different business; SGA retreat and training will be done week before school starts; and Working on a video.

Andrea Sanchez De Loza – WNC – Going through training to create different areas to better server their students; Welcome Back event the week after school starts; Looking at creating a focus group; and Looking at creating mental health groups so that people have availability to break away from school.

Nicole Thomas – UNLV GPSA – GPSA is working with UNR's GSA; Hosting a few different open houses : New Library Graduate Commons and New Gateway Commons - Businesses/Garage/student area; Working on legislative priorities - Attended budget hearing with the Chancellor with CSUN; Looking forward to getting the semester started - 50/50 for online vs in-person classes, 90% vaccination rate for students, 98% vaccination for staff, and Faculty are pivoting to online

Edward Sanchez left the meeting at 10:45.

8. NSA CHAIR UPDATE**INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year. Students working on articles for the Graduate Assistant Stipend issue.

Continuation of the December BOR tomorrow at 9:00. March BOR meeting is going to be in person. February NSA, bring list of candidates if you are running elections. Any interest in resolutions, reach out.

Reminder there is a continuation of the December BoR meeting tomorrow. It is listed on the NSHE website with agenda. Additionally, the March BoR will be in person as of now. NSA meeting for February will be virtual. Please bring a list of candidates for there elections to the February meeting in case anyone wants to reach out to them. If there are additional things for the resolutions contact Lauren for the Mental Health and Nicole for the Undocumented/DACA students.

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, 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.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:59 a.m.

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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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