

## Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2022



### NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**AGENDA**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**

### Via Video-Teleconference

**Meeting Link:**

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### **MEMBERS:**

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

**Guests:**

**Nayelli Rico Lopez – Undocumented Student Coordinator, UNLV**  
**Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson – NSHE Deputy General Council**  
**Olivia Ngo – ASUN Senator, College of Liberal Arts**  
**Keegan Murphy – ASUN Vice President**  
**Robert Resnik – ASUN Director of Legislative Affairs**  
**Blanca Pena – CSUN Senate President**

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**Called to Order at 9:01 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.

**A Quorum is present.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT****INFORMATION ONLY**

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**Autumn Kidd (UNR):**

Nevada Student Alliance,

To start, thank you for taking the time to read/hear this letter. My name is Autumn Kidd (she/her), I currently am a Senator for the School of Public Health at the University of Nevada. I am writing this letter to you to present information regarding the S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) Policy and to consider the reimplementation of it.

When the S/U Policy was last implemented, the NSA wrote a letter that was presented to the Board of Regents and from there, this academic policy went into effect among all NSHE Institutions. I have discussed with some of the University of Nevada Administration about reimplementing this policy and they all assured me that this would not happen unless it occurred across all NSHE Institutions again. Seeing as how one step in the process of implementation last time was a letter from you, I was hoping to do the same this time around.

Students are still impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to be until the pandemic is over. The impacts range from developing learning disabilities, mental illnesses, family and friend losses, financial instability, and so much more<sup>1</sup>. This pandemic has taken so much from us as students. In the beginning, it took away our ability to experience college to its full extent and limited us to staring at a screen to educate ourselves, it shouldn't have the power to take away our future academic success.

Although the majority of our institutions have brought classes back in person, specifically last Fall Semester, it doesn't mean the students' ability to learn in person in a classroom setting has returned. For students who intend to continue on to earn their graduate degrees, multiple programs such as Medical School<sup>2</sup>, Law School<sup>3</sup>, Physical Therapy School<sup>4</sup>, and more are accepting pass/fail grades throughout the pandemic. Considering these graduate schools can see the impacts of the pandemic and offer a slight relief of accepting pass/fail, it is odd that our own institutions don't see the impact when their goal is to produce graduating students.

Like I mentioned above, I am writing this letter in hopes that you consider writing a letter supporting the reimplementation of our institutions S/U Policy throughout the duration of the pandemic. If you would like more information, I would be more than happy to share the research I have done into this project but for the time being, thank you for reading/hearing this letter.

Best,

Autumn Kidd (she/her)

University of Nevada, Senator for the School of Public Health

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on January 13, 2022.

**Member Johnigan motioned to approve the minutes. Member Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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.

**No Regents provided remarks.**

**5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED AND DACA STUDENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Member Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of undocumented students on NSHE campuses. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

**Member Thomas presented a resolution in support of Undocumented and DACA Students. Members will take the resolution back to their institutions for feedback.**

**6. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSA Member Austin Brown will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of engaging in the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

**Secretary Brown presented a resolution in support of a Voting Student Member on the NSHE Board of Regents. Members will take the resolution back to their institutions for feedback.**

**7. MEMBER UPDATES INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**Members of the NSA provided updates about their campuses surrounding planned activities and upcoming elections.**

**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.

**Chair Hawn provided the NSA with updates related to the NSA.**

**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.*).

**Member Yapp requested writing a letter in support of public comment given at this meeting surrounding Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading policy.**

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**There was no public comment.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.**

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GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801  
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TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

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

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

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