NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
November 12, 2021
9:00 AM

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MEMBERS:

Present Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair)
Present Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair)
Arrived at 9:04 Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary)
Proxy Anthony Garcia – Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada
Present Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA
Absent 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
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Call to Order: 9:01 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.

NSA Vice President Karen Yap calls roll. Quorum present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on October 8, 2021.

Nicole Thomas made the motion, Lauren Porter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Melody Rose. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

Chancellor Rose provided updates regarding the new temporary Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Regents, the NSHE Strategic Planning process, the December Board of Regents meeting, and the importance of dual enrollment and the Dual Enrollment Task Force.

Chair Hawn and Zachary Stamp asked about the strategic planning process. Nicole Thomas asked about the teacher pipeline program. Lauren Porter asked about dual enrollment programs. Austin Brown asked about transportation needs in Las Vegas.

5. REMARKS FROM NSHE REGENTS

NSA members will meet with Nevada System of Higher Education regents. They will hear remarks from regents and discuss aspirations and concerns of the higher education system.

Chair Del Carlo gave a welcome to the NSA and shared part of her vision for her relationship with the NSA.

6. STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Edith Fernandez, Ph.D., Vice President, Division of College and Community Engagement, Nevada State College, and/or other NSHE representatives will present information regarding the upcoming NSHE Student Leadership Summit (Featuring Topics Geared Toward Empowering Women-Identifying and Non-binary Students) to be held on November 20, 2021, and identify opportunities in which the NSA may promote the event to engage student participation. The NSHE Student Leadership Summit is a virtual event that is free to all registrants.

Edith Fernandez and Yevonne Allen gave a presentation on the Student Leadership Summit coming up on November 20th. The NSA has been challenged to invite at least 15 people each from their institutions.
7. **NSHE PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES MANUAL**  
**PROPOSED REVISION: GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND PRONOUNS**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Renée Davis will share a proposed revision to the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual* implementing [Senate Bill 109](https://legis.nv.gov/BillDisplay?BillNumber=SB%20109&Year=2021) (Chapter 489, *Statutes of Nevada 2021*), which requires governmental agencies to request information related to sexual orientation and gender identity and report it to the Legislature.  
**This agenda item was pulled and may be moved to the December 2nd NSA Meeting.**

8. **DISCUSSION OF AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING**  
**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Hawn will lead a discussion about affordable student housing. NSA members will provide suggestions and concerns regarding affordable student housing at each campus.

Chair Hawn and Nicole Thomas spoke on the obstacles graduate students face when finding affordable housing. Anthony Garcia added that CSN could partner with local developers to get CSN students discounted rates. Lauren Porter spoke on her excitement for this initiative. Zachary Stamp added that most of their students are online, but GBC does have ample affordable student housing.

9. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NSA RESOLUTION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT HOUSING THROUGH AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS**  
**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Matthew Hawn and NSA Member Nicole Thomas will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of providing funds from the American Recovery Plan (ARP) to individual NSHE institutions for affordable student housing. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or return at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

Chair Hawn and Nicole Thomas drafted a for supporting student housing through American Recovery Funds. UNR and UNLV both submitted requests to the American Recovery Plan funds to use to build affordable graduate student housing at both campuses. Chair Hawn asked that the members of the NSA would get feedback from their institutions so the body can take a vote on this resolution during the December meeting.

10. **MEMBER UPDATES**  
**INFORMATION ONLY**

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

Members of the NSA provided updates about their campuses’ ranging from events, initiatives, and much more.

11. **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 updates about new items on the agenda, including “Remarks from NSHE Regents”. At the December meeting, the NSA will vote on the proposed Housing Resolution and will additionally receive a presentation about the NSHE Procedure and Guidelines Manual proposed revision: Gender, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation and Pronouns.

12. NEW BUSINESS  

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.).

There was no new business.

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There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 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