



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA

April 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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ROLL CALL: **Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair)**
 Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair)
 Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)
 Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN
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1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Tamara Guinn will take roll call of members and ask guests to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the two NSA meetings held on March 5, 2020.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHANCELLOR REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Thom Reilly and NSHE Chief of Staff Michael Flores to have an open dialogue about proposals NSHE is considering to comply with a request from the Office of the Governor on April 3, 2020 to enact a 4% cut from the budget for fiscal year 2020 and up to a 14% cut from the budget for fiscal year 2021.

5. 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.

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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

March 5, 2020

7:00 a.m.

College of Southern Nevada

Student Union, Room 121

700 College Drive, Henderson, NV

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 AM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PRESENT**
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) **PRESENT**
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Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Sidath Kapukotuwa, GPSA, UNLV
Heather Rikalo, ASWN, WNC
Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion is made by Gutierrez for approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on February 14, 2020. Seconded by Patri. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Martinez recommended drafting a letter or priorities for the 2020/2021 NSA. He suggested it would be best to have the letter/priorities come from Chair Opfer outlining items we feel important for 2020/2021 NSA to consider. We can all add our signatures and welcomes input on what should be considered in the document.

Guinn asked if within the document there was an item pertaining to differential fees. This item is important for future consideration as it is being brought before the Board of Regents again for UNR and sets a dangerous precedent for institutional use and implementation of differential fees.

Martinez responded that within the current document it was not currently there.

Gutierrez recalled the discussion with Chair Geddes at the last Board of Regents Meeting in December, 2019 that the legislature recommends use of student fees to cover budget shortfalls. Posing the question of whether we can take a stance for the next NSA to stop charging students fees to cover budget shortfalls.

Opfer proposed affordable higher education item to include differential fees.

Davis expressed concern about developing a document given the time constraint and this being the last scheduled meeting.

Opfer and Martinez proposed scheduling a final meeting to approve a document/priorities letter for the 2020/2021 NSA.

Caserto recommended deciding today whether another meeting needs to be scheduled and at the next meeting these minutes will need to be approved and agendas will need to be posted with adequate time.

Discussion ensued regarding possible dates the proposed new meeting could be scheduled for April 10th, 2020 at 9:00 am with documents being submitted April 1st, 2020.

Opfer summarized that items on the letter will include housing and food insecurity, affordable higher education, sustainability and the environment, sexual harassment, and differential fees.

Patenaude asked if this will include faculty compensation issues? She asked to please add as a priority going forward.

Item was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

5. MEMBER REPORTS

INFORMATION

Opfer opened the floor for member reports.

Clark – welcome back nacho bar 115 students participated, working to get more student presence but good turnout. Senator positions are full and there is a vacancy for Vice President, they are getting ready for elections. Student needs survey last fall with great response identifying student needs (food, housing insecurity), students have had food/housing insecurity following national trend. Have started a food & hygiene pantry with community partners FISH – Friends in Service

Helping and Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Currently planning an awards & appreciation banquet. There is now a room dedicated to breast feeding mothers through a grant within the foundation.

Gutierrez – New health and sciences building in conjunction with NSC. Speaker Series launch event was last week was a great multi-campus event. CSN pantries are doing well across campuses. There is now a fridge in the pantry and have added a clothing initiative (professional attire, clothing). We are planning an end of the year banquet.

Patri – the SGA funded \$5,000 for OER incentives for faculty. Drafting a letter to administration asking to match incentive to carry forward next year. Senator created posters for recycling. VP created a scholarship for undocumented students. Surveyed students about their interest in having a health center/clinic on campus.

VP Saborio from TMCC SGA reported about details for the Undocumented/DACA scholarship that will be available.

Dodson – In conjunction with Gear Up, will have a study session, “Stressed spelled backwards is desserts” study session. Last time it was offered there were 50 students that came through for help. Teaming up with the revitalization committee before graduation for end of semester party on campus. Elections will be held last week in April. GBC is wanting to bring in sports, will be voted on with elections in April regarding how much they are willing to pay. Survey was sent last year and students did not want to pay for the offering. Seems to be more interest now though. We started a personal hygiene pantry. Graduating two officers in May and will be appointing new senators that left last semester.

Molina – We finished first semester of cap and gown that was started last year. They had 8 participants last semester. So far there have been several donations from alumni association, 33 cap and gowns. We just awarded researcher awards for graduate students, 2 doctoral and 1 master’s student. We held a research forum last Saturday for students to present oral or poster research, \$1,250 award for students to present research and it was a good event. We will be holding elections in April with new officers starting in May, 2020. They are still conducting a Manager search with some positive candidates.

Martinez – ASUN elections are currently going on. Serving on many search committees. We are still reviewing Nevada Wolf Shop proposals since we are selling the Wolf Shop. We are also currently reviewing our budgets and preparing priorities for the next President.

Patenaude – We are currently working on a fee transparency proposal for clarity of fees and breakdown with the Provost’s Office. Hopefully this will help students utilize services they pay for. Purchasing bike shelters for campus, received funding previously but no implementation. Part of a larger vision for purchasing bikes and manual scooters for on campus transportation. We have been doing a survey on campus to see what interests students regarding transportation. Upcoming executive election, uncontested election which is disappointing. But we do have a full senate currently which is exciting. Last semester we did a 5k initiative and students submitted proposals for campus initiatives. Resulting from the last initiative there will be shade structures installed. Other options could be a mural on campus and fruit trees to make campus more inviting. We will be doing a 2nd canned food drive. We are looking to have a trip to Washington

DC, but travel may be postponed due to the coronavirus. We are starting to use Proctor U (select professors are using it) on campus and there is concern. Alternatively, we are looking at long-term proctor centers on campus. There is currently constant communication about the campus master plan for student experience and engagement. For example, there is parking lot in center of campus that will be converted to a campus quad. We had a campus climate survey that went out. The digital suggestion box has been very positive with great feedback. President advisory council is successful with great conversation and participation.

Guinn – GSA just held the NAGPS Western Regional conference, 26 students in attendance from UNR and visiting universities. We are addressing Graduate Student housing needs. Spring awards ceremony coming up distrusting roughly \$100,000 in student awards. Lots of exciting events on campus coming up, Unity in Diversity and graduation celebrations. We have elections coming up and we have several students running for council. Looking at students who pay and do not currently pay GSA dues and reexamining the structure with the Provost.

Opfer – NSC is promoting the women's suffrage 100th anniversary with campus wide events taking place. We will have elections at the end of April. NSC will be looking at a Presidential search possibly. Aunt flo will be installed in 2 weeks. Today is NSC's got talent event and encourages everyone to attend.

6. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

Opfer discussed that in the chair's report she will mention upcoming student leadership transitions and thank you's along with a mention of the next scheduled NSA meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Opfer will add item to agenda for legislative priorities memo for the next NSA meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Patri would like to have the differential fee item higher on the priorities memo.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:56 AM



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

March 5, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Time Approximate: this meeting may begin earlier than 5:00 p.m. upon recess of the Board of Regents meeting.

**College of Southern Nevada
Student Union, Room 123
700 College Drive, Henderson, NV**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:13 PM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
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Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Mark Doubrava – BOR Vice Chair
Jason Geddes – BOR Chair
Dean Gould – BOR Chief of Staff
Thom Reilly – Chancellor
Valeria Saborio, SGA, TMCC

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

Guinn expressed concern regarding differential fees that are being brought back before the Board of Regents. She expressed that while she could not speak directly to the College of Business fee for undergraduate students, but the disappointment of graduate students at UNR that the Community

Health Sciences differential fee was being reconsidered by the Board. Discussed concerns regarding how the vote was conducted with the Graduate Student Body and received concerns regarding the survey that was administered by the college. Further expressed the financial hardship the proposed differential fee would have on graduate students in the CHS program. That the grant in aid does not cover these fees and the students are financially burdened and indebted.

Patenaude asked how items such as these can be brought back before the Board for reconsideration?

Geddes responded there are multiple ways this could happen. In this particular case with the differential fees, Regents requested reconsideration. This will call for a rescission of the previous vote and a new vote in the case the vote is to reconsider.

Reilly reminded students to speak during comment and to utilize public comment.

Guinn expressed concern that many students expressed feeling uncomfortable participating in public comment because speaking against the proposed fee could lead to retaliation.

A discussion was held regarding the procedures behind rescinding a vote in a previous meeting. Gould gave an overview of the number of votes required to rescind and reconsider.

Martinez mentioned that in the coming weeks we will be drafting a legislative priorities list for the incoming 2020/2021 NSA. He requested input from the Board members. Items on this document include faculty compensation, separation of governing bodies and how student government is considered, housing and food insecurity, affordable higher education with a discussion on differential fees, sustainability in the environment, sexual assault & harassment initiatives, and diversity & inclusion efforts, lastly regents' vote and perspective regarding legislation AJR5.

Geddes discussed that regents are on the sidelines when it comes to advocating for AJR5. Regents cannot do it. If you have questions please contact General Counsel Reynolds.

Reilly discussed faculty compensation, for NSA consideration looking at student success initiatives, advising ration and co-requisite education. The recommendations we will hear tomorrow are a fundamental change to how we have previously done things regarding faculty compensation. We believe we have developed a model to refrain from approaching legislature for funding. In regards to legislative matters we want to prioritize student success, capital improvement (deferred maintenance), workforce issues, and research. We are happy to come meet with student government to discuss priorities going forward. Reilly continued the discussion about AJR5, the Board has taken a position and has opposed AJR5 twice. The primary issue is whether we elect or appoint regents in the State. There are far reaching repercussions that could impact shared governance and free speech. It could change the structure and make NSHE a department similar to the DMV. We are asking legislature to thoroughly examine the possible repercussions and outcomes of this decision. Asking them to make an informed decision hearing the voices of students and faculty as well. Regents cannot campaign against this legislation. Reilly encouraged student leaders to meet with NSHE general counsel for ideas and further guidance regarding student government issues and directions.

Geddes added that regarding the faculty compensation, past governors have not considered faculty merit pay and no legislators are pushing the matter either.

Could came back to the discussion regarding AJR5 and discussed that previously proposed SB354 would have restructured board composition and operations if AJR5 passed. He expressed the importance of understanding the history of the proposed legislation.

Reilly expressed the importance of understanding the possible implications of the proposed legislation AJR5.

Patenaude mentioned her concern that students do not understand or have a grasp of what NSHE is or who the Board of Regents are. She asked how we get students in the loop and how their vote at the polls matter? We have a responsibility to educate and pass awareness on about these issues on our campuses.

Opfer expressed the importance of NSHE onboarding for student leaders.

Molina mentioned her public comment during the Board of Regents meeting and asked for their consideration of revising the policy and conflict of interest procedures within student government to protect student votes. She mentioned that UNLV GPSA does not currently have access to many important documents or budgets, they are held at the Graduate College. She expressed the importance of examining separation of student governing bodies.

Reilly recommended looking at how other institutions are functioning.

Doubrava mentioned the importance of student government being allowed to function with appropriate oversight.

Patenaude discussed how CSUN is set up completely different than GPSA, we do not have administrators at the governing table.

Guinn echoed that at UNR administration is not present unless invited. GSA is a separate entity and the Graduate Dean is an invited guest, does not sit at the table as they do at UNLV.

Reilly will look into how student governments function across the state.

Opfer brought up the email Chancellor Reilly sent regarding the use of the ITIN number to compensate undocumented student workers. Perhaps a procedure could be developed for paying a stipend rather than hourly employment.

Discussion opened how different institutions are paid hourly and some are paid by stipend. Patenaude mentioned she is paid by stipend, while Gutierrez and Opfer discussed their student government members being paid hourly.

Further discussion was had regarding the use of the ITIN number and how undocumented students are paid in various institutions; examples being provided. Opfer mentioned a better solution is necessary. Gutierrez mentioned this should be an issue that remains on the table and for discussion.

Patri directed the discussion back to differential fees, particularly the proposed differential fee in the UNR College of Business. She expressed that when students were interviewed and had conversations about differential fees, students are genuinely unaware of these fees and the

implications they have. She expressed concern that many students believe the added cost is a financial burden.

Martinez mentioned that as a representative of the ASUN at UNR he has had many conversations with the undergraduate business student council and business students have campaigned to inform students and outline the positive impact these fees could have. There have been educational dialogues about the matter and from his perspective, the members of the business student council are in support of the fee.

Guinn mentioned the two fees, College of Business and Community Health Sciences, are structured very differently. She expressed that many students are unaware of the fees and how they will be used, and what benefits the fees will have for students. These are huge fees and they seem excessive.

Patenaude expressed that more education and awareness need to be built around fees of this nature.

Patri emphasized the differential fees add a significant cost to the program and many students will not see the benefit.

A discussion was held about the potential benefits and downside of implementing differential fees for various programs. Opfer mentioned that it would be important to have clear guidelines and information when it comes to differential fees being implemented.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Gutierrez mentioned that a resolution should be examined regarding differential fees.

Opfer and Martinez discussed that this could be addressed in the recommendations for the 2020/2021 NSA.

Clark and Patenaude expressed interest in NSA examining fee transparency and fee breakdowns at various institutions.

Martinez mentioned that recommendations in a memo could be made for outlining NSA Officer positions and possibly reorganizing the responsibilities of NSA members.

Patenaude echoed adding more leadership positions within NSA to promote involvement.

Molina discussed drafting a memo at UNLV for GPSA to pass on to the 2020/2021 NSA.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:06 PM