

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Agenda
December 3, 2020
7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Meeting Link:
<https://bluejeans.com/870636808>

Call to order: 7:03 a.m. Chair Gabby Clark had technical difficulties and asked Will Carrasco, NSA Vice Chair to Chair the meeting until her connection improves.

ROLL CALL: **Y** Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
 Y Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN
 Y Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA
 Y Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
 Y Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
 Y Proxy: Mathew Varre Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
 Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
 Y Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
 Y Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE

Renee Davis, NSHE

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 ("DIRECTIVE 006") ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

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1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly will take roll call of members and ask guests to identify themselves so that may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum met with eight members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public Comment

No public comment submitted.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on November 13, 2020.

Motion to approve: Dominique Hall

2nd: Joshua Padilla

Vote: Unanimous

2. NSA CHAIR'S UPDATES

INFORMATION

Chair Gabrielle Clark will give updates on the NSA goals for the year as well as brief the Alliance membership of informal group meetings she has participated in with various Nevada legislators.

Chair Clark gave updates as to her activities since the last NSA Meeting. She attended a meeting with Speaker Frierson, faculty senate and chancellor Rose. They discussed what is going on with the legislature and Frierson's views on the next session and any proposed or additional cuts. He suggests that NSHE keep an open mind as to creative solutions as there will be cuts across the state, not just NSHE. There was talk about NSHE collaborating with k-12 education and a support system with one another for the legislative session.

As for NSA goals this should be a shared effort among all NSA and lobby for higher education students in legislation this year. As well as having our goals be in tandem with Chancellor Rose – like community college and university relationships and transfer being universal.

3. MEMBER REPORTS

INFORMATION

NSA members will each be invited to provide an update on current and planned events, initiatives and other activities or actions taking place on their campuses and within their student government organizations.

Will Carrasco – held a successful Graduate Town Hall recently and is focusing on closing down the semester.

Katie Dempsey – student government donated \$100,000 to the Winemucca student building and trying to keep students involved while virtual.

Alyssa Fromelius – working on video to discouraging student cheating in collaboration with tutoring center, approved a project to integrate door openers with foot to reduce touch points, student town hall coming up regarding SU grading and covid procedures with the President of TMCC. Screening a movie regarding disparities native American students faced in the past.

Dominique: just approved the budget amendments ASUN sent in for more scholarships and internships, continuing to highlight diverse student on campus, and then student senate to remove campaign deposit for elections so students do not have that barrier.

Matthew Varre – will have a virtual commencement for UNLV students, had a student researcher award program to help grad students, cap and gown program to help take pictures for commencement. They also have student and faculty awards that are accepting nominations.

Joshua Padilla - spoke of a student and faculty town hall regarding SU, COVID operations update for next semester, financial aid questions.

Suman Randhawa– town hall, mentioned U/S grading passed for the next year for students. Has two new student senators coming in. Giving recommendations for the NSC presidential search advisory committee. Scholarship taskforce to discuss what scholarships to be funding.

Discussion of potential name change of Nevada State College to Nevada State University and asked NSA members for support.

4. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

NSA Chair Gabrielle Clark will discuss with the Alliance the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later the same day (on December 3, 2020).

Chair Clark proposed mentioning to the BOR later in the day the resolutions that may pass today as well as the members reports that they gave today. She will also mention her meeting with Speaker Frierson.

Chair Clark asked for other suggestions or questions.

No suggestions or questions from the membership.

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JEWISH HOLIDAYS ON NSHE INSTITUTION CALENDARS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Gabrielle Clark will lead a discussion and review of a proposed resolution in support of recognizing Jewish holidays on NSHE institutions' calendars. The body will discuss feedback gathered from their respective institutions and any additions or modifications to the draft resolution that may be approved and sent to the Board of Regents and NSHE Officers.

Motion: Will Carrasco motion to approve the resolution
2nd : Suman Randhawa

Discussion: Dominique took it back to her cabinet and they support it. They hope it is a foot in the door to other recognized religious holidays. Suman brought it to NSSA and it was supported. Will took it to GSA and there was a concern to limiting it to Jewish holidays but discussed it as a 'foot in the door'. Alyssa took it to her campus – the question was whether it was to get the dates off or just recognized? Dom clarified to recognize to let them have off. Also – is the resolution to just have the two holidays? Dominique is not sure as her Hillel of Northern Nevada group only recommended the two. Suman – wants to know if there were diversity and inclusion in religious practice implemented by NSHE. Dominique said that currently it is up to the professors to accommodate. Suman thinks it should be in policy and procedure.

Gabby - we can set a meeting with Chancellor Rose to clarify. Mathew – it has not been brought up in their council meeting, it will be next week.

Vote: Passes: 7-0, 1 abstention

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NSA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Gabrielle Clark will lead a discussion and review of a proposed resolution in support of Election Day being designated a State holiday in Nevada. The body will discuss feedback gathered from their respective institutions and any additions or modifications to the draft resolution that may be approved and sent to the Board of Regents and NSHE Officers.

Joshua Padilla summarized the resolution proposing election day as a state holiday and emphasized Nevada System of Higher Education encompasses a very big voter base in general that can vote on election day and that other states across the nation already doing this.

Alyssa asked if this resolution was a request to get the day off or just to be recognized: Josh- it was to designate as a state holiday in Nevada to give them the day off.

Mathew – we will be discussing on Monday with his council. Although he agrees to support students to vote more and feels the council will vote for it.

Motion: Will Carrasco : Motion to pass the resolution

Second: Joshua Padilla

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passes 7-0, 1 abstention.

7. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

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.

Chair Clark calls for new business ideas for the next NSA meeting.

Suman noted that she emailed ideas already.

Chair Clark responded that we can work together to put those into the next agenda for information and discussion.

Gabby stated to email her as soon as possible before the next meeting so they can get detail for any information and discussion items.

Gabby asked Terina what the deadline would be for those items. Terina responds that in general the agenda goes to legal counsel for review the Monday to the week prior to it being posted. This gives a two week turn around to get items to Gabby for the agenda to be written. That gives 5-10 working days.

The next meeting is February unless they want to meet in January. Gabby stated it sounds like the consensus is to have a break. Gabby noted that there is a lot to be done for legislation in Spring. She will be in touch to determine if there is a date in January they would like to meet.

Joshua inquires if they received the links to the Board Committee meetings for later in the day. Terina clarifies that the link received for the Board meeting is the same link for the Board and the Committee meetings. Will Carrasco will forward the link to NSA members.

No other new business.

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No public comment submitted.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:52 a.m.