

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

*Working together to promote and protect the educational interests of the students
in the Nevada Higher Education System.*

**September 5, 2013
Time 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Great Basin College
Leonard Center Social Room**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Alex Porter, Great Basin College, SGA, Chair
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, Nevada State College, NSSA, Vice Chair
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Mr. Mark Ciavola, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Mr. Noah Fraser, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. Michael Gordon, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Mr. Antonio Guerrero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Ms. Alejandra Leon, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Mr. Ziad Rashdan, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), supporting materials that are submitted to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be made available in advance of the meeting as follows: 1) from the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs by calling Sally Jackson at (775) 784-3443 or emailing her at sally_jackson@nshe.nevada.edu; or, 2) by accessing the electronic version of the agenda posted on the NSA page of the NSHE website:

<http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/>

In addition, a limited number of copies of any such supporting materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office (775) 784-3443 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, 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.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/ROLL CALL FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair Alex Porter will appoint a secretary to take minutes for the meeting. Secretary will take roll call.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the August 12, 2013 meeting.

4. OPEN MEETING LAW INFORMATION

Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke A. Nielsen will be present to discuss with NSA members their open meeting law concerns as expressed at the June 6, 2013 NSA meeting, including but not limited to the group's desire for the Board to consider establishing student government-specific provisions for open meeting law.

5. NSA LOGO FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNR Student Body President Ziad Rashdan will present proofs of the NSA logo (revised after the August 12, 2013 meeting) for selection and approval.

6. STUDENT REGENT INFORMATION

ASUN Director of Legislative Affairs Alex Bybee will update the group on the status of efforts for the establishment of a NSHE Student Regent and other legislative efforts of the ASUN.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION

Members will discuss topics to be covered in the NSA Chair's report to the Board of Regents on September 5, 2013.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, 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.

9. 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.

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241) at the following locations:

CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124

DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095

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 Marlyand Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

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

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite C-1, Las Vegas NV 89103

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Working together to promote and protect the educational interests of the students in the Nevada Higher Education System.

August 12, 2013

4:00-6:00PM

Videoconference Sites:

System Administration Reno, 134

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC LCSL 122

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY2638

UNLV SCS 102

NSC DAW 218

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mr. Alex Porter, Great Basin College, SGA, Chair
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, Nevada State College, NSSA, Vice Chair
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Mr. Noah Fraser, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. Michael Gordon, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Mr. Antonio Guerrero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Ms. Alejandra Leon, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Mr. Ziad Rashdan, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Ms. Jessica Lujan CSUN (Attended at 4:22 – 5:22 PM for Mark Ciavola)

Absent:

Mr. Mark Ciavola, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN

Guests:

Mr. Daniel Klaich
Ms. Crystal Abba
Mr. Isaac Duran
Mr. Umram Osambela
Mr. Jason Brimm
Ms. Renee Davis

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/ROLL CALL

ASWNC President Alejandra Leon was appointed secretary for the meeting by NSA Chair Alex Porter. Roll call was taken.

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH (Arrived at 4:15)

Chair Alex Porter asked the Chancellor for an update on e-learning. Chancellor Klaich explained that he had finalized the list of members and committee charge and shared it with the Chair of the Board of Regents for

his approval. Chancellor Klaich emphasized the importance of that committee decisions should make a positive impact on students and their success. GSA President RJ Boyajian suggested including academic advisors on the committee. Chancellor Klaich said it's important to give students options, for them take advantage of the options, and it's important for those credits to be accepted across the board. The Chancellor wants the committee to focus on delivering high quality education.

GPSA President Michael Gordon asked the Chancellor about future tentative Board meetings. The Chancellor explained that all scheduled tentative Board of Regents meetings will likely occur.

March 1, 2014 is the anticipated date for the move of the system office in Las Vegas (question from President Gordon).

This year's goals for Chancellor Klaich were about keeping a good eye on the upcoming budget and agendas, working on certificate programs at the community colleges, and focusing on iNtegrate 2.

SB 391 may be a longer process than expected. The committee has not yet been assigned and it is likely that this interim study committee will take more than next legislative session to complete its business.

Chancellor Klaich and the Board of Regents would like to see needed changes with student services at the CSN campus. It is a high priority on the CSN's administration to remodel their student services.

A big discussion among the Regents will be about student fees and how it is the biggest revenue that will help bring in money that will keep campuses active. The NSHE Tuition and Fees committee will be meeting over the next nine months.

The interdisciplinary meeting went well and there are a lot of things that can be done and are the right things to do within interdisciplinary programs. An alternative is getting the deans and faculty together to find options.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Gordon made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. NSA PROVISIONS IN MEMBER CONSTITUTIONS

Chair Porter presented to members the recently revised GBC SGA constitution, specifically language added regarding NSA representation, participation and funding. Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba said one of NSA's main priorities in the past has been to get a budget set. Because NSA does not have its own funds, the references to a budget in the NSA constitution were removed a few years ago. She was supportive of the way GBC decided to set aside funds within their own budget for use by NSA. She agreed with Chair Porter that it is not likely the money will be spent every year (funds are generally expended during legislative years), so it was recommended any funds set aside will be allowed to roll over to future years, as is provided for in the GBC constitution. Chair Porter pointed out that while GBC added language regarding NSA funding to their constitution, other student governments might prefer to add similar language to their bylaws instead. President Gordon asked whether language would be added to the NSA constitution as well, and Director Renee Davis explained that suggestion had been discussed with the Vice Chancellor and Chair Porter. The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the NSA Constitution could not bind the individual associations, so there would be no point in adding such language to the NSA Constitution.

Michael Gordon made a motion to move forward with the constitution and send it to the Chancellor for approval without the addition of language relating to funding. The motion was seconded and passed. Presidents Boyajian, Ziad Rashdan, and Jessica Lujan abstained.

6. NSA LOGO

The group reviewed the set of six logos drafted by ASUN staff. President Rashdan explained that the goal is to have Nevada as a whole represented. President Fraser brought up the idea of having colors individually representing the institutions. Antonio was in favor of emphasizing the individual campuses on the background. Chair Porter brought up maybe having the Nevada seal with 8 stars. President Rashdan will bring it back to the ASUN marketing team to work more on logos 3,4 & 6. The item was tabled for the September agenda.

7. NSA GOALS

Chair Porter opened a conversation regarding NSA goals for the upcoming year. President Gordon would like to see NSA make an impact on the e-learning committee and the tuition and fee determinations. The question of establishing a provision in statute for a student regent is still up for the discussion and the ASUN legal team is looking into it and President Rashdan said he will ask for an update at the next NSA meeting. The NSA newsletter will be continued for this upcoming semester.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

The September 9 and December 9 meetings both fall on the Monday immediately following a Board meeting. President Rashdan made a motion to cancel, the motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Gordon and Chair Porter are proud to see that agenda items from three years ago are finally in action.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.