

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

4:00-6:00 PM

Videoconference Sites:

System Administration Reno, 134

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC LCSL 122

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638

UNLV SCS 102

NSC DAW 218

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

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

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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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. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH INFORMATION

NSHE Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will discuss with NSA members their aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the May 13, June 6 and June 7, 2013 meetings.

5. NSA PROVISIONS IN MEMBER CONSTITUTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Alex Porter will present to members the recently revised GBC SGA constitution, specifically language added regarding NSA representation, participation and funding. He requests NSA to consider a motion directing all members to pursue adding such language to their own constitutions or bylaws, particularly in regards to NSA funding. NSA funding is addressed in the GBC SGA Constitution, Article VIII (C).

6. NSA LOGO FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNR Student Body President Ziad Rashdan will present proofs of the NSA logo for selection and approval.

7. NSA GOALS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Members will discuss and consider for approval NSA goals for the 2013-14 academic year, including but not limited to: finding ways to reach all corners of the State to serve all NSHE students; being active participants in all System initiatives; and building relationships with legislators early for the 2015 legislative session.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Alex Porter requests NSA to consider a motion to cancel the September 9, 2013 and December 9, 2013 NSA meetings since each occur on the Monday immediately following a Board meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

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10. 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

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May 13, 2013

4:00-5:00 PM

Videoconference Sites:

System Administration Reno, 134

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC MH 125

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638

UNLV SCS 102

NSC DAW 218

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair, UNLV GPSA

Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN

Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA

Absent:

Ms. Haley Anderton-Folmer, UNR GSA

Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN (Represented by Incoming President, Alejandra Leon)

Ms. Kathy Bywaters, GRAD

Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV (Represented by Jessica Lujan)

Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA

Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA

Guests:

Ms. Renee Davis

Mr. Daniel Klaich

Ms. Alejandra Leon

Mr. Antonio Guerrero

Ms. Jessica Lujan

Mr. Isaac Duran

Ms. DeMarynee Saili

1. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH

For a legislative update Chancellor Klaich stated that the focus is on implementation of the funding formula by the subcommittee, to be considered on Wednesday. The subcommittee is looking at mitigation, but the final decision likely won't be made until the end of session.

Chancellor Klaich stated that the second important legislative deadline is on Friday, where bills will need to be out of committee and the senate and house. A few of the pieces of legislation that involve NSHE include ones to authorize additional bonding for NSHE institutions, allow NSHE institutions to extend in-state residency for tuition purposes to all veterans honorably discharged within a certain time-period, and institutions being able to participate in reciprocating online relationships outside of Nevada, which is otherwise very costly. AJR8 (Student Regent) was also put forth to the Ways and

Means Committee but was made an exempt bill. At the last Special Board of Regents meeting, there was opposition. Chair Gordon explained that this was because of the discussions that occurred, including the fact that a student regent would make an even number of board members, confusion about how the student would be selected, and if there was a student regent, faculty would also like one.

No update on the new E-Learning Committee. The Chancellor was optimistic about having a rural, undergraduate, northern Nevada and urban, graduate, southern Nevada student representatives. The committee will meet multiple times over a long period of time that will have a waterfall type of recommendations.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

3. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

Meeting was Adjourned at 4:27pm.

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Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair, UNLV GPSA

Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN

Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA

Absent:

Ms. Haley Anderton-Folmer, UNR GSA

Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN (Represented by Incoming President, Alejandra Leon)

Ms. Kathy Bywaters, GRAD

Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV (Represented by Jessica Lujan)

Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA

Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

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Mr. Antonio Guerrero

Ms. Jessica Lujan

Mr. Isaac Duran

Ms. DeMarynee Saili

As quorum did not exist, no decisions could be voted upon at this meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY FOR THE MEETING ROLL CALL

Mr. Alex Porter was appointed as the secretary for the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Approval of April 8, 2013 Minutes.

4. NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

No Discussion on NSA Constitutional Revisions, but this topic will be included on the next meeting agenda.

5. NSHE E-LEARNING PROJECT

The new NSHE E-Learning Steering committee has not yet met. No Discussion on NSHE E-Learning Project.

6. GRADE APPEAL POLICY

No Discussion on Grade Appeal Policy.

7. ADDING DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ASPECT TO STUDENT ORIENTATION

No Discussion on adding diversity and community building aspects to student orientation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Incoming ASCSN President, Mr. Antonio Guerrero, posed a question about the E-Learning Taskforce and about how the new committee will be organized. Ms. Renee Davis explained that the Chancellor put out a request to the campuses to provide recommendations to the committee. An overall summary of the breadth the institutions offered and what they were doing with online education will be given to the committee based on reports submitted to the System office in April as well as research done during the last committee. The Chancellor has been charged with the task of going through the recommendations that were put forth from the Richard Katz and Associates report which was provided at the last Board of Regents meeting. Each Campus will have at least one member on the new committee. Chair Michael Gordon clarified that Mr. Alex Porter had been on the last E-Learning committee and has been nominated by NSA to be on the new one as well. Mr. Porter gave some background on what process was taken during the first committee and how the Katz report was developed. Chair Michael Gordon also clarified that the new committee will be looking at a large unified way of NSHE conducting business rather than looking at each institution separately. Ms. Renee Davis stated that the focus of the Katz report was mainly student success and enhancing the students' experience when taking online courses. Recommendations included more collaboration among the institutions. Many campuses do this voluntarily but that becomes hard when there isn't a centralized system of support system within NSHE. There are also no plans to make distance education the only option to students.

Chair Michael Gordon wanted to make two points.

(1) For those in NSA it is important that we realize the decisions that we are making affect the 105,000+ students in the system. When these directions are being made they are to primarily benefit students. It is also important that student body presidents attend these meetings because we have access to the top-notch people in the state and we are the only ones who have that privilege. He advised everyone to take NSA seriously.

(2) NSA dinners have been something that has been created this last year before the main Board of Regents meetings. These have been very beneficial to the members to get to know each other and just create a relation on a personal level with each other. He told the members feel free to attend the dinner that will be in Reno before the Board of Regents meeting.

Mr. Antonio Guerrero made a closing comment about being excited to work with NSA.

Mr. Alex Porter thanked Chair Michael Gordon for his remarks and service. He echoed Mr. Gordon in taking NSA seriously and that the dinners are very useful in building a trust. He also looks forward to working with everyone next year.

Ms. Alejandra Leon extended a farewell from Mr. Curtis Blackwell saying that he will miss NSA and thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve, work with, and get to know them. She also is looking forward to the new year.

Ms. Renee Davis reminded everyone that they needed to be on time for the early NSA meetings before the Board of Regents. She also recommended that everyone try and exchange phone numbers for easy communication.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**June 6, 2013
Time 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
University of Nevada, Reno
Rita Laden Senate Chambers**

ROLL CALL: **Mr. Antonio Guerrero, ASCSN
Ms. Alehandra Leon, ASWN
Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV
Mr. RJ Boyahian, UNR GSA
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA
Mr. Michael Gordon, UNLV GPSA
Mr. Noah Fraser, DRI GRAD
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA
Mr. Ziad Rashdan, ASUN
Mr. Jason Loomis, TMCC SGA (proxy for Ms. Prevost)**

ABSENT: **Ms. Stephanie Prevost, TMCC SGA**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 AM by 2012-13 NSA Chair Michael Gordon.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for April 8 and May 12, 2013 were not distributed in advance of meeting so will be put on agenda for approval at the August 12, 2013 meeting.

3. NSA CONSTITUTION UPDATE

NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renée Davis gave an overview of the current NSA Constitution and process for electing new Chair. She summarized changes to the constitution approved by the 2012-13 NSA but not yet submitted to the Chancellor for approval. Some feedback was given regarding technical corrections to the language that needed to be made prior to sending to the Chancellor.

4. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Alex Porter, Student Body President at GBC, and Deuvall Dorsey, Student Body President at NSC, were nominated for NSA Chair. Alex Porter received 11 of 12 votes and was elected Chair. Deuvall Dorsey was nominated as vice chair and elected unanimously.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW

Renée Davis provided a general explanation of how Nevada Open Meeting Law applies to meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance, including the timeline for establishing agendas prior to each meeting. Attendees from CSUN (UNLV) and GSA (UNR) expressed concern that more guidance was needed regarding open meeting law and how it affects students, specifically how the election for chair and vice chair should be handled. They also suggested that it would be helpful for the Board to create an open meeting law policy specifically for students because many of the open meeting law provisions either don't apply or are difficult to apply to student governments. Renee agreed to invite Brooke Nielsen, NSHE Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs to attend a future NSA meeting.

6. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

A brief discussion ensued about what new Chair Alex Porter would discuss during his Chair's report to the Board.

7. NSHE E-LEARNING PROJECT

There was no update available regarding the NSHE E-Learning Steering Committee, but members briefly discussed the challenges students face in an e-learning environment, including the need for FERPA compliance by faculty in their electronic communications with students.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 AM by 2013-14 NSA Chair Alex Porter.

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June 7, 2013

Time: 7:15-7:45AM

University of Nevada, Reno

Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 420

Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 7:15 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mr. Alex Porter, Chair
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA (Attended at 7:37)
Ms. Alejandra Leon, ASWN
Mr. Antonio Guerrero, ASCSN
Mr. Michael Gordon, GPSA
Ms. RJ Boyajian, GSA (Attended at 7:25)
Mr. Noah Fraser, DRI
Mr. Mark Ciavola, CSUN (Attended at 7:25)

Absent:

Ms. Kathryn Bywaters, GRAD
Mr. Ziad Rashdan, ASUN
Ms. Stephanie Prevost, TMCC SGA

Guests:

Mr. Isaac Duran
Mr. Curtis Blackwell
Mr. Scott Young
Mr. Kevin Paige
Mr. Jason Geddes
Mr. Daniel Klaich
Mr. Gregory Ross
Ms. Renee Davis
Mr. Jessica Lujan (Attended at 7:25)
Mr. Ian Whitaker (Attended at 7:25)

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

2. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD CHAIR JASON GEDDES

Chair Geddes wanted to comment for the Board of Regents about how they love NSA's input. They want our input; we're part of their conversation during Board of Regents meetings. One

academic year goes by fast, so if presidents want to do something within their colleges it's advised to start planning now.

Mr. Michael Gordon asked some feedback from both Chancellor Klaich and Chair Geddes about this year's legislation session and what NSA should be looking for in the 2015 legislative session.

- One goal that will happen leading up to the 2015 session is a stronger interim program, especially with student involvement.
- Within the two year cycle, four months is about the legislators making decisions, while the other twenty months are spent by legislators seeking votes. Students are encouraged to build relationships with legislatures during the 20 months when the legislature is not in session.
- The Board of Regents would like to see how funds are utilized by those institutions who have gained money from the funding formula.
- The prospective starting time to be at the legislature and push for "Higher Education" is during the months of March and April until the end of legislation in June.
- If we need to get items onto the agenda at the legislature, make sure to get these items on the calendar early.

Mr. Curtis Blackwell asked for feedback about positive aspects that NSA achieved during this past legislation session.

- "Education Day" was important but not always necessary because legislation might not be talking about cuts.
- It's really important that we get to know the new and old legislation before the session is about to start, which we did very well this past year.
- Most decisions about budget cuts and financial situations will be primarily discussed in the budget committees.

Chancellor Klaich stated that this is going to be the year where we're all going to have a strong interim program. We have to ask, "What makes the legislature tick?" Regent Paige brought up a suggestion about meeting with past student body presidents to see how legislative session worked during their presidencies. J. T. Creedon, for example, would be great to seek out.

Mr. Antonio Guerrero asked Chancellor Klaich about how the students could play a role in supporting legislation creating a student regent position on the Board. The confusion over the bill (AJR 8) struck everyone. AJR 8 was unanimously opposed by the Board of Regents. Mr. Michael Gordon asked if there could be another angle to approach this item to the Board. The main question that Regent Page said the Board of Regents would like an answer for is what would be the main goals of this position?

How the formula would affect rural Nevada colleges is a question in the air. Antonio pointed out that CSN plays different roles because of its high student population and shouldn't be compared to other community colleges. It was a unanimous opinion that putting institutions under the Department of Education would create bigger dilemmas.

Mr. Noah Fraser thanked Chancellor Klaich and Regent Geddes on behalf of DRI for the Board's approval of a policy exempting grant-funded positions from the furlough policy. The extra time was a definite need that these professors had in order to finish projects with their students.

Monthly meetings with Chancellor Klaich are important because he gets knows what happens with students on the campuses on a day to day basis, and also makes him available to the student body presidents in case if any problems arise.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The monthly meeting in July will be cancelled. There is no business scheduled to be discussed on that date, and we will presume in August over video conference.

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

Preamble

The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to represent and serve all students attending GBC. The SGA is the official voice through which students' opinions and concerns are expressed by acting as the students' representative. The SGA emphasizes the importance of academic excellence and the total involvement of every student.

The Student Body organization, in exercising authority granted by its constitution, shall conform to rules, regulations and policies as established by the Board of Regents, and to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If any of the provisions of a Student Body constitution are deemed to be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations and policies of the Board of Regents, or applicable statutes of the State of Nevada, the Board of Regents and the State of Nevada rules, regulations, policies, and statutes shall control.

The Student Government Association shall abide by Great Basin College policies and procedures.

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association of Great Basin College, and it shall be known as the Student Government Association (SGA).
- B. The purpose of the SGA shall be to function as the representative body for all students to:
 - 1. Make recommendations concerning student welfare to those persons responsible for the administration of college policies.
 - 2. Enact policies and/or procedures concerning students. Such policies and/or procedures should be consistent with rules, regulation and policies adopted by the Board of Regents.
 - 3. Provide leadership for all SGA meetings of the student body.
 - 4. Assist in the directing and coordinating of student activities.
 - 5. Support SGA sanctioned student organizations.
 - 6. Encourage cooperation between students, staff, and faculty.
 - 7. Assess student opinions and needs as deemed necessary and proper.
 - 8. Encourage student involvement.

**Article II
Membership and Representation**

- A. All students enrolled in at least one credit shall be granted membership in the SGA.
- B. Members shall have the right to vote in all student elections, the right to participate in all activities sponsored by the SGA, and the right to attend all open meetings in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- C. The SGA Senate and Executive Board shall have governing authority of membership.

Article III

Structure and Duties of Officers

- A. The structure of the Student Government Association shall consist of the following:
 - 1. The SGA shall consist of the Executive Board, the Senate, and if the Executive Board so chooses, an appointed Senate Chair. To be eligible for the office of senate chair the senator shall have previously held the position of senator for one term.
 - 2. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the four executive officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - 3. The Senate shall be comprised of Senators that are either elected or appointed. The number of Senator positions is not to exceed 10 on the Elko Campus, 2 at the Winnemucca Center, 2 at the Ely Center, 2 at the Pahrump Center, and 1 at the Battle Mountain Center.
 - 4. The Executive Board shall meet prior to SGA Elections to decide the number of Senators represented on the GBC Elko Campus and the GBC Centers. Only vacant Senator positions shall be considered for reduction. A center shall be entitled to one Senator position. The Elko Campus shall be entitled to a minimum of five (5) Senator positions.
 - 5. The term of an elected/appointed spring SGA Officer shall begin immediately upon election or appointment, and terminate at the following spring election. The term of an elected/appointed fall SGA Officer shall begin immediately upon election or appointment, and terminate at the following fall election.
 - 6. Any student eligible to hold office shall maintain either a cumulative or a semester grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
 - 7. To be eligible to hold the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Senator, Officers shall complete at least six (6) GBC credits or GBC shared program credits per semester. Candidates for President or Vice President positions shall have completed thirty (30) GBC credit hours or previously held the position of Senator or other executive office at GBC for the term of one (1) term. Previous credit hours are not required for candidates of the Senator position or other executive positions.
 - 8. Each Officer shall attend SGA Meetings as a voting member and may attend other meetings as a voting member.
 - 9. A vacancy in any elected office of the SGA shall be filled by appointment by the SGA President, with approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the SGA with a quorum present.
- B. The duties of the Student Government Association Officers shall consist of the following:
 - 1. President:
 - a. Shall represent the SGA in the college community and to the community at large.
 - b. Shall attend the Board of Regents meetings on a regular basis, and periodically report on the progress and implementation of all actions of the SGA to the Great Basin College President, as well as, to the appropriate college committees (e.g. President's Council).
 - c. Shall serve or appoint a voting representative to participate in the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) from the beginning of NSA's first meeting in June, of their appointed year, to the first meeting in May of the following year.
 - d. Shall appoint a new representative to the NSA should the previous representative resign, become impeached, and/or be removed from office by the next scheduled NSA meeting to finish the current term.
 - e. Shall have the power to veto Senate policies and/or procedures.

- f. Shall vote on business requiring action during SGA meetings only in the event of a tie vote of the Senate and other Executive Officers.
 - g. Shall draft, distribute, and post agendas for SGA meetings in compliance with the requirements of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
 - h. Shall be empowered to call an Emergency or Special Meeting of the SGA, as circumstances require, that is consistent with requirements of the Nevada Open Meeting Law as stated in chapter 241 of the Nevada statutes as amended.
- 2. Vice President:
 - a. Shall assume the role and responsibilities of the President in the event of an absence, vacancy, or incapacitation of the President.
 - b. Shall be the chair of the SGA SOLAR - Programming Board, and shall draft, and distribute, agendas for the SOLAR meetings. Shall act as a liaison between GBC SGA and SGA sanctioned clubs and organizations.
- 3. Secretary:
 - a. Shall record and prepare the SGA minutes and shall then ensure that they are posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
 - b. Shall support other SGA committees as directed by the SGA President.
- 4. Treasurer:
 - a. Shall be responsible for all financial matters concerning the SGA.
 - b. Shall provide a written and an oral line-item report on a monthly basis to the SGA regarding the financial status of the SGA.
 - c. Shall advise the SGA when a transaction does not coincide with the budget.
- 5. Duties of Senators:
 - a. Shall attend all SGA meetings either in person or by interactive video. Senators shall also attend other SGA supported activities as assigned by the President or Vice President.
 - b. Shall serve on at least one SGA committee per semester.
- C. Duties of Student Advocate:
 - 1. Shall be a professional position attached to the Office of Student Services.
 - 2. Shall make recommendations to the SGA concerning any business, financial, program, procedural issues, and shall check the SGA Officer eligibility.
 - 3. Shall oversee and process the SGA expenditures and contractual agreements that have been approved by the SGA in accordance with current Board of Regents and Great Basin College policies and procedures.
 - 4. Shall identify relevant policies and procedures as needed.
 - 5. Shall provide leadership training and guidance.
 - 6. Shall appoint and chair an election committee.
- D. Duties of the SGA as a Nevada Student Alliance Member:
 - 1. Shall participate and assist with the events held by the NSA.
 - 2. Shall be recommended, by the appointed representative, for assistance to the NSA's events during event planning and discussion conducted during a scheduled meeting of the NSA.
 - 3. Shall deliberate the recommendation made by the representative for final approval among the SGA Officers during the scheduled SGA meetings following the recommendation.

Article IV
SGA Elections/Voting Procedures

A. Election Committee

1. The Election Committee shall be formed two (2) weeks prior to elections and shall be appointed by the Student Advocate. Elections for officers shall be held the last week of April. Elections may be held the third week of the fall semester for open senate positions.
2. The Student Advocate and Election Committee shall adhere to election rules as stated in the SGA Bylaws.
3. The committee shall consist of no more than seven people, including at least one faculty, staff, or administrator of GBC, to be chosen by the current Student Advocate.
4. No member of the committee shall be eligible to run for any SGA position.
5. The responsibility of the Election Committee shall be to oversee election procedure and enforce rules pertaining to elections.

B. Infractions Committee

1. An Infractions Committee shall be formed prior to elections by the Student Advocate consisting of three faculty members and two students not seeking a SGA office.
2. The committee shall be responsible for investigations and determining the course of action to be taken in the event of violations of any election rules as determined by the Election Committee during or after an election.
3. All potential candidates shall abide by all election rules stated in the SGA Bylaws. These rules shall be distributed to each candidate. Each candidate shall sign the rules, indicating that they understand them, and return them to the Student Advocate.
4. Locked/secure boxes and/or voting booths shall be used to secure all votes.
5. Voting Procedures shall be followed as stated in the SGA Bylaws.

Article V
Remuneration of SGA Officers

- A. The SGA President shall receive a payment in the amount of tuition costs and technology fee charges equivalent to fifteen (15) lower division GBC credit hours.
- B. The SGA Vice President shall receive a payment in the amount of tuition costs and tech fee charges equivalent to twelve (12) lower division GBC credit hours.
- C. The SGA Secretary, Treasurer, and Senate Chair shall receive a payment in the amount of tuition costs and technology fee charges equivalent to nine (9) lower division GBC credit hours.
- D. The SGA Senators shall receive a payment in the amount of tuition costs and technology fee charges equivalent to six (6) lower division GBC credit hours.
- E. Payment for Officers serving during the summer term shall be \$100.00.
- F. Officers who fulfill their duties shall be paid at the end of the fall semester, spring semester, and summer term.
- G. Officers who resign or are impeached and removed from office shall not be entitled to payment. Officers shall not be eligible to run for an SGA office for a period of two (2) years unless they have petitioned the Infractions Committee and received permission to run.

Article VI
Resignation, Removal, and Impeachment of SGA Officers

- A. Resignation
 - 1. An Officer may resign by addressing a letter of resignation to the SGA President.
 - 2. Resignations shall be official upon presentation and approval of the resignation letter during the next scheduled SGA meeting.
- B. Removal
 - 1. An Officer who does not maintain the appropriate GPA will be removed after semester grades are posted and reviewed by the SGA Student Advocate.
 - 2. An Officer who violates the GBC Student Code of Conduct may be removed from office.
- C. Grounds for impeachment
 - 1. SGA Officers shall be subject to impeachment and removal by the SGA on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, in violation of the GBC student conduct policy, and in violation of the SGA Constitution or Bylaws.
 - 2. Charges may be brought against any Officer by any member of the SGA. At the time the charges are leveled, the SGA shall hear the charges and determine by a majority vote with quorum present, if there is just cause to form an Impeachment Committee. The Impeachment Committee shall be composed of all SGA Officers and the Vice President for Student Services, who will chair the meeting to maintain order.
 - 3. Officer(s) being impeached shall be given reasonable opportunity to respond to such charges in person or in writing during the impeachment hearings before the SGA takes action.
 - 4. Sustainment of impeachment charges by the Impeachment Committee shall cause impeached Officer(s) to be immediately removed from the office and barred from holding further SGA offices indefinitely.

Article VII
Meetings and Bylaws

- A. A quorum must be present in order for the SGA to conduct official business. A quorum shall be 51% of the SGA Officers.
- B. Any action of the SGA concerning expenditures of funds requires a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
- C. For any individual to request a new business item to be heard by the SGA, an agenda request form must be filled out with all of the appropriate information and submitted to the SGA President prior to posting of the corresponding agendas, in accordance to Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- D. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held each week when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters.
- E. The SGA President has the authority to cancel SGA meetings.
- F. The SGA shall meet at least once a month during the summer session.
- G. All SGA meetings are mandatory for all Officers. Three (3) excessive unexcused absences shall result in the removal of office as defined in the GBC Excessive Absences Policy.
- H. SGA meetings shall be conducted under the procedural rules of Robert's Rules of Order.
- I. SGA Officers shall adhere to the SGA Bylaws. The SGA Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote with quorum present.

Article VIII

Finance

- A. The students of Great Basin College hereby grant their representative body, the SGA, the power to enact policies and/or procedures necessary to finance social, education, and recreation programs for the students.
- B. All monies transferred by the Board of Regents to the SGA shall be administered by the SGA, in accordance with all the policies and fiscal management procedures established by the Board of Regents and state law and applicable to all units within the NSHE System.
 - 1. The executive board shall develop the SGA budget.
 - 2. The budget should be developed by the beginning of the fiscal year and approved by majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
 - 3. The budget shall be submitted to the GBC controller's office for joint review for budget accuracy.
- C. The SGA shall allocate an appropriate amount of monies from their annual budget to be spent on Nevada Student Alliance events and promotion.

Article IX

Student Organization

- A. The term "student organization" shall apply to all organized groups, which conform to the qualifications of the SGA and meets with its approval and thereby qualifies as an "on campus organization." Members in these organizations shall be open to all eligible registered students.
- B. Only those organizations shall be recognized which have as a purpose one or more of the following:
 - 1. To increase and stimulate the student's knowledge and interest in his/her curricular field.
 - 2. To promote a feeling of fellowship among students with similar interests.
 - 3. To sponsor educational and recreational activities and encourages community service.
 - 4. To instill in the minds of the student body a feeling of unity and loyalty toward the college.
- C. To be recognized, all organizations must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Identify a Full-Time GBC faculty or staff member as an advisor for your organization.
 - 2. Maintain a membership of at least five members.
 - 3. Sponsor for its members and/or their guests at least one educational, recreational, or social activity each semester.
 - 4. Hold a minimum of one (1) meeting per month, per academic year.
 - 5. A member from the club/organization shall provide a line of communication between the SGA and their club/organization by attending SOLAR (Students, Organizations, Leaders Achieving Results) - Programming Board meetings.
 - 6. The SGA may revoke approval of any organization, which fails to maintain the qualifications listed in Section C of this article, all SGA Bylaws, and requirements stated in the SOLAR Manual.
 - 7. A student organization shall, when making plans for an all-college activity, submit to the SGA Vice President an agenda request form with all of the information regarding the activity three (3) weeks prior to the event for which approval is requested.

8. A student organization shall, when requesting money for an all-college activity, have a representative present at the SGA meeting to discuss all information regarding the activity for which approval is requested at least two (2) SGA meetings prior to the activity.
 9. Once a request is submitted, requested funds by the student organization may be reduced by 10%, up to 100%, per every unexcused absence to past-held SOLAR-Programming Board meetings and/or failure to attend, or hold, previously dedicated events by the student organization, without prior notice to the SGA.
 10. Funds per academic year shall be given to each recognized club on an as needed basis. Funds may be approved only by a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present.
 11. The SGA may extend approval to temporary groups or committees, as it deems necessary.
- D. A student organization shall file a new club/organization form along with written Bylaws stating the guidelines of their organization for approval with the SGA. The organizations Bylaws shall make reference to being an organized club at Great Basin College. The SGA shall act on the form and Bylaws after receiving them. Once approved by a majority vote of the SGA with quorum present, the organization retains their approval unless revoked.

Article X

Adoption, Amendment, Repeal

- A. The SGA shall propose amendments when deemed necessary by 2/3 majority vote with quorum present. Any SGA Officer may propose an amendment. Any SGA member through a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the students currently enrolled at GBC may propose an amendment. The SGA Student Advocate shall verify the petition. The following procedures shall take place:
1. After verification, submitted to the SGA.
 2. The SGA shall ensure that the amendment is put to voters in a special election or the next regular election.
 3. Approval shall require a simple majority of those voting in the election.
- B. The adoption, amendment or repeal of a student government constitution shall be in accordance with procedures prescribed therein. Prior to a vote of the students, legal counsel shall review any such proposed revisions. If approved by the student body, the revisions shall be transmitted by the president to the Chancellor for approval. Within 45 days of a request for approval, the Chancellor shall act to approve or reject the adoption, amendment or repeal of a student government constitution or they shall be deemed approved. Where the provisions of such student government constitutions, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, conflict with the policies of the Board, the Board's policies shall prevail and the conflicting provisions of such student government constitutions, or other such bylaws, procedures and regulations, shall be void and of no effect whatever.
- C. Amendments to the SGA Constitution shall take effect immediately following the completion of procedures as outlined in Article X (B).
- D. In the event of an amendment to the SGA Constitution the students in office shall remain in office until their term expires.

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