NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
MINUTES

May 12, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
   Carson City-WNC Dini 105
   Elko-GBC LCSL 122
   Henderson- NSC RSC 370
   Las Vegas–CSN CHEY 2638 and NSHE System Admin 101

CALL TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)
    PRESENT
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    PRESENT
Mr. Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
    ABSENT AT BEGINNING, ARRIVED AT 4:03 PM PRESENT
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA
    DESRIREE DECOSTA, PRESENT
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
    PRESENT
Mr. Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
    PRESENT
Mrs. Chelsey Fox, Great Basin College, SGA
    PRESENT
Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
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    PRESENT
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
    ABSENT
Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
    ABSENT AT BEGINNING, ARRIVED AT 4:06 PM – PRESENT
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
    ABSENT

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Vice Chair Andrea Senda will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video
sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

QUOROM MET – SEE ABOVE FOR PRESENT MEMBERS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
DEEP SENGUPTA – DRI
CADEN FABBI – UNR
2. 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. 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.

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CADEN FABBI – UNR
HEATHER PHELPS – NSSA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on March 3 and 4, and April 7, 2016.

MOVE TO APPROVE BY CARLOS FERNANDEZ
SECONDED BY BRANDON BOONE
VOTE OF 7-0-0, APPROVED

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/TRANSITION DATES

New and existing members will introduce themselves to the group and share the student government leadership transition dates for each of their campuses.

START WITH JESSICA CONNOLEY – DRI, INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT, DEEP SENGUPTA
BRANDON BOONE – PRESIDENT OF UNR ASUN
TYLER ROSS – REELECTED PRESIDENT of UNR GSA
RENEE DAVIS – NSHE
KANANI ESPINOZA, CARLOS FERNADEZ, MEGHAN PIERCE
DESIREE DECOSTA – NSC, HEATHER (VP), AJ (CHAIR OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT)
CHELSEY FOX – GBC
ANDREA SENDA – ASWN

5. NSA NEWSLETTER

Former NSA Chair Caden Fabbi will update the group on progress made toward publishing a Spring 2016 NSA newsletter.

SUBMISSIONS BY MONDAY, MAY 16TH
150 WORDS
CADEN FABBi SPEAKS, ANDREA, KANANI AND DAMARYNee

6. STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING - NSA REPORT

At the December 3, 2015 NSA meeting, Alliance members expressed what they discovered on their campuses relating to the quality and quantity of student advising. Alliance members subsequently provided the information they gathered on their campuses to Former NSA Chair Caden Fabbi, who compiled the information into a report for presentation to the Board and Chancellor. Former Chair Fabbi requests approval of the contents of the finalized report, which will afterwards be shared with the Board and Chancellor.

CADEN SPEAKS ABOUT STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING
NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NSC AND CSN
DESIREE DECOSTA WILL SEND IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NSC,
APPRCIEATES ALL THE WORK PUT IN ALREADY

7. PROPOSED NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Based on a discussion by the Alliance at the March 3, 2016 meeting, NSA Vice Chair Andrea Senda and former NSA Chair Caden Fabbi request members to consider an amendment to the NSA constitution regarding ex-officio members. Specifically, Section 210 of the current NSA constitution allows each student body president to appoint one ex-officio member, but limits these members to officers of the member student governments. The proposed revision would open up eligibility for appointment as an ex-officio member to any currently enrolled student from a member institution. Members may also discuss other amendments to Section 210, possibly including but not limited to clarification of the purpose of an ex-officio member and/or a process or timeline for appointment.

CADEN TALKS ABOUT EX-OFFICIO STATUS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF EACH INSTITUTION TO HELP FACILITATE THE NSA DUTIES.

8. 2016 NSA MEETING DATES/MEMBER BIOS

Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis will present to members the updates to NSA meeting schedule for 2016. Members are asked to share this information with their successors at the time they change office. In addition, Ms. Davis will request all new members to provide a short (one paragraph) bio and photo for the NSA web page prior to the June 9-10 Board of Regents meeting.

RENEE DAVIS SPEAKS ABOUT WHAT NSA IS AND WHEN THEY MEET
BIOS DUE TO RENEE PRIOR TO BOR, NEED TRANSITION INFORMATION FROM CSN, TMCC SGA, ASWN

9. 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.

NO NEW BUSINESS

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CHELSEY FOX – HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY EMAILS FOR MINUTES
CADEN FABBI – UNR
THANK YOU RENEE! – ANDREA

ADJOURN AT 4:30 PM