NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
June 7, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Blvd
Reno, NV 89512
Sierra Building Room
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CHAIR CHRISTOPHER ROYS CALLS MEETING TO ORDER at 5:01pm

1. ROLL CALL:
   Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN PRESENT - CARISSA BRADLEY AS PROXY
   Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA PRESENT - TARA PARK AS PROXY
   Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA ABSENT
   Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN PRESENT
   Ms. Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA PRESENT
   Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA PRESENT
   Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN PRESENT
   Mr. Andrew Sierra, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN PRESENT
   Ms. Ahtziry Vasquez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA PRESENT
   Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD (GRAD has not elected a president for 2018-19)

GUESTS:
   Chair Kevin Page, Board of Regents
   Chancellor Thom Reilly, NSHE
   Dean Gould, Board of Regents Chief of Staff
   President Vince Solis, Western Nevada College
   Ashley Bowman, Nevada State College
   Renee Davis, NSHE
   Darla Dodge, Western Nevada College
   Michael Flores, NSHE Chief of Staff
   Lilly Leon-Vicks, Western Nevada College

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
   INFORMATION
   No public Comment
3. **DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR**

NSA Chair Christopher Roys begins by describing the meeting as an open dialog between students and the Board officers and Chancellor Thom Reilly. NSA members introduce themselves, as do all of the other attendees. Chair Roys provides a brief description of NSHE’s governance structure and opens the floor for discussion.

Chancellor Reilly invites students to reach out to him to share their feedback on issues as they arise. He explains the Governor’s direction regarding building NSHE’s budget and the possible expansions that he will be bringing to the Board for consideration (up to $120 million above the base budget, but no more). One possible priority is state funding for summer courses (currently only nursing course and nursing prerequisites are funded by the state in summer). In addition, there may be new funds for faculty compensation for the first time in a number of years. The budget will not be finalized until July.

Chancellor Reilly speaks briefly about Nevada Promise, the Millennium Scholarship and the Silver State Opportunity Grant, as well as potential program changes. He informs members on the background of the percentage increase for tuition and fees. Opfer explains her concerns on the drastic transition there could possibly be for students if tuition increases at a high rate. Timeline for the tuition and fees committee and for building NSHE’s state budget is discussed and how changing the timeline could create a better process for deciding tuition changes in years to come. Chancellor Reilly explains the HEPI index and its impact on tuition and fee increases.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Carissa Bradley suggests an action item on a resolution for the tuition and fees committee timeline and how the timeline can be better fitted to HEPI. Suggests finding a resolution to a policy in order to give committee a direction to solving the problem. Bradley also wants a resolution on the funding formula. Chair Christopher Roys also suggests a resolution on the divestment of fossil fuels.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ashley Bowman, Chair of Public Relations of Nevada State College, congratulates newly elected officers of NSA and is excited to be able to work with all the new members.

Andrew Sierra thanks all members for being so welcoming, caring, and helpful to him as he is a new member and was not fully aware on how the whole process of being president of his study body works.

Nicola Opfer thanks all members and expresses her enthusiasm in getting to know all the members of NSA on a personal level.
Tara Park thanks all members and informs members that she is an open resource to all.

Christopher Roys thanks Renee for all her work with the NSA.

**CHAIR ADJOURNS MEETING AT 5:53 PM**