

# NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

## MINUTES

February 13, 2012

**Present:** Ms. Aimee Riley, ASCSN, Chair  
Mr. Casey Stiteler, ASUN, Vice Chair  
Mr. Alex Porter, GPSA  
Mr. Michael J. Gordon, GPSA  
Ms. Stephanie Vega, GSA  
Ms. Sarah Saenz, CSUN  
Ms. Heather Dodson, ASWN

**Absent:** Mr. Scott Gaddis, TMCC  
Mr. Steve Gronstal, GRAD  
Ms. Mikayla Morgan, NSSA

- 1. Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.**
- 2. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH**

Changes to Funding Formula Proposal

-Recommendation that the allocation be limited to general fund appropriations only because the old version combined tuition and fees with general fund. NSHE backed away from that because it blurred funding lines. Funding formula model that still looks at a weighted student credit hour.

-Details about how performance metrics will be carried out

Under Discussion

How to deal with operations and maintenance

- should that be pulled out or left in with weighted factor for economies of scale
- to which institutions should it apply

Research factor

- how should it be calculated?
- should there be one?
- what do you have in grants and where they came from
- need to take into account the mission of the universities for research
- compete for knowledge fund from AB 449 model after USTAR in Utah where a board pulls in the state economic development plan and makes offers based on the needs including research grants. Not decided if it is the only state funded grant for research
- Multipliers for upper division stem classes
  - appropriate or not
  - give additional weighting that can be allocated to the research enterprise of the universities (might not directly relate to research)
  - shouldn't be additional funding for research beyond the weighting

## NCHEMS

Dennis Jones consults on Formula Funding across the states. He was selected by Chancellor based on his experience.

If report is pushed backed, what are the consequences?

Chancellor is not going to rely on the report. He will move forward with the proposal based on feedback. Hopefully, the committee will accept it.

Concerns about how CSN will be harmed by diseconomies of scale.

Chancellor is not sure that he buys into it. He sees the argument. He describes the economies of scale as despite your size of institution you still need to have a set aside to have a basic administrative structure even with lower enrollment.

Chancellor suspects that if institutions hold on to Tuition and Fees dollars that will include the result of salary, merit, and COLA.

In terms of structure, how will it change the process of the allocation of funds by the Regents?

Chancellor foresees the Regent approving the full budgets as well as governor. The legislature will not be able to have a say on that funding.

Chancellor suggest that NSA discuss whether or not to develop a statement for the next Formula Funding Meeting.

Transfer articulation agreements. How would transfer students be calculated in the funding formula?

The completion hours will reside in the institution where they were completed in the performance metrics. The transfer of the student from 2 year to 4 year will give credit to both institutions. Item will be in the Academic Affairs Committee

How will grade inflation be accounted for in the performance metrics?

Faculty Senate Chairs have asked to develop a committee to look at rigor and assessments.

Textbooks costs from textbook committees?

Not much control over textbook costs by publishers. There is resistance from faculty on freedom to determine content in courses if regents place restrictions on it.

Committee will build and consider models on these appropriations in the future TBA.

There will be "winners and losers." Focus on large philosophical issues of funding, such as comparisons of values within matrix for the Feb 29th meeting.

Send statements on performance metrics to Casey by Friday on 5pm.

Discussion on Vision Statement. Core values were suggested by Michael. He will forward to the NSA leadership for review and future discussion.

Student Technology Fees will most likely not roll back after the Integrate Project is over. Can look at how the funds will be reallocated. UNLV Presidents expressed interest in technology fee increase for student computer access at their institution. Other presidents indicated no interest.

Committee on Access and Affordability setting a state aid limit of 150% that reflects the 150% of federal aid. A goal of the committee is to have a separate line item for aid that is not out of the state fund.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**5. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**

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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), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4505 Marlyand Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

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**2. NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE VISION STATEMENT**

Michael Gordon reported that he has sent emails to other committee members without response. He expressed frustration that the members of the committee are not following through with formulating a recommendation for vision statements. Aimee Riley suggested that he send out what the committee had formulated to date so that the organization at large can provide feedback.

**3. STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE**

Student Technology Fees will most likely not roll back after the Integrate Project is over. Can look at how the funds will be reallocated. UNLV Presidents expressed interest in technology fee increase for student computer access at their institution. Other presidents indicated no interest as increasing fees places more burden on already overtaxes students.

**4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Aimee Riley reported that students have an agenda item in the upcoming Funding Formula Committee meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 29 at UNLV. We need to ensure we have a strong student representation. Per Chancellor Klaich, Funding Formula Committee will build and consider models on these appropriations in the future TBA. There will be "winners and losers." Focus on large philosophical issues of funding, such as comparisons of values within matrix for the Feb 29th meeting. NSA agreed to work to formulate unified statement.

NSA agreed to send statements from each institutional student body president on funding formula positions to Casey Stitler by Friday, February 17 by 5 p.m.

**5. COMMITTEE ON ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY**

Committee on Access and Affordability setting a state aid limit of 150% that reflects the 150% of federal aid. A goal of the committee is to have a separate line item for aid that is not out of the state fund.

**6. NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**

Per conversation with Chancellor Klaich, re: transfer articulation agreements.

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