

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**May 31, 2012
Time 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m
University of Nevada, Reno
Rita Laden Senate Chambers
Minutes**

Attending:

**Mr. Antonio Guerrero for Travis Brown, ASCSN
Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN
Mr. Orion Cuffe, UNR GSA
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA
Mr. Michael Gordon, UNLV GPSA
Mr. Steve Gronstal, GRAD
Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN
Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA**

Absent:

**Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for May 14, 2012 were approved with changes.

3. NSA CONSTITUTION OVERVIEW

Renee Davis explained the NSA Constitution and organization. She provided the following explanation about which members were eligible to run for chair and vice chair for 2012-13:

Under Sec. 300.24, the chair and the vice chair cannot both come from the same institution in a given year, e.g., they cannot both be from UNR member organizations for 2012-2013. Sec. 300.23 dictates that the same organization (such as UNLV GPSA) cannot hold the same position for two consecutive years. For example, a student from the UNLV GPSA would not be prohibited from holding the vice chair position this year if a student from CSUN held the chair position last year. A student from the UNLV GPSA would only be prohibited from holding the chair position this year if a student from UNLV GPSA held the chair position last year. It takes 2/3 of voting members present at the first meeting to elect a chair.

She also asked that the chair appoint a secretary to take minutes. The Alliance wanted to see if the secretary could be elected and be an officer. This would take a change of the constitution.

4. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Michael Gordon and Naveget Zed were nominated for the position of Chair. They each gave a short speech introducing themselves and discussing what they felt was important for next year should they go forward as the chair.

Michael and Naveget left the room while members discussed the two candidates. Once discussion was complete, the candidates returned to the group and voting took place via secret ballot. Renee Davis and Allison Combs, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, collected and tabulated the ballots. Michael Gordon received 6 votes and Naveget Zed received 2 votes. Michael Gordon was announced as chair.

There was a suggestion that a 2/3 vote should not be required to elect the chair or vice chair. Changing this requires an amendment to the NSA constitution.

Orion Cuffe and Naveget Zed were nominated for the vice-chair position. Naveget declined the nomination. Orion made a brief speech about his aspirations for the coming year. He was elected unanimously as vice-chair by closed ballot. Renee Davis and Allison Combs tabulated the votes.

Renee Davis reminded Michael that he should appoint a secretary for the next meeting.

5. OPEN MEETING LAW

Renée Davis provided an explanation of how the open meeting law applies to meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance. There is a time frame that needs to be followed as agendas must be posted by 9:00 AM three working days in advance of a meeting. She would like the agendas a week and a half before the meeting so changes can be made. These agendas, when finalized, must go to legal before they are posted.

New Business can be where Alliance members suggest new agenda items.

6. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair will introduce the new group of the Nevada Student Alliance to the Board of Regents and may also give a brief overview of NSA goals for 2012-13.

7. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Chair of the committee has invited a student representative from NSA to serve on a Funding Formula Sub-Committee. The Alliance needs to decide who that person will be. Michael asked that interested members speak with him.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 AM