

## **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

*Working together to promote and protect the educational interests of the students in the Nevada Higher Education System.*

**October 8, 2012**

**4:00-5:00 P.M.**

### **Videoconference Minutes**

**Attending:** Mr. Orion Cuffe, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)  
Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair (via phone)  
Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN  
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA  
Ms. Kathy Bywaters, DRI  
Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN  
Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

**Absent:** Mr. Mark Ciovola, CSUN  
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA  
Mr. Navgeet "King" Zed, TMCC

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Orion Cuffe.

#### **1. Board of Regents Special Meeting on October 19, 2012**

Chancellor Klaich briefly summarized expected topics for this meeting, noting that agenda review had not been completed yet. He explained this particular meeting would serve as a Board workshop, as required for accreditation. The meeting is meant to encourage inter-relationships between Board members. The Chancellor also explained he feels it is time for a "reset" of the Board from budget cutting mode to policy setting.

#### **2. Funding Formula**

As directed by the State Legislature, there will be an October 24, 2012 meeting chaired by Jason Geddes to review the performance pool. Some items to be considered by this group include national benchmarks and individual or categorical pools. Essentially this committee is expected to pick up where the Legislative committee left off.

#### **3. Hot Topics for November Meeting?**

Agenda is not yet established.

#### **4. Weapons Policy**

This policy was passed at the September Board meeting. It simply establishes procedures by which presidents can approve exceptions to the policy as established in *NRS*.

#### **5. E-Learning**

Chancellor Klaich explained individual Board members have differing positions and objectives (narrow to broad). He has contracted with Richard N. Katz & Associates to take a look at e-

learning system-wide and made recommendations. E-learning in some fashion will need to play a greater (more expanded and flexible) role in serving rural Nevada.

**6. Higher Ed 101**

This is a series of presentations held on the campuses with the purpose of better familiarizing state legislators with higher education. Renee Davis will forward these presentations to NSA members on behalf of the Chancellor.

**7. NSA Awareness/Education Day**

Mr. Cuffe described the preliminary plans for an education day at the Nevada Legislature during the coming 2013 session. The Chancellor offered to share any materials the system produces and outlines prominent issues for the biennium:

- a. Reinstatement of pay levels for state employees, including NSHE faculty and staff
- b. Mitigation for rural campuses to offset funding formula changes
- c. Focus on the story of adequacy – current funding levels are NOT adequate

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM.

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Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair (via phone)  
Mr. Navgeet "King" Zed, TMCC  
Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN  
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA  
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA (joined at 5:15)  
Ms. Kathy Bywaters, DRI  
Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN  
Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

**Absent:** Mr. Mark Ciovola, CSUN

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Orion Cuffe.

#### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Weinstock invited everyone to join and be a part of the Diversity conference that the ASUN is hosting.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY FOR THE MEETING/ROLL CALL**

Mr. Zed was appointed as secretary by Mr. Cuffe. Roll was taken.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved unanimously with a motion from Mr. Gordon and a second by Mr. Weinstock.

#### **4. FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH CHANCELLOR**

It was decided by consensus that the November 12th meeting would not be rescheduled and that the 2013 meetings will still take place on second Mondays of the month.

#### **5. NSA NEWSLETTER**

All members present at the meeting had distributed the newsletter to their constituents either electronically or with hard copies. Weapons policy, Diversity Summits, Student Day (Update Blurb) and NSA behind the scenes were suggested as topics for articles for the next newsletter.

#### **6. NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**

Mr. Cuffe asked for members to join the committee to revise the NSA constitution, Ms. Bywaters, and Mr. Brown volunteered.

**7. NSA AWARENESS**

It was decided by consensus that the NSA would try to raise \$10,000 for NSA Awareness approximately \$1250 per campus. Members were encouraged to check their individual student government budgets and come prepared to pledge an amount for this cause at the next NSA meeting.

**8. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING INFORMATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Mr. Cuffe reported that Chair Geddes is forming an ad hoc committee to study the impact of the proposed funding formula on individual campuses.

**9. STUDENT REGENT**

Mr. Weinstock informed that there was no update on the Student Regent.

**10. VOTER REGISTRATION LINK**

Mr. Cuffe said that the voter registration link is up on most Student Government Websites.

**11. WEAPONS POLICY**

Mr. Cuffe reported that the policy was discussed with the Chancellor at the prior NSA and Regents meeting and it made provision for campus presidents to allow particular students to have weapons on campus.

**12. NSA LOGO**

Mr. Weinstock volunteered to submit a work order with inkblot to develop a new logo for the NSA.

**13. NSA FUNDING**

Ms. Davis, Director of Student Affairs and liaison to the NSA, will look into the logistic issues around funding and prior attempts at funding for the NSA.

Mr. Cuffe suggested that Mr. Zed consider submitting a NSA constitutional change regarding future NSA funding from each institutional member.

**14. SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

It was decided by consensus to hold a dinner meeting on November 28th at 8pm at the Crown & Anchor pub on Tropicana Ave in Las Vegas and November 29th at 8pm at Metro Pizza also on Tropicana Ave in Las Vegas. It was suggested that the 29th be a gathering, rather than a meeting. Ms. Davis will look into the logistics and inform Mr. Cuffe.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dorsey asked about the date for Education Day and was informed by Mr. Cuffe that it is on February 25, 2013.

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

Mr. Cuffe asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Zed motioned and Mr. Weinstock seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 P.M.