

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

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

**May 14, 2012  
4:00-5:00 PM**

- Present:**
- Ms. Aimee Riley, ASCSN, Chair**
  - Mr. Alex Porter, GBC**
  - Mr. Michael J. Gordon, GPSA**
  - Ms. Heather Dodson, ASWN**
  - Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN**
  - Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN**
  - Mr. Orion Cuffe, UNR GSA**
  - Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA**
  - Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA**
  - Isaac Duran, GBC**
  - Jennifer Reed, Student**
  - Steve Branier, Student**
  - Mercedes Haefer, Student**
  - Jenney Lease, Student**
- Absent:**
- Mr. Casey Stiteler, ASUN, Vice Chair**
  - Ms. Stephanie Vega, GSA**
  - Mr. Steve Gronstal, GRAD**
  - Ms. Sarah Saenz, CSUN**
  - Mr. Scott Gaddis, TMCC**
  - Mikayla Morgan, NSSA**
  - Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV**
  - Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

### **1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENTS**

Aimee Riley had all of the new Nevada Student Alliance Presidents introduce themselves. Chancellor Dan Klaich introduced himself to the students, as did Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Allison Combs, who was present on behalf of Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba.

### **2. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH**

#### **Formula Funding Committee**

They have had three meetings. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Chair of this committee will testify before the Legislature. There will be two reports from the system - (1) Efforts to apply for "HSI" (Hispanic Serving Institution) status by various NSHE institutions; and (2) Fresh Look at Community Colleges Task Force.

The May 23, 2012 meeting at the Legislature will be on Formula Funding. The meeting is posted on the Legislative website. It is called the Interim Committee to Study Higher Education. They will be talking more about performance pool and also the budget.

SRI Consultants are assisting with providing information on formula funding. They suggested that completing a course with a grade of F be included in the funding model. The idea is completion or successful completion which is the best. They want uniform funding for the lower divisions. The Chancellor is working on getting the performance pool draft revision. There will be a presentation at the Board meeting on Fresh Look. He encouraged the students to testify at the Board meeting.

### Articulation

English 101 is transferrable uniformly across the state. 100 and 200 courses are uniform across state. The junior and senior courses are weighted and are not a one size fits all. There are some students that feel it is too hard to transfer from one campus to another. Counselors are trying to make it easier. UNLV, NSC and CSN have a joint transfer taskforce that are addressing the issues that students have brought up. Articulation across all the campuses is needed. The students see efforts as critical for Southern Nevada because of heavy changes occurring. A new committee in the south is looking at the transfer and articulation agreements between CSN and UNLV. In the north a Co-Admission policy is being used. TMCC, UNR, GBC and WNC are discussing this issue on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chancellor Klaich said that there are two issues that are going around.

1. Student "Board of Regent" which will be a legal matter and will be discussed at the Legislative Commission.
2. President searches and the impression of internal promotions over external. Searches were handled in the open with best practices. They are looking into internal consistency.

### Access and Affordability Committee

There will be a report to that Chancellor in summer. He will decide whether to take the report to the Board in September or December. May 25<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. Some major concerns of the committee are the need for transparency, predictability and affordability in pricing higher education.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

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### **1.       APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for April 9, 2012 were approved.

### **2.       INFORMATION FOR INCOMING PRESIDENT**

The meeting dates were posted on the webpage. There was a request that a Henderson site be added to the video sites. Renee Davis reminded the Student Alliance members of the board meetings and times for the meetings with the Board Chair and the Student Alliance meeting on Thursday will generally be at 7:00 am to 7:45 am. Please look at the Board schedule for the meeting times and locations in advance and let her know if there are questions. Since the meetings are short, it is important to arrive on time, and it is difficult to get information the morning of the meetings.

Open meeting law requires the agenda to be posted by 9 am - 3 business days before the meeting. We want the agendas at least a week in advance as they have to go to legal to review. Renee Davis also reminded the Alliance members that they cannot deliberate outside of meetings.

Next meeting members will have to vote for a chair and vice-chair. Members may self-nominate.

**3. NSHE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**

CSN, NSC and UNLV Taskforce is being formed to look at these issues. One aim is to keep graduating students in the state and make it easier for students to transfer between NSHE institutions. GBC, TMCC, UNR and WNC have been working together on implementing the recently approved Co-Admission policy, which is seen as a way to facilitate transfer from a 2-year to a 4-year institution.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM