

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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

September 7, 2012

7:15-7:45 A.M.

Truckee Meadows Community College

Sierra Building, Room 201

Minutes

Attending: **Mr. Orion Cuffe, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)**
 Mr. Navgeet "King" Zed, TMCC
 Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN
 Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA
 Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA
 Mr. Jason Geddes, Board of Regents Chair
 Ms. Fantasi Pridgohn
 Ms. Alexi Schurmur
 Ms. Kathy Bywaters, DRI
 Mr. Scott Wasserman
 Ms. Sara Farr, CSUN
 Ms. Jessica Lujan
 Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN (Joined the meeting at 7:21)
 Mr. Dan Klaich, Chancellor (Joined the meeting at 7:21)
 Ms. Sharon Young, UNLV GPSA (Joined the meeting at 7:21)
 Mr. Kevin Page, Board of Regents Vice Chair (Joined the meeting at 7:28)

Absent: **Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair**
 Mr. Mark Ciovola, CSUN
 Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 am

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

2. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD CHAIR JASON GEDDES

- Mr. Cuffe asked the chair about International Student Fee.
 - The Chair informed the group that the International Student Fee is a contract with the Colleges.
- Ms. Bywaters asked the Chair since the only way the institution could raise funds was through raising tuitions, if there were any assurances that the students would be protected.
 - Chair Geddes responded that the thirteen members of the Board would be the ones responsible to provide those assurances.
- Ms. Bywaters asked a follow up question about the chances of the budget being approved as it stands.

- Chair Geddes responded that the chances are pretty good that the budget will be approved as it stands and that historically the budget is approved within 5% of the one that is presented to the legislators.
- Ms. Lujan asked the chair about special fees.
 - Chair Geddes informed the group that all fees have to be detailed and in the budget before approval.
 - Chancellor Klaich added that the size of the fee makes a difference and smaller fees don't need board approval.
- Mr. Cuffe asked Chair Geddes about the Governor and mitigation of funds.
 - Chair Geddes informed the group that there is an upcoming \$13.2 million reduction for Community Colleges and the board is working with Governor to mitigate and phase the reduction.
- Mr. Porter asked the chair about the chances of the budget passing the legislature given the mitigation and phasing suggested by the board.
 - Chair Geddes informed the group that the board has submitted a flat budget and will submit the formula to the governor but it will be up to the legislature after that point.
 - Chancellor Klaich added that he feels that there's significant momentum behind the formula. He further added that he feels that the governor is a strong proponent of higher education in rural Nevada and will not destroy it.
 - Chair Geddes added that the governor's chief of staff was on the committee and legislators supported it so it has a good chance for approval.
 - Chancellor Klaich added that ultimately, it depends on the legislators.
- Mr. Blackwell commented that seems like we are in a good spot as far as policy is concerned.
 - Chair Geddes said that he agreed and echoed that sentiment.
 - Mr. Page - This has been a 9 month process and Mr. Klaich and his staff are responsible for the current good place of the Board.
 - Chancellor Klaich added that the ultimate idea of the formula is to get the money into the classroom where it's needed.
- Mr. Cuffe asked how definite is it that Knowledge fund will be funded.
 - Chair Geddes said that 99% sure that the knowledge fund will be funded, don't know how much but it will be funded. It's a priority of the board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 A.M.