

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

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

**February 11, 2013**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Videoconference Sites:**

**System Administration Reno 134**

**Carson City-WNC Dini 105**

**Elko-GBC MH 125**

**Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2638**

**UNLV SCS 102**

**NSC DAW 218**

**Meeting Called to order at 4:46**

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair**
- Mr. Orion Cuffe, Vice Chair**
- Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN (Joined the meeting at 4:53)**
- Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN**
- Ms. Kathy Bywaters, GRAD**
- Mr. Mark Ciovola, UNLV (Absent)**
- Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA**
- Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA**
- Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN (Absent)**
- Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

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

Mr. Navgeet Zed was appointed as the secretary for the minutes.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for November 28-29, December 10, and January 14.

Motion to approve minutes from November 28-29 and December 10 by Mr. Blackwell and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

**4. NSA NEWSLETTER**

Mr. Zed gave an update on the newsletter.

**5. NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**

The ad-hoc NSA Constitutional Revision committee will report on its activities and recommendations to date. Members will provide input on this topic, possibly including a vote to adopt.

Mr. Cuffe made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Zed.

After discussion the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Cuffe

Mr. Cuffe made a motion to approve the new constitution without section 240.0. Ms. Bywaters seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gordon requested that Section 240.0 be added to the next agenda for further deliberation.

## **6. NSA AWARENESS**

NSA members will receive an update from Vice Chair Orion Cuffe on plans for the NV education advocacy event in Carson City scheduled for February 25. Members will finalize meeting schedules and responsibilities for the event.

Mr. Gordon asked who will be at the event on February 25. Mr. Gordon and VP will come Mr. Porter and four other people will come and his schools President will come. Mr. Blackwell and two other people, he assumes his president and VP will be there. Mr. Dorsey and five other people will be there along with the chair of faculty senate, college president and a few others. Mr. Brown said that he along with his president and a few others will be there.

Mr. Gordon asked for a schedule for the day and he informed the group that breakfast starts at 8am and he will be organizing events throughout the day to connect with legislators.

Mr. Cuffe suggested that everyone stick to the talking points that have been put forth by the Chancellor and there was a consensus that it would be the best approach for a clearer message.

Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Zed to make a reservation for fifteen at the Wal for an informal NSA dinner on Sunday 2/24.

Mr. Porter left the meeting at 5:40pm.

## **7. NSA LOGO**

Since Mr. Weinstock was absent this item was deferred until next meeting

## **8. GRADE APPEAL POLICY**

Mr. Zed motioned that the NSA make a proposal to request the Board of Regents to consider a standardized policy on Grade Appeal that includes students in the process.

The vote passed by a majority. Mr. Dorsey abstained.

## **9. ADDING DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ASPECT TO STUDENT ORIENTATION**

NSA members will discuss whether or not to recommend policy that would provide NSHE institutions with direction on adding a diversity and community building aspect to student orientation, possibly including the recommendation of a policy revision to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Zed motioned that the NSA make a proposal to request the Board of Regents to consider adding a diversity and community building aspect to student orientation.

The vote passed by majority. Mr. Brown and Mr. Dorsey abstained.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.