

# **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

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**August 12, 2013**

**4:00-6:00PM**

**Videoconference Sites:**

**System Administration Reno, 134**

**Carson City-WNC Dini 105**

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**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Present:**

**Mr. Alex Porter, Great Basin College, SGA, Chair**  
**Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, Nevada State College, NSSA, Vice Chair**  
**Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**  
**Mr. Noah Fraser, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**  
**Mr. Michael Gordon, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
**Mr. Antonio Guerrero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**  
**Ms. Alejandra Leon, Western Nevada College, ASWN**  
**Ms. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**  
**Mr. Ziad Rashdan, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN**  
**Ms. Jessica Lujan CSUN (Attended at 4:22 – 5:22 PM for Mark Ciavola)**

### **Absent:**

**Mr. Mark Ciavola, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**

### **Guests:**

**Mr. Daniel Klaich**  
**Ms. Crystal Abba**  
**Mr. Isaac Duran**  
**Mr. Umram Osambela**  
**Mr. Jason Brimm**  
**Ms. Renee Davis**

## **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/ROLL CALL**

ASWNC President Alejandra Leon was appointed secretary for the meeting by NSA Chair Alex Porter. Roll call was taken.

## **3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH (Arrived at 4:15)**

Chair Alex Porter asked the Chancellor for an update on e-learning. Chancellor Klaich explained that he had finalized the list of members and committee charge and shared it with the Chair of the Board of Regents for

his approval. Chancellor Klaich emphasized the importance of that committee decisions should make a positive impact on students and their success. GSA President RJ Boyajian suggested including academic advisors on the committee. Chancellor Klaich said it's important to give students options, for them take advantage of the options, and it's important for those credits to be accepted across the board. The Chancellor wants the committee to focus on delivering high quality education.

GPSA President Michael Gordon asked the Chancellor about future tentative Board meetings. The Chancellor explained that all scheduled tentative Board of Regents meetings will likely occur.

March 1, 2014 is the anticipated date for the move of the system office in Las Vegas (question from President Gordon).

This year's goals for Chancellor Klaich were about keeping a good eye on the upcoming budget and agendas, working on certificate programs at the community colleges, and focusing on iNtegrate 2.

SB 391 may be a longer process than expected. The committee has not yet been assigned and it is likely that this interim study committee will take more than next legislative session to complete its business.

Chancellor Klaich and the Board of Regents would like to see needed changes with student services at the CSN campus. It is a high priority on the CSN's administration to remodel their student services.

A big discussion among the Regents will be about student fees and how it is the biggest revenue that will help bring in money that will keep campuses active. The NSHE Tuition and Fees committee will be meeting over the next nine months.

The interdisciplinary meeting went well and there are a lot of things that can be done and are the right things to do within interdisciplinary programs. An alternative is getting the deans and faculty together to find options.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Gordon made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **5. NSA PROVISIONS IN MEMBER CONSTITUTIONS**

Chair Porter presented to members the recently revised GBC SGA constitution, specifically language added regarding NSA representation, participation and funding. Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba said one of NSA's main priorities in the past has been to get a budget set. Because NSA does not have its own funds, the references to a budget in the NSA constitution were removed a few years ago. She was supportive of the way GBC decided to set aside funds within their own budget for use by NSA. She agreed with Chair Porter that it is not likely the money will be spent every year (funds are generally expended during legislative years), so it was recommended any funds set aside will be allowed to roll over to future years, as is provided for in the GBC constitution. Chair Porter pointed out that while GBC added language regarding NSA funding to their constitution, other student governments might prefer to add similar language to their bylaws instead. President Gordon asked whether language would be added to the NSA constitution as well, and Director Renee Davis explained that suggestion had been discussed with the Vice Chancellor and Chair Porter. The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the NSA Constitution could not bind the individual associations, so there would be no point in adding such language to the NSA Constitution.

Michael Gordon made a motion to move forward with the constitution and send it to the Chancellor for approval without the addition of language relating to funding. The motion was seconded and passed. Presidents Boyajian, Ziad Rashdan, and Jessica Lujan abstained.

#### **6. NSA LOGO**

The group reviewed the set of six logos drafted by ASUN staff. President Rashdan explained that the goal is to have Nevada as a whole represented. President Fraser brought up the idea of having colors individually representing the institutions. Antonio was in favor of emphasizing the individual campuses on the background. Chair Porter brought up maybe having the Nevada seal with 8 stars. President Rashdan will bring it back to the ASUN marketing team to work more on logos 3,4 & 6. The item was tabled for the September agenda.

#### **7. NSA GOALS**

Chair Porter opened a conversation regarding NSA goals for the upcoming year. President Gordon would like to see NSA make an impact on the e-learning committee and the tuition and fee determinations. The question of establishing a provision in statute for a student regent is still up for the discussion and the ASUN legal team is looking into it and President Rashdan said he will ask for an update at the next NSA meeting. The NSA newsletter will be continued for this upcoming semester.

**8. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The September 9 and December 9 meetings both fall on the Monday immediately following a Board meeting. President Rashdan made a motion to cancel, the motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Gordon and Chair Porter are proud to see that agenda items from three years ago are finally in action.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.