

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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

January 13, 2014

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Minutes

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 (arrived at 4:15pm)
Mr. Tevin Flores University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (proxy – left at 5:45 pm)
Mr. Noah Fraser, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Mr. Umram Osambela, 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 (arrived 4:13 pm, left at 4:48pm)

Absent: Mr. Mark Ciavola, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (sent proxy)

Guests: Renee Davis
Isaac Duran
Adriana Mendez
DeMarynee Salli
Carl Fulkerson
William McHurdy

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:08PM

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT** **INFORMATION**
William McHurdy is here to with President Osambela.
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/ROLL CALL** **INFORMATION**
President Alejandra Leon was appointed Secretary for the Nevada Student Alliance.
- 3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH** **INFORMATION**

SB 391, Senator Woodhouse appointed President Umram Osambela onto the workforce subcommittee. Any ideas that will help community colleges help serve students in our counties will be discussed in these meetings. The topic of how the budgeting will be left dependently on the counties that don't have money to spend for the community colleges is another issue to discuss within the committee. There will be a lot of supporting documents to help this committee move forward in building ideas.

Chair Porter pointed out the Ad Hoc Institutional Service Areas Committee and asked where the Chancellor sees this committee going and what were his thoughts about the first meeting. It was a very positive kick off meeting and showed that the committee can get a lot done. Dr. Anderson will be helping out for a while to provide a lot of information in moving forward with this committee. Timeline on this committee to moving along with the requested data from Dr. Anderson to get initiatives moving with the Community College presidents.

The tuition and fee student hearings are going to be really important to get to the input of students and the effects of tuition and fee increases at each institution. Chancellor Klaich and the college presidents will be bringing up the benefits of increases to the students.

The E-Learning Task Force is going out to their respective institutions to move forward with updating and building greater initiatives, which will be brought back into the committee. Within the next 6-9 months we will be seeing an increase on priorities on the Board of Regents such as: the Legislative agenda on Community Colleges, where tuition and fee increases will be going, where the initiatives of the Ad Hoc Institutional Service Areas Committee will be, and presidential searches and when they will be taking place.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Leon moved to approve the October minutes. President Prevost Stephanie seconded, President Dorsej abstained, the rest in favor. Motions passes with abstention. President Prevost moved to approve the November and December minutes, with the amendment of the approval of the October minutes to approve the November and December minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

5. NSA LOGO

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Osambela moved to approve the final proof the NSA logo, President Young seconds, and the motion passes unanimously. Thanks to President Rashdan and the marketing department of ASUN for creating the logo.

6. NSA CONSTITUTION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The revisions of the Constitution were brought up to NSA. Tevin Flores (proxy for President Ciavola) pointed that in section 210.2 it should be that only a president is the one who can be elected into Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary. Renee Davis stated that it does not have to be the respective president of the student government; it can be the appointed member from the respective student government. Mr. Flores, on behalf of Mark, pointed out that it should be the president of the students governments to be the elected executive member of NSA. Chair Porter, personally feels that it should be the president of the respective student government to be eligible for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary as Mr. Flores brought up his concerns. President Young addressed the limitations of a selection pool to just have presidents run for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary and that we should be looking at a bigger pool selection if we have the appointed members to NSA of whatever elected position.

President Prevost motions to approve of the revision of the constitution with the amendment of including 210.11 stating "That if the president appoints a voting representative, they must be any student elected representative of the respective institution's government to run for their Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of NSA." President Osambela seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

President Porter - No
President Dosey - No
President Boyajian - Abstains
President Fraser - No
President Young - Yes
President Prevost - Yes
President Osambela - Yes
Mr. Flores (Proxy for President Ciavola) - No
President Leon - Yes

Motions fails with 1 abstention, 4 Nays, and 4 Yeas.

Item is tabled until the next meeting.

7. NSA FUNDING **INFORMATION**

Mr. Flores (Proxy for President Ciavola) addressed the issue to NSA that it shouldn't have a strenuous measure to force student governments to adopt a revision on their bylaws and constitutions to help fund NSA to create a budget for emergency situations. President Boyajian and President Rashdan, with respect to their student governments will not be adopting a policy to put money aside for an NSA budget.

8. NSHE E-LEARNING TASK FORCE **INFORMATION**

Campus visits are happening right now by Professor Fink who is the co-chair of the committee. NSA Chair Alex Porter, who is a member of the committee, provided an update to the group regarding the 10/31/13 meeting of the NSHE E-Learning Task Force.

9. NSHE TUITION AND FEES COMMITTEE **INFORMATION**

The scheduled dates for the students hearings are posted to their respective institutions. Renee Davis is the contact of person for more information.
The handouts for the hearings will be sent out soon. Please make sure to let your respective college presidents know about the student hearings so they can be there and talk about the institutional stand point of tuition and fee increase.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT **INFORMATION**

President Fraser will be resigning from his President position and KC King will be covering the spring semester presidency for Desert Research Institute.

President Osambela will be forwarding an e-mail to the two year institutions to see if they are interested in being involved in SB 391.

11. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION**

NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51PM

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241) at the following locations:

CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124

DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095

DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363

GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801

NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015

TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Marlyand Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 5550 W. Flamingo, Suite C-1, Las Vegas NV 89103

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