

# **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

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

**May 12, 2014**

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

## **Videoconference Sites:**

**System Administration Reno, Room 134**

**Carson City-WNC Dini 105**

**Elko-GBC LCSL 122**

**Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2647B**

**UNLV SCS 102**

**NSC DAW 218**

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **Present**

**Mr. Alex Porter, Great Basin College, SGA (NSA Chair)**

**Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA**

**Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA**

**Ms. Alejandra Leon, Western Nevada College, ASWN**

**Ms. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**

**Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**

### **Absent**

**Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**

**Ms. KC King, Desert Research Institute, GRAD (absent)**

**Mr. Umram Osambela, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN**

**Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (absent)**

## **GUESTS:**

**Renee Davis**

**Chancellor Daniel Klaich**

**Isaac Duran (SGA-GBC)**

**Pedro Duenas (ASWN)**

**Erik Llamas (ASWN)**

**Adriana Mendez (GBC)**

**Angelo DePerez (ASWN)**

**DeMarynee Saili (SGA-GBC)**

## **Call Meeting to Order 4:09**

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Chair Porter has appointed President Leon as the NSA Secretary.

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### **3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH**

Agenda approval process is underway for the June Board of Regents meeting. When the review is finalized it should be done within the next two weeks. Chair Porter asked the Chancellor for his comments about the Lincy Institute recommendations that consisted of five different reports about the

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community college governance within the system. The recommendation from the Lincy Institute is to pull the community college from NSHE and be coordinated by a board of 11 community members whether with legislature or not, that will be stationed here by the state. Chancellor Klaich was not impressed and this report was not ever presented within the legislative committee.

The governance sub-committee for SB 391 is meeting again on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The work of this committee has to be done by June 30. It is encouraged to have the student presidents to attend this meeting.

The GBC Presidential Evaluation has been received by the Chancellor and he expects it to be a positive report.

President Leon asked about initiatives that are going to be pushed through with the Ad Hoc Institutional Service Areas. The Chancellor explained that Dr. Woodbeck and his collaborative team and the presidents of the institutions to look at what can be fixed between the institutions. This process should start June 12th.

Chair Porter addressed the big legislative agenda items that need to be watched out for. Chancellor Klaich explained that it is still early to have a handle on all items that will come up during the next biennium, but some items might come out of the SB 391. The System will push for need-based financial aid, and possibly a workforce development fund for community colleges.

The Chancellor is really appreciative of the student presidents who come together for these meetings.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Prevost pointed out that the minutes could not be approved because the agenda item listed the wrong dates. She asked if an email vote could take place or if the new body could approve the minutes at the June 5 meeting. Renee said she would check with Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen on how to proceed.

**5. SB 391 REPORT AND POSITION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Porter addressed the possibility of NSA adopting a position on whether or not the community colleges should remain part of NSHE. President Prevost expressed the opinion that such a position should have the all the presence of the community colleges and the universities for an actual vote for a position on the SB 391 committee. President Leon mentioned that the next SB 391 sub-committee for governance and funding will be June 9th so making a decision at the June 5 meeting will be appropriate on a timely matter.

President Boyajian would like to see the student presidents for community colleges to step-up with a recommendation and how it would affect graduate students at the university levels. Chair Porter pointed out that the community college student presidents made formal comments at the SB 391 committee. The item is going to be tabled for the June 5th meeting to formally address all the student presidents of the institutions.

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

Chair Alex Porter explained that work groups (English, Math and N-Core) were in the process of finalizing their efforts and preparing to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION**

The new chair, vice-chair and secretary will be voted on in the June 5th meeting for the next NSA board. The minutes from this meeting will be voted on for the meeting of June 5th.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION**  
NONE

**ADJOURNMENT at 4:54pm**