

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

December 5, 2014

7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Student Union, Room 211

4505 S. Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, NV 89154

NSA Chair Stephanie Prevost called the meeting to order at 7:21 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Mr. Angelo DePerez, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Secretary)
Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (proxy for Sharon Young)

Members absent: Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA Absent
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)

Guests present: Board of Regents Chair Kevin Page
Board of Regents Vice Chair Rick Trachok
Chancellor Dan Klaich
Madeline Burak, UNR
Matthew Clewett, TMCC
Renee Davis, NSHE
Lilly Leon-Vicks, WNC
Maxwell Love, USSA
Omar Saucedo, NSHE
Scott Young, NSHE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

INFORMATION

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD CHAIR AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

President Elias Benjelloun asked about bringing the locked-in tuition rates. Chancellor Klaich responded that the Board has had this discussion and passed a policy that provides campuses the opportunity to propose such policies as tuition plateaus. There is a cost to implementing such policies, so each institution needs to analyze what the costs are. This discussion can proceed at the institutional level. Mr. Benjelloun indicated CSUN has plans to discuss this topic with President Jessup.

Meghan Pierce asked about sunshine laws in terms of NSHE presidential searches. UNLV GPSA feels there was a loss of some good female candidates for the position due to Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements. Is it possible for redacted materials to be used in the search process to keep candidate

identities confidential until they are selected for interview? Vice Chair Rick Trachok responded that the search procedures are dictated by statute. Basically, until the statute changes, the process is not going to change. All information must be made public. Chancellor Klaich pointed out that we lost good male and female candidates.

President RJ Boyajian congratulated Vice Chair Trachok on his recent reelection.

President Boyajian asked about getting new courses approved. The process takes 8 weeks before it even gets to the System level. It is really discouraging for the faculty to do all this administrative work and have to fight tooth and nail to teach these classes. There has to be an easier way. We see changes in other institutions, but then we are not notified when we should be. Chancellor Klaich asked President Boyajian to put her concerns in an email so he will have the specifics. He also pointed out that there are legitimate reasons for a process. He does not know why the process takes so long. Community colleges may have a slightly different process so they can be a little more flexible and nimble; there can be a new process for them. Chancellor Klaich indicated that if there are road blocks, we will try to get rid of them.

Chair Prevost explained bus routes have changed and there is no way for students to get from UNR to TMCC unless they go all the way downtown and catch another bus back uphill. She has discussed with TMCC administrators and they say the only solution would be to create a shuttle system and they asked for our student government to fund it with our reserves, which we cannot afford, or enforce a student fee. It would cost 40,000 (start a pilot program through UNR) for the first semester to provide a shuttle from UNR to TMCC. Due to budget cuts, the route has been cut. RTC said it would cost over \$250,000 to start a new route (or reinstate one that has been cut). Chancellor Klaich asked on ridership data, suggested times. Stephanie said she had it and would share with the Chancellor.

President William McCurdy asked if the chairs or chancellor see any potential for a change in the NSHE budget with the power shift in the new legislature. Chancellor Klaich explained that nothing has really been heard about the raising of revenue. There will be a change in the dialog of certain issues. There is a list of 25 conservative agenda items that is being circulated.

President Benjelloun asked if the Governor would place any NSHE initiatives in his budget, particularly a UNLV Medical School. Chancellor Klaich answered "yes," and said he expected to see a mixed bag of education reform.. The Governor keeps his cards close to his vest and we will get a real knowledge on the 15 of January when he gives his State of the State Address. The Chancellor and Regents will meet with the Governor to advocate with him on behalf of the System.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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President Benjelloun said that CSUN is interested in bringing forward a stance on the Millennium Scholarship. They are seeking a resolution for a unified stance on the BDR. Stephanie indicated there were plans to do so once there is a bill available for review.

President Boyajian requested NSA consider a unified stance on all of the NSHE bill drafts.

Chair Prevost is at work on plans for Higher Ed Day at the Legislature on April 14.

Chancellor Klaich suggested that NSA may not want to hold off on discussing the issues until a BDR is available since that may not allow enough discussion time before the legislature takes action.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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President Boyajian thanked the Chancellor, Chair and Vice Chair for their time. Chancellor Klaich thanked the group for their questions.

The meeting was adjourned 7:48 a.m.