

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

August 11, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Videoconference Sites:

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC LCSL 122

Henderson- NSC DAW 218

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2647B

UNLV SCS 102

Reno-System Administration, Room 134

Members Present: Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)
Mr. Angelo DePerez, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Secretary)
Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA

Members Absent: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Ms. K.C. King, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN

Others Present: Vice Chancellor Constance Brooks, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Umram Osambela
Omar Saucedo, NSHE
Ed Uehling

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by NSA Vice Chair Sharon Young.

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Angelo DePerez conducted roll call and recorded the names of guests present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Mr. Ed Uehling presented a document clarifying his testimony on the proposed NSHE policy regarding medical marijuana at the July 14 NSA meeting. He asked the document be included as part of the July 14 minutes. He also stressed transparency within Nevada higher education institutions by opening up the discussion of the proposed policy to all NSHE student body members.

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH

INFORMATION

NSHE Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich explained that he makes himself available at each of the NSHE video meetings to answer questions from the student body presidents. There were no questions for the Chancellor. He encouraged members to have their questions ready for the next meeting in September. On Friday, September 5 student body presidents are scheduled to meet with the Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Regents.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Minutes were tabled because the group did not meet quorum.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

INFORMATION

NSHE Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Affairs Constance Brooks talked about this coming Legislative year and the topics the System will need to focus on. These topics are Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) and include increasing the Millennium Scholarship to cover 15 credits instead of 12 in order to assist the 15 to Finish Program, a need-based financial aid program where NSHE will request 5 million dollars for grants, and a workforce development fund. The last topic she brought to members' attention for possible action is a bill that will allow each individual campus or institution to decide if they want to be tobacco-free. She also encouraged student body presidents to get into contact with campus government affairs officials. She said she plans on live-tweeting during the legislative session in order to increase the flow of information.

6. NSA LOBBYIST

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Former CSN Student Body President Umram Osambela has offered to serve as a volunteer lobbyist on behalf of NSA during the State of Nevada 2015 legislative session. Because the group did not meet quorum, this item could not be voted on. Students who are interested in joining this effort are encouraged to attend the September 4th meeting. In order to lobby at the Nevada legislature, individuals must register as a lobbyist with the State of Nevada for which there is a cost of 20 dollars per person. Each student interested in becoming involved should bring a proposal detailing why they should be selected for the committee as well. The last day to register as a lobbyist is August 21st.

7. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

There was no new business presented.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Mr. Uehling brought up the discussion on the medical marijuana bill draft with an emphasis on the difference between state governance and federal governance and the importance of NSHE's position with each one.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.