

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

January 12, 2015

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 2638

UNLV SCS 102

Reno-System Administration, Room 134

NSA Chair Stephanie Prevost called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Chair)
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Vice Chair)– *arrived late*
Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Members absent: 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
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Ms. DeMarynee Sali, Great Basin College, SGA

Others present: Chancellor Dan Klaich
Renee Davis, NSHE
Umram Osambela, CSN & NSC
Omar Saucedo, NSHE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis announced that Sally Jackson is looking for volunteers to serve on the Regents Award selection committees. An email has been sent out to the group. President David Cortez-Lopez volunteered to fill the undergraduate slot and Ms. Davis agreed to let Sally know.

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH

INFORMATION

The Chancellor began with an update on legislative activities and the governor's budget process. The biennial legislative session begins on February 2. Education Day at the Nevada Legislature is March 2. An April date was considered, but it was decided that was too late in the session to be effective. NSHE is planning a reception for the evening. NSHE External Affairs Coordinator Omar Saucedo will work with Chair Prevost and NSA Lobbyist Umram Osambela on details.

Chair Prevost mentioned that she has heard about a luncheon. Chancellor Klaich offered NSHE's assistance is paying for the event. In addition to the luncheon, Chancellor Klaich suggested the students have a table that is staffed by students from the various institutions to make institutional information available to legislators. There will be lots of traffic in the

hallways. He also recommended that students make appointments with key legislators. The focus should be on the money and education committees, but every vote counts and it does not hurt to reach out to all legislators.

Mr. Osambela asked Chancellor Klaich if he had spoken with Senator Hardy about the content of BDR he has submitted. Chancellor Klaich said he thought it might be a placeholder at this point. He will try and find out. He also asked if we should anticipate a campus gun bill from Assemblywoman Fiore. Chancellor Klaich said yes. In fact, Assembly Speaker Designee Hambrick has indicated he is in favor of guns on NSHE campuses. Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen and Executive Vice Chancellor Catherine Cortez Masto to research this issue.

Mr. Osambela asked Chancellor Klaich if students should try to set up luncheons with legislators or focus on the March 2 Education Day. Chancellor Klaich said it might be tough to get the meetings since schedules are pretty set at this point, but it would not hurt to reach out.

NSA Vice Chair Sharon Young joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Chair Prevost asked Chancellor Klaich if he had any news about the bus route issue she brought up at the December meeting. He said he did not have any news yet and was trying to figure out who to approach at RTC.

Chancellor Klaich asked Mr. Saucedo if he had information on Senator Hardy's bill. He indicated he did not know anything yet but would inform the Chancellor as soon as he did. Chancellor Klaich also told Mr. Saucedo that he had agreed to help bankroll student events on education day and asked Mr. Saucedo to coordinate with Chair Prevost.

In closing, the Chancellor explained that Vice Chancellor Costance Brooks and Mr. Saucedo would be producing weekly legislative updates that will be shared with key folks on each campus.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Minutes could not be approved without quorum.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT INFORMATION

Chair Prevost told the group she was in the process of gathering information on student rallies held during past legislative sessions. She has emailed NSA members asking for any information they may have. She has only heard back so far from UNR GSA, DRI and NSC. Vice Chair Young has combined numbers from grad/undergrad. During last session five busses were sent to Carson City.

Chair Prevost asked Vice Chair Young if she was aware of a luncheon that UNLV CSUN was planning on Education Day. Vice Chair Young was not aware of the luncheon and explained that her executive board was gathering information from UNLV grad students to see who is interested in traveling to Carson City.

Mr. Saucedo explained that NSHE is willing to cover luncheon expenses if it is a combined effort with the other institutions. Chair Prevost said she would provide Mr. Saucedo with more information once she was able to get in touch with President Elias Benjelloun.

6. NSHE LEGISLATIVE POLICY INITIATIVES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Without quorum, discussion of this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

7. NSHE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE INFORMATION

Mr. Saucedo told members that Assemblyman John Hambrick announced he is in favor of campus carry. He also said that he would be more than happy to share any information with Mr. Osambela and NSA members once he learns it. Mr. Osambela offered to send out the list of BDR's that he received from Mr. Saucedo.

8. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

No new business was presented.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

No public comment was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.