

# **NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

## **Minutes**

**June 11, 2015**

**7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.**

**Truckee Meadows Community College**

**7000 Dandini Boulevard**

**Reno, NV 89512**

**Red Mountain Building, Room 122**

NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis called the meeting to order at 7:19 a.m.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA (*arrived late*)  
Ms. Taylor Cunningham, CSUN (*proxy for Kanani Espinoza – arrived late*)  
Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN  
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, GRAD  
Ms. Kylie Rowe, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA (*attending via phone – left early*)  
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Members absent: Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (*represented by proxy*)  
Mr. Christopher Jones, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

Others present: Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen  
Cheyenne Bryant, WNC  
Joseph Dagher, UNLV  
Renee Davis, NSHE  
Demi Falcon, UNLV  
Lilly Leon-Vicks, WNC  
Umram Osambela, CSN & NSC  
Omar Saucedo, NSHE  
Nicholas Vaskov, NSHE  
Sharon Young, UNLV

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **INFORMATION**

No public comment was presented.

### **3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

### **INFORMATION**

Ms. Davis introduced herself, welcoming the new members to their first meeting. She asked them to introduce themselves to the group. She also provided a brief explanation of how NSA meetings work and introduced members to the meeting schedule. In-person meetings are held quarterly in conjunction with the Board of Regents meetings on Thursday (NSA business meeting) and Friday mornings (NSA meets with Chancellor and Board Officers). In the months when a Board meeting does not occur, there is a monthly video conference (Chancellor and NSA business meeting).

### **4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Ms. Davis spoke briefly to the group about the NSA offices and the responsibilities they entail.

NSSA President Yesenia Cuevas arrived and introduced herself to the group, explaining that David Cortez-Lopez stepped down from his presidential role at Nevada State College.

Ms. Davis opened up the floor for nominations or volunteers for NSA Chair. TMCC SGA President Spencer Schultz explained he was not able to run since TMCC held the NSA Chair office in 2014-15 (Stephanie Prevost). Ms. Davis elaborated on the requirement in the NSA Constitution that no institution could hold the same office two years in a row. Also the chair and vice chair cannot come from the same institution. ASUN President Caden Fabbi nominated himself for Chair.

CSUN Vice President Taylor Cunningham arrived and introduced herself. Ms. Davis explained to the group that Taylor was representing CSUN President Kanani Espinoza. Ms. Davis brought Taylor up to speed with the election discussion to that point and then asked for additional nominations for chair. There were none, so she proceeded to call for a vote. President Fabbi was elected unanimously to be NSA Chair.

Ms. Davis proceeded with nominations or volunteers for Vice Chair. President Cuevas nominated herself and so did ASWNC President Andrea Senda. Ms. Davis gave the candidates an opportunity to make a personal statement since the office was contested. President Schultz and Chair Fabbi both indicated they would like to hear a small introduction from the candidates. President Senda introduced herself first as the student body president of Western Nevada College and gave a short personal statement. President Cuevas also provided a short personal statement. A roll call vote was taken: Five votes for President Senda and four votes for President Cuevas. Ms. Davis congratulated NSA Vice Chair Andrea Senda and thanked President Cuevas for her interest.

Ms. Davis proceeded to secretary nominations. UNR GSA President Kylie Rowe nominated herself for the office of NSA Secretary. There were no other nominations, and President Rowe was elected unanimously to be NSA Secretary.

Ms. Davis thanked those who ran for office and then handed the running of the meeting over to Chair Fabbi.

## **5. OPEN MEETING LAW**

## **INFORMATION**

Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen introduced herself and also Nick Vaskov, NSHE Director of Real Estate and System Counsel. She then proceeded to give a summary of the background and requirements of Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML). An outline was provided to members along with the agenda.

Phone connection was lost with President DeMarynee Saili at approximately 7:45 a.m. An attempt to redial her number was unsuccessful. 8 remaining members, so quorum requirements still met.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Fabbi asked the body for a motion to approve the minutes for April 13, 2015. President Megan Johnson made the motion; it was seconded by President Schultz, and passed with 6 votes (2 abstentions).

**7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Chair Fabbi asked for recommendations from members for his report to be delivered later that morning to the Board. No immediate suggestions were offered, so he proceeded to talk about the research he had done about state-wide student government organizations in other states. He explained that he would like to see NSA come together like these other organizations around statewide initiatives. Suggestions President Fabbi mentioned were statewide voter registration drives or a Nevada Service Day. He would like to see NSA this year to set a standard for what the organization should be in the future, including developing a strategic vision for NSA for the next few years. His goal is for NSA to accomplish some great things for the students in the state.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

Chair Fabbi said he would like to discuss possible statewide NSA initiatives at the next meeting. No other new business was presented.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

No public comment was presented.

Chair Fabbi adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.