

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

June 12, 2015

7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

TMCC, Sierra Building, Rm 201
7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi called the meeting to order at 7:21 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)
Ms. Kylie Rowe, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. Taylor Cunningham, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (*proxy for Kanani Espinosa*)
Ms. Megan Johnson, Desert Research Institute, DRI GRAD
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
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
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA

Guests present: Regent Kevin Page
Regent Rick Trachok
Chancellor Dan Klaich
Ms. Cheyenne Bryant, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. Joseph Dagher, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. Renee Davis, Nevada System of Higher Education, NSHE
Ms. Demi Falcon, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. Lilly Leon-Vicks, Western Nevada College, ASWNC
Ms. Priscilla Munez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Mr. Umram Osambela, Nevada State College, NSSA
Mr. Omar Saucedo, Nevada System of Higher Education, NSHE
Mr. Scott Young, Nevada System of Higher Education, NSHE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

- Spencer Schultz reported that he will miss July & August NSA meetings
- Jessica Connolly attended meeting with interest in holding DRI – GRAD student body President position

3. BOARD OFFICERS & CHANCELOR

INFORMATION

- Students introduced themselves, Regent Chairs and Chancellor shared their background
- Regent Chairs thanked students for efforts during legislative session
- Regent Chairs asked students to reach out to Legislators – send letter, email or text messages – reported that it is very important for legislators to hear from students and

thank them for doing something, rather than fighting against something

- Regent Chairs encouraged students to start building relationships and bridges with legislators now; brought to attention the great advocacy of Greg Brower
- Chancellor stated that Governor intends to focus on higher education next session; there will be tremendous focus on community college and workforce development
- Students discussed the need to keep track of decisions made to ensure things occur as intended; important to document intentions and plans in minutes of meetings
- Chancellor encouraged Presidents to actively participate in NSA meetings and hopes for more participation this year
- Students discussed projects to focus on such as voter registration; Regent Chairs agreed this is an important focus every single year; Regents will communicate with Secretary of State to make sure campuses have polling places, voter registration drives and candidate forums; Regents mentioned it is important to invite legislators to campuses; legislators need to see what we are doing and need to hear our stories – see our faces
- Review grid that Constance & Omar put together to understand what each legislator is focusing on and help them with those things
- Regent Chairs encouraged NSA to set list of goals and priorities and to communicate those with Board leadership and Chancellor's office
- Student discussed the issue of smoking on campus; Regent Chairs reported that there is a law that states unless you are a school or school district, unable to pass regulations restricting right of people to smoke; NSHE wanted to be included in the same category as public schools so that if we chose to as UNR did, we could have more restrictive regulations; each administration can identify their own school policy; important to consider making designated areas for smoking; must work with administrators to find rules that work at individual institutions
- Chancellor mentioned that in the past three years, the NSA acted as more of a coalition but could improve in terms of being more united; would like to see unification on legislative issues
- Regent Chairs made suggestion to have a 4-5 hour workshop that would set up white boards to take down ideas from everyone about what NSA wants to accomplish; then determine 3-4 goals for NSA
- Chancellor recommends to be a strong coalition – NSA is here now to focus on present issues
- Regent Chairs suggest to dive deep into issues and understand what students are facing and how issues are standing in the way; must be able to educate board on student issues; discussion in regard to international students and what specific issues they face
- Omar reported that EDIC (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Council) decides to focus on specifics groups or demographics on campus for focus in Diversity Summit or Conference; Presidents must identify issues of most vulnerable students

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

- Next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2015
- Chair asked Presidents to bring goals for NSA's next year; Presidents should think about how NSA can move forward
- The NSA has made Facebook page active and is seeking twitter login as well
- Presidents are encouraged to forward content to NSA Officers to post to Facebook page
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaStudentAlliance>

- Twitter: @NSHE_NSA

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

- Renee reported that NSA meetings are monthly and there is a copy of the meeting schedule in materials shared via email
- NSA meetings are scheduled around the four board meetings; students meet on Thursday and Friday mornings of board meetings; other months the NSA meetings are scheduled at 4p.m. on the second Monday of the month; the Chancellor has a discussion with the group, then NSA moves onto business agenda

Chair Fabbi adjourned the meeting at 8:04 a.m.