

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

July 20, 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 Caden Fabbi called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)
Ms. Kylie Rowe, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)
Mr. Umram Osambela, Nevada State College, NSC (*proxy for Yesenia Cuevas*)
Mr. Joseph Dagher, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (*proxy for Kanani Espinoza*)
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, DRI GRAD
Ms. Cheril Gabbidon, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (*proxy for Spencer Schultz*)
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, GBC
Ms. Alexandra Dodge, Western Nevada College, ASWN (*proxy for Andrea Senda*)

Members absent: Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSC (represented by proxy)
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (represented by proxy)
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair) (represented by proxy)
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (represented by proxy)

Guests present: Chancellor Dan Klaich, NSHE
Alison Combs, NSHE
Omar Saucedo, NSHE
Marissa Crook, Director ASUN Legislative Affairs

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INFORMATION

- NSA Secretary Kylie Rowe made a motion to approve June 11th and 12th, 2015 minutes
- Joseph Dagher seconded the motion
- No discussion; approved unanimously

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

- Chancellor reported will begin budget planning starting this summer; will be inclusive and will require student input
- Stated that the Governor indicated he will focus on higher education next session
- Stated that the new Board of Regent Chair and Vice Chair are engaged and active; Chair takes comments of two Universities and desire to move to Tier 1 status very seriously
- Stated that a preliminary budget discussion will take place in September and focused discussion will occur in December; have one year to prepare finalized budget for the Governor

- Reported that NSHE focuses are on Community Colleges and want to be sure that funding formula works well for Community Colleges; Community Colleges need capabilities to meet impacts of Tesla moving to Nevada
- Answered question in regard to what prompted removal of bridge funds: there was bridge funding for two Northern Community Colleges in executive budget; campuses have put forward plans to utilize funds for growth models; they will bridge from current business model under old funding formula to a formula that is equitable and allows time to build growth model; WNC has spent lots of bridge money to build jumpstart program which reaches into high schools
- Reported not aware of details in regard to new policy related to definition of coercion and consent and not sure if will be ready for September meeting
- Explained that the most important thing for NSA is stay grounded about student expectations; the Chancellor vision is long-term while student perspective is focused of current student needs and what student body Presidents can do this year
- Stated that the differential tuition policy is clear and requires very strict accounting of funds; NSA members can ask University Presidents for report on sources and uses of differential fees; if students do not think differential tuition is working, Chancellor would like to learn why

5. DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES & GOALS

INFORMATION

- Idea brought to table about state-wide voter registration day; consideration to hold this day on Tuesday September 22nd which is National Voter Registration Day – ASUN is already planning on having event that would also engage community, with high school students and legislators; will utilize the TurboVote system to register voters; students from out of state can change voter registration to state of Nevada using this software; ASUN will share details of TurboVote to other NSA members; discussion around fact that most students at DRI are international and unable to vote; consideration was made as to how NSA might make event applicable to international students; next meeting will have action item to approve state-wide student voter registration day
- Idea suggested in regard to hosting a statewide service day joining #ILeadNevada efforts; discussion around best day of the week to host service day and suggestions were made to plan one service day each semester
- Idea presented to host National College Application day or week, or host National fill out your FAFSA day to motivate students to fill out FAFSA; this would be important for students to access tuition support through the Silver State opportunity grant
- Suggestion made to host state-wide initiative towards increased professionalism; students would obtain professional photos and attend LinkedIn and personal branding workshops
- Suggestion made to hold a student research conference and could invite high school students
- Idea revolved around expanding the “It’s on Us” campaign – President Obama’s initiative to increase awareness on campus sexual assault; idea to create buttons or use profile picture generator
- Idea around general branding of NSA; develop NSA newsletter with semester accomplishments
- Discussion held around the importance of identifying top initiatives, two or three main goals or ideas in order to remain successful as the NSA

6. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

- Next NSA meeting is August 10th, 2015; there will be more general idea about what will be discussed at September Board of Regents meeting
- In January 2016, NSA meetings will move from Mondays to Thursdays at 4pm

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

- None.

Chair Fabbi adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.