

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

October 12, 2015

4:00 p.m – 6:00 p.m.

Reno System Administration Building, Room 134

2601 Enterprise Road

Reno, NV 89512

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:

Carson City – WNC Dini 105

Elko – GBC LCSL 122

Henderson – NSC DAW 218

Las Vegas – CSN CHEY 2638

UNLV – SCS 102

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. A quorum was not 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. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (4:20pm)
Mr. Joseph Dagher, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (proxy for Kanani Espinoza)
Mr. Umram Osambela, Nevada State College, NSSA (proxy for Yesenia Cuevas)
Mr. Nicholas Beres, Desert Research Institute, GRAD (proxy for Jessica Connolly)

Members absent: Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSC (represented by proxy)
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, DRI (represented by proxy)
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (represented by proxy)
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

Guests present: Mr. Dan Klaich, Chancellor, NSHE
Ms. Janet Stake, NSHE
Mr. Omar Saucedo, NSHE
Ms. David Cortez Lopez, NSC

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

- None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Skipped item due to no quorum.

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

- Chancellor: Will start faculty pay committee this week; the initial meeting will be this month to get work done within this fiscal year
- ASUN: California passed law textbook affordability act; encouraging open education across the state; would this be a possibility in our state?
- Chancellor: Textbook policy passed at last board had a number of those kinds of issues in it; should probably look back to see what it says; would recommend focusing on an internal policy

- Chancellor: California has had a lot of action; passed a bill banning concealed weapons on campus; weapons on campus were already banned in California and this just said that concealed weapons are banned
- Chancellor to WNC: passed SB 605 dealing with Lake Tahoe Community College; wanted reciprocity between Lake Tahoe community college and WNC as long as WNC gets treated fairly
- Chancellor commended TMCC SGA on their involvement in taking action on the parking issue
- ASUN: Two campus shootings last week in the same day; discussing emergency alert system at UNR; mentioned the tough issue because not sure what we can do specifically to promote safe campus to prevent these things happening in the future
- Chancellor: spoke with reporter who wrote fair story; these last two campus shootings are different incidences than the kinds we have seen in other places; the last two were drunken fight incidents; every campus has to have detailed emergency response plans in place. ASUN wonders if there is anything else that can be done. There is an app being considered. Some campuses are reliant on someone else for police services and at those institutions the app may not make sense; but for UNR, CSN, UNLV and TMCC – an app is cheap and hope it can push through to all campuses. Just getting information out on what the plans are could help. There is a lot going on that may not be well publicized.
- NSC: provost at NSC is discussing increasing the student success fee and asked for Chancellor's opinion.
- Chancellor was not aware of that request: every time a campus comes with a request to raise any student fee, there is very heavy burden on the campus to justify it; there have been plenty of increases in student fees lately; lots of focus on affordability in this system; if anyone is talking about raising student fees, the campus should justify them and have a very significant process with their students explaining exactly what the fee will be used for and be able to come to the Board with student support; does not think the Board has appetite for many more student fee increases right now. NSC will share more information with Chancellor.

Spencer Schultz (TMCC) arrived at 4:20 and Joe Dager (UNLV) at 4:26. Quorum now present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- TMCC: motion approve minutes
- WNC: second
- Motion passes unanimously

6. STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

INFORMATION

- ASUN: collecting numbers of those who registered and if there are any photos, please send to Caden
- DRI: asked if 150 students registering to vote is normal
- ASUN: yes, that is normal
- WNC registered 26

7. NEVADA WEEK OF SERVICE

INFORMATION

- ASUN: please send photos and will collect numbers from everyone
- CSUN: had 170 volunteers and will send pictures
- GSA: we had 30 and will send pictures
- WNC: we had 10 students; was more community oriented
- GBC: we had 12 students and went out to community, which only allowed certain number of volunteers

8. IT'S ON US CAMPAIGN

INFORMATION

- ASUN: everyone has buttons and hopes distribution is going well
- GBC: big campaign at GBC; teamed up with Director of Environmental Health, Safety & Security; introduced app called Circle of 6; campus was excited that NSA started this campaign; has retreat on Saturday and Vice President for Student Services had videos and useful information; Circle of 6 app is one that you can call, text or show location to top 6 friends that you pick and when in trouble, click app and it will call or send text; tested it and works fine, so GBC is promoting on campus

9. NSA NEWSLETTER**INFORMATION**

- ASUN: will be reaching out to those who volunteered last time and will make sure that newsletter is ready to go for December
- CSUN: Joe asked to be cc'd when reaching out to Kanani

10. PROFESSIONALISM CAMPAIGN**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- ASUN: we can talk more next time; keep thinking about ideas

11. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 2927**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- NSC: Bill is open to all institutions within NSHE; not aware whether it affects CSUN as they are seeking accreditation; CSUN would not be able to use because is not up and running anyway
- CSUN: not sure what is in language of the bill
- NSC: reading bill and agrees that it would support students at CSUN
- NSC: recommend alliance wait until next meeting to be sure how to pursue resolution and should have opportunity to obtain responses from various councils
- ASUN: will move on and vote next time

12. STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING**INFORMATION**

- ASUN: will conduct survey at all NSHE institutions; can add campus specific survey to all students; asking to send questions in next couple weeks in regard to survey; will have to approve all questions at next alliance meeting and will send out to all students in system and will hope to present at Board Meeting in December; send questions to Caden next two weeks
- CSUN & NSC: Joe & Umram asked to be cc'd on that email out to send questions

13. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION**

- ASUN: hope that NSC can talk about new resolution for next NSA meeting
- NSC: can get resolution out and will work with Joe from CSUN on it so that two institutions work on it instead of one
- NSC: HR 3177 pertaining to financial aid
- ASUN: will send out information in regard to resolution to entire group to look it over; ASUN is also working on a resolution so three campuses can work together

14. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

- SGA: brought HR 3177 and HR 2927 to council, all Senators did seem to be in favor; overall support from SGA is very high
- NSC: can reach out to other states to push this when go down to Washington to lobby for it; Nevada will be leading charge on this in the nation

Chair Fabbi adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.