

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**  
**Minutes**  
**April 7, 2016**  
**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Reno System Administration Building, Room 134**  
**2601 Enterprise Road**  
**Reno, NV 89512**

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**UNLV SCS 102**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 4:09 PM (VICE CHAIR SENDA)**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)  
**PRESENT BY PROXY: NOAH TEIXEIRA**  
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)  
**PRESENT**  
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary)  
**ABSENT**  
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA  
**ABSENT**  
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, GRAD  
**ABSENT**  
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN  
**ABSENT**  
Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
**ABSENT**  
Ms. DeMarynee Sali, Great Basin College, SGA  
**PRESENT**  
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
**ABSENT, PRESENT AT 4:19 P.M.**  
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
**ABSENT**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**CHANCELLOR KLAICH, NSHE**  
**RENEE DAVIS, NSHE**  
**JANET STAKE, NSHE**  
**BRANDON BOONE, UNR**  
**CHEYENNE BRYANT, WNC**  
**ADRIANA MENDEZ, GBC**

**1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

3 MEMBERS PRESENT. NO QUORUM.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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### CHANCELLOR: BUSY MONTH.

- TMCC PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH SEMIFINALIST INTERVIEWS COMING UP. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO APPROVE SELECTED CANDIDATE ON APRIL 22.
- SEARCH AT DRI SWINGING INTO HIGH GEAR.
- BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING. GOOD NEWS IS THAT NSHE IS AHEAD OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TIMEWISE IN PAST YEARS – SHOULD BE APPROVED BY APRIL 22. GOOD TO HAVE BUDGET IN HAND WHILE STATE LEGISLATURE CANDIDATES ARE CAMPAIGNING.
- LOTS GOING ON WITH MED SCHOOLS. MANY OF MEETINGS TO MANAGE THE CHANGES.
- CSN AT APRIL 22 MEETING WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO DECENTRALIZE ITS CAMPUSES – SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.
- WORKING ON TRUST BUILDING BETWEEN UNR AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION STAKEHOLDERS IN RURAL AREAS.
- INCREDIBLE POOL OF CANDIDATES FOR TMCC PRESIDENT SEARCH – DIVERSE AND WELL QUALIFIED.
- SPENT GREAT COUPLE OF DAYS AT UNR AT NORTHERN NEVADA DIVERSITY SUMMIT. KUDOS TO UNR, GBC, TMCC, WNC.

SAILI: OPINION ON GBC BECOMING A STATE COLLEGE?

CHANCELLOR: WANTS TO HEAR FULL DISCUSSION, BUT HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE AS HE COULD BE. PRESIDENT CURTIS HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT SYSTEM OFFICE WORKING ON THIS.

SENDA: REGENT WIXOM MENTIONED AT LAST BOARD MEETING A TRIMESTER SYSTEM FOR NSHE INSTITUTIONS. HAS THERE BEEN ANY FUTURE DISCUSSION?

CHANCELLOR: REALITY IS NSHE CANNOT AFFORD IT. THE NEVADA BUDGET FOR HIGHER ED IS NOT ROSY. STATE IS NOT IN BAD SHAPE, BUT THERE IS A STRUCTURAL ISSUE WITH TAXES. IT IS MATHEMATICAL FACT. TAX BASE IN NEVADA WAS CUT IN HALF DURING RECESSION. WAY IT WORKS IN NEVADA IS YOU CAN REGAIN THAT ONLY 3% PER YEAR. BECAUSE LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE COVERED IN PART BY LOCAL FUNDS, AND TAX BASE HAS DECREASED, STATE GENERAL FUND HAS TO KICK IN AND COVER ANY GAPS. NET EFFECT – GOVERNOR WILL HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME MAINTAINING CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS WITH AVAILABLE DOLLARS IN BUDGET.

SCHULTZ ARRIVES AT 4:19 P.M.; 4 MEMBERS PRESENT; NO QUORUM.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on March 3 and 4, 2016.

NO QUORUM PRESENT.  
MOVE TO ITEM 4.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/TRANSITION DATES INFORMATION**

New and existing members will introduce themselves to the group and share the student government leadership transition dates for each of their campuses.

BOONE: ASUN STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT. INAUGERATED NEXT WEEK (APRIL 13).

TEIXEIRA: ASUN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS SENTATOR, ALSO INAUGERATED APRIL 13. RUNNING FOR SPEAKER OF SENATE.

SCHULTZ: TMCC ELECTIONS TAKING PLACE NOW. DAVID TURNER WILL LIKELY BE ELECTED AS ONLY CANDIDATE. TRANSITION MAY 15.

DEMARYNEE: ELECTION IN TWO WEEKS. TRANSITION MAY 6.

SENDA: TRANSITION MAY 17

MOVE TO ITEM 5.

**5. NSA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi will update the group on progress made toward publishing a Spring 2016 NSA newsletter.

SENDA: FABBI WILL STILL PUT NEWSLETTER TOGETER. LOOKING FOR A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES THAT HAPPENED DURING YEAR AT EACH INSTITUTION. SENDA WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FABBI ON WHETHER ALL OUTGOING PRESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT ARTICLE OR IF ONLY THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED.

**MOVE TO ITEM 6.****6. PROFESSIONALISM CAMPAIGN****INFORMATION**

NSA members will provide a summary to the group of activities held on their campuses to date and any future plans in support of the NSA professionalism campaign.

**SPENCER: WORKING WITH CAREER CENTER. JOB FAIR NEXT WEEK; LINKED IN WORK SHOPS; MAKING SURE SOCIAL MEDIA IS SAFE. PARTERS WITH CAMPUS OFFICE**

**BOONE: PACK FRIENDLY BUSINESS CAMPAIGN. UP 30 BUISNESS AND STILL GROWING. CAREER STUDIO & ASUN ARE REEVALUATING PACK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY AN EDAWN AWARD.**

**SAILI: LOOKING TOWARD GRADUATION TO TAKE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS AND ASSIST STUDENTS SETTING UP LINKED IN PROFILES. EARLY MAY**

**SENDA: CAREER FAIR LAST WEEK. 40+ BUSINESSES IN ATTENDANCE. WANT IT TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT. GREAT STUDENT TURNOUT AND 5 HIRED ON SPOT.**

**MOVE TO ITEM 7.****7. STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING - NSA REPORT****FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

At the December 3, 2015 NSA meeting, Alliance members expressed what they discovered on their campuses relating to the quality and quantity of student advising. Alliance members subsequently provided the information they gathered on their campuses to NSA Chair Caden Fabbi, who compiled the information into a report for presentation to the Board and Chancellor. Chair Fabbi requests approval of the contents of the finalized report, which will afterwards be shared with the Board and Chancellor.

**SCHULTZ: EMAILED VERSION IS UPDATED VERSION. NOT SURE WHAT WAS ADDED BEYOND AN UPDATE TO TMCC SECTION.**

**SENDA: FABBI IS WAITING ON ADDITIONAL INFO FROM CSN AND NSC.**

**MOVE TO ITEM 8.****8. PROPOSED NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION****INFORMATION**

Based on discussion by the Alliance at the March 3, 2016 meeting, NSA Chair Caden Fabbi requests NSA members to consider a constitutional amendment regarding ex-officio members. The proposed amendment would allow each NSA voting member to appoint multiple ex-officio members to the Alliance, rather than only one as current language permits. In addition, the requirement that ex-officio NSA members be officers of a member student government would be removed, and the requirement would instead be that the ex-officio member must be currently enrolled at one of the member institutions. See posted comments from James Martines referencing the multiple ex-officio members change.

SOME DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED REVISION, BUT WILL BRING BACK TO NEXT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS WILL DISCUSS ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND COME BACK PREPARED TO VOTE. DAVIS WILL WORK WITH FABBI AND SENDA ON REVISED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS LEGAL'S CONCERNS.

MOVE TO ITEM 9.

**9. CHANCELLOR'S FACULTY PAY WORKING GROUP INFORMATION**

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich convened a Faculty Pay Working Group on November 24, 2015 to review salary policies of the System and its institutions to determine if those policies are proper to advance the interests of NSHE. NSA members Spencer Schultz and Surbhi Sharma serve on this working group along with a third student representative (Noah Teixeira, UNR), and will provide a report to NSA members on the working group's most recent activities.

TEIXEIRA: ONLY ONE MEETING AND REST HANDLED BY EMAILS. LOOKING FOR BOARD POLICY REVISION TO ALLOW ONE-TIME COMPENSATION FOR FACULTY BASED ON PERFORMANCE. NOT SURE IF LANGUAGE WILL GO TO BOARD FOR APPROVAL IN JUNE. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES TREATED THE SAME AS ALL OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES IN TERMS OF COLA AND MERIT INCREASES – THIS NEEDS TO GO TO LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL.

MOVE TO ITEM 10.

**10. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION**

TMCC Student Body President Spencer Schulz will share the work being done on the Truckee Meadows Community College campus to utilize Open Educational Resources (OER) in order to reduce student textbook and material costs. NSA Vice Chair Andrea Senda will invite the other members to share their knowledge of OER being used on their campuses.

SCHULTZ: TRYING AT TMCC TO CUT COSTS OF TEXT BOOKS. TMCC SGA HAD TEXT BOOK TASK FORCE LAST YEAR. OER IS A PEER-EDITED PROGRAM WHERE COURSE IS DESIGNED AROUND OPEN RESOURCES WITH NO TEXT BOOK FOR STUDENTS TO PURCHASE. WORKING WITH FACULTY TO DEVELOP A COURSE AT TMCC. IN UTAH K-12 IS MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. IN WASHINGTON STATE, ALL HIGHER ED GEN ED IS ACCOMPLISHED WITH OER. 8 TMCC PROFESSORS ARE WORKING ON A COURSE FREE OF CHARGE OVER THE SUMMER

SCHULTZ: ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OER EFFORTS ON OTHER NSHE CAMPUSES?  
MEMBERS: NONE THAT ARE KNOWN.

SENDA: WOULD LIKE TO DUPLICATE WHAT SPENCER IS DOING. ANY THOUGHTS ON WHAT THE NEXT NSA GROUP CAN DO?

SCHULTZ: SET GROUNDWORK FOR HIS SUCCESSOR SO THE WORK CAN CONTINUE. MERLOT.COM IS A GOOD RESOURCE. HAS TEMPLATES FOR

INSTRUCTORS. BELIEVES THERE WILL NEED TO BE LEGISLATION TO SEE MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

DAVIS: WHY WILL IT TAKE LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR NSHE INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT OER?

SCHULTZ: CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED BY CAMPUSES FOUR YEARS IN ADVANCE WITH TEXTBOOK COMPANIES. THERE IS RESISTANCE TO OER.

TEIXEIRA: ASUN RUNS THE CAMPUS BOOK STORE, BUT IT IS BASED ON FACULTY CHOICE OF TEXT BOOKS. THEY ALSO SIGN CONTRACTS 4 YEARS OUT.

MOVE TO ITEM 11.

**11. 2016 NSA MEETING DATES**

**INFORMATION**

Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis will present to members the updates to NSA meeting schedule for 2016. Members are asked to share this information with their successors at the time they change office.

DAVIS: REFERRED MEMBERS TO REVISED MEETING DATES DOCUMENT. EXPLAINED CHANGE IN NSA MEETING SCHEDULE DURING THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS. UPDATED DOCUMENT AVAILABLE ON NSA WEB PAGE.

MOVE TO ITEM 12.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

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SCHULTZ: LAST MEETING. THANKS TO MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK AND WISH NEW MEMBERS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

ADJOURN AT 4:59 P.M.

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