

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes June 9, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Blvd
Reno, NV 89512
Sierra Building
Room 201

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta at 5:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brandon Boone, University of Nevada, Reno, Absent
Ms. Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA - Present
Mr. Carlos Fernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN - Present
Ms. Chelsey Fox, Great Basin College, SGA – Arrived at 5:06 p.m.
Ms. Meghan Pierce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA - Present
Ms. Jill Robinson, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN - Present
Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA - Present
Mr. Deep Sengupta, Desert Research Institute, GRAD - Present
Mr. Cody Shepard, Western Nevada College, ASWN - Present
Mr. David Turner II, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA - Present

3. GUEST RECOGNITION

Mr. Rick Trachok, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Chairman
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Vice Chairman
Mr. Dean Gould, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Chief of Staff
Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Nevada System of Higher Education Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs
Ms. Renée Davis, Director of Student Affairs with the Nevada System of Higher Education
Dr. Carl Reiber, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Senior Vice Provost
Ms. Lilly Leon Vicks, Western Nevada College Coordinator for Student Life
Ms. Heather Phelps, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. Andrea Senda, Previous Western Nevada College, ASWN President
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Previous Great Basin College, SGA President
Ms. Mailyynn Santacruz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA

4. STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING – NSA REPORT INFORMATION

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta presents the report regarding the state of student advising at each Nevada institution completed by former (2015-16) NSA Chair Caden Fabbi.

5. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS INFORMATION

Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok asked the NSA Members what should be discussed.

NSA Member Tyler Ross asked if we should discuss the attributes to look for in a Chancellor the NSA Members are wanting.

Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok wants to know if there are other issues that any NSA Members are wanting to discuss. Seeing that there is no open discussion, Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok moves on to what the NSA Members are wanting in and what we would expect of a Chancellor, asking for a brief introduction with the members desired attributes and role regarding a new Chancellor.

Lilly Leon Vicks, Western Nevada College Coordinator for Student Life feels that the quest for diversity needs to be kept in mind. Feels that we should be drawing accurate representation into higher positions to reflect the communities within Nevada. Also feels that the Diversity and Inclusion divisions at the institutions need more support.

Andrea Senda, Previous Western Nevada College, ASWN President states the importance of community colleges and that the new Chancellor needs to understand that. As well as equitable funding for them.

Ms. Heather Phelps, Nevada State College, NSSA agrees with the previous two statements and to add to them that the Chancellor needs to be able to harbor collaboration between the institutions.

Ms. Mailyynn Santacruz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA states that the Chancellor needs to be have an equitable mindset regarding the students. To not just represent a community but understand and have compassion for them all.

Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Previous Great Basin College, SGA President states the need to be student oriented, like the previous Chancellor. That they need to be able to fight for the rights of the students when students are not present.

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta states the need to stay together, and to not break NSHE up. That Nevada has a unique System of Higher Education and collaboration is something the new Chancellor needs to understand.

NSA Member Tyler Ross appreciated the previous Chancellor's ability to understand all members' positions and their importance. The ability to be tactful when speaking aids in the ability to collaborate effectively. That the Chancellor's roll is that similar to that of an advisor and the liaison to NSHE.

NSA Secretary David Turner II states the need for new perspectives within NSHE. The need for Higher Educational experience to understand how decisions might ripple through intuitions from the top down. Insight that an instructor would possess. That this would also help in diversity in bringing in someone with a diverse background.

NSA Member Chelsea Fox never had a chance to meet the previous Chancellor though agrees with most of the previous statements. Stating the importance of being able to bring everyone together for our common goal.

NSA Member Cody Shepard, just like Chelsea, never had a chance to meet the previous Chancellor though understands there is a need for understanding. Not just of the students and the communities that these students represent, but to understand the need for scholarships and programs like Jumpstart.

NSA Vice Chair Carlos Fernandez agrees most statements and with Tyler Ross and feels that the Chancellor needs to be an advisor and liaison. They need to understand the need for resources for undocumented students. To help make Higher Education feel like a home. To understand things with an open mind.

NSA Member Meghan Pierce had known the previous Chancellor for many years. The Chancellor was vital in bringing new information and a resource for the Student Government members. Willing to meet and take the time to get to know the students and be there for them. There is also a need to be able to go the legislator and be able to communicate effectively while being transparent.

NSA Member Jill Robinson agrees with everyone and feels that everyone touched upon the major topics and traits a Chancellor needs. There is one thing to add, that the Chancellor needs to understand the difference between College and University, the culture, the students and demographic. To be able to work with the Student Governments to understand why there is such a difference between the two types of institutions.

NSA Member Deep Sengupta feels that more resources need to be shared as resources from the Universities and DRI with the community colleges to help the students at the college level. That there needs to be mandated funding on all levels for this kind of collaboration.

NSA Member Tyler Ross adds that he liked how reliable the previous Chancellor was and would follow through with tasks.

Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok asked if there was anything else that should be brought up along with the feedback on attributes and responsibilities.

NSA Member Tyler Ross asked about the Common Registration Platform that the previous Chancellor had been working on.

Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok states the platform was important to the Board and was brought up in the January 22 workshop. That work is still being done in the Chancellors office. That there are two platforms that need to be completed first, Integrate I and Integrate II. That there is still a lot to understand when it comes to designing this plan to make sure everyone understands exactly what it is that is being designed. That it is going to take time and this needs to be important to our constituents.

Board of Regents Vice Chairman Michael B. Wixom addresses NSA Chair Desiree regarding the noise in the media about the possibility of breaking up NSHE. He states the importance of the students speaking up and shining light on this perspective. That there is a need for input from the students. That the success needs to be shared to keep from making possible mistakes.

Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok Charges the NSA Members to go back to their constituents to get information for the Board of Regents and send it to the Chancellors office. To put together a questionnaire about what this means. That this is our responsibility for what our students want and what they need.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(INFORMATION)

No new business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

(INFORMATION)

No public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

NSA Chair Desiree DeCosta Adjourns the meeting at 5:36 p.m.