

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
January 14, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 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
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Las Vegas–CSN CHEY 2638
UNLV SCS 102

CALL TO ORDER AT 4:11 PM, JANUARY 14, 2016

ROLL CALL: Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)
PRESENT
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)
PRESENT BY PROXY – CHEYENNE BRYANT
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Secretary)
PRESENT
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA
PRESENT
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
PRESENT
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
ABSENT
Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada Reno, GSA
PRESENT
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA
PRESENT AT 4:35 PM
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
PRESENT
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
PRESENT

GUESTS: CHANCELLOR DAN KLAICH, NSHE
RENEE DAVIS, NSHE
JANET STAKE, NSHE

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Kanani Espinoza 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.

ROLL TAKEN BY CHAIR FABBI

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

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NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Request is made for approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on December 3 and December 4, 2015.

MOTION BY SHULTZ / SECONDED BY SHARMA

NO DISCUSSION

APPROVAL 7-0-0

4. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR**INFORMATION**

NSA members will meet with Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich. They will discuss aspirations and concerns for each institution and the higher education system.

CHANCELLOR KLAICH TALKS TO NSA ABOUT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS. POLICY ORIENTED DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING. FIRST SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT BUDGET, ENCOURAGES ALL STUDENTS TO SHOW UP AND BE PRESENT. STUDENT VOICES ENCOURAGED, SOME ITEMS CLEARLY IMPACT STUDENTS AND COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS. SOME ITEMS COULD INCLUDE EFFICIENCIES IN THE BUDGET, SYSTEM AS GOOD STEWARDS TO THE MONEY THAT IT HAS. PRODUCTIVITY DOES NOT MEAN CUTS, DIFFERENT TYPES OF TEACHING, FULL / PARTIME INSTRUCTORS, MORE TEACHING LOADS, ETC.

CHAIR FABBI ASKS ABOUT THE TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM. CHANCELLOR SAYS AS SEEN BY REGENT DAVIDSON

SHARMA ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION ON WHAT CHANCELLOR MEANS BY STUDENT INPUT. THROUGH PUBLIC COMMENT? CHANCELLOR CLARIFIES BY PARTICIPATION DURING DISCUSSION OF ITEMS, HAVING AN OPEN CONVERSATION, BY STUDENTS ITEM BY ITEM.

SHARMA WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO CHANCELLOR KLAICH FOR SENDING INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH GROUP IN ADVANCE.

BOARD OF REGENT MEETING ON THE 22ND, SPECIAL MEETING.

ROSS ASKED TEACHER TRAINING, WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR SYSTEM TO TAKE AND TO TRANSFER DOWN TO THE INSTITUTIONS. CHANCELLOR FOCUSES ON COMMON APPLICATION, HOW TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE CLASSES ON DIFFERENT CAMPUSES – CONCERN ENTAILS LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY ON EACH SYSTEM. SOMETHING COULD LOOK LIKE A COMMON CORE SYSTEM, COMMON CATALOGUE.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

5. IT'S ON US 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 Alliance-sponsored "It's On Us" campaign to stop sexual assault.

CHAIR FABBI ASKS FOR UPDATES ON ITS ON US CAMPAIGN. AT UNR THERE ARE STUDENT GROUPS THAT ASUN FUNDED ABOUT ITS ON US, MORE CONVERSATION OVER THE PAST YEAR.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

6. NSA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

CHAIR FABBI ASKS FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER TO BE FINISHED BY THE JUNE BOR MEETING. ASKS FOR VOLUNTEERS: SHARMA AND CONNOLLY. ESPINOZA AND SHULTZ VOLUNTEER FOR A SECOND TIME. CONSENSUS THAT THE LAST NEWSLETTER WAS A GREAT STARTING PIECE.

7. PROFESSIONALISM CAMPAIGN FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi will continue the discussion from prior meetings regarding a possible Alliance-sponsored professionalism campaign to be held during Spring 2015. Possible elements of the campaign may include providing students with professional photos and LinkedIn workshops on the various NSHE campuses, or other efforts to assist students in preparing to enter careers in the professional world after graduation.

ROSS SAYS THEY HAVE DONE A GRADUATE STUDENT SURVEY COMPLETED DECEMBER 15: RESUME HELP, BUSINESS PREP, BUSINESS CARDS ARE INTERESTED.

UNLV GPSA HAS ONE TO TWO WORKSHOPS PER WEEK AND ALREADY WORKS WITH THE PROFESSIONALISM OF GRADUATES AT UNLV. UNLV GPSA CAN WORK WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR A START UP ON PROFESSIONALISM ON CAMPUSES.

EACH INSTITUTION CAN CHOOSE ONE TO TWO IDEAS FOR PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM TO COMPLETE DURING THE SPRING. NEXT NSA MEETING WE WILL PRESENT IDEAS PER INSTITUTION.

DRI AND UNR GSA CAN WORK TOGETHER ON PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS.

8. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 3403 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi requests approval of a resolution to encourage members of Congress to oppose passage of House Resolution 3403. Congressman Matt Salmon introduced H.R. 3403 on July 29, 2015 to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to protect victims of sexual violence, to improve the adjudication of allegations related to sexual violence, and for other purposes. The proposed resolution opposes H.R. 3403 on the grounds that it would prevent campuses from investigating allegations of sexual assault if the alleged victim does not agree to have the allegations investigated by the local law enforcement agency.

CHAIR FABBI ASKS IF ITEM SHOULD BE POSTPONED, TABLED; ASKS IF THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS OR DISCUSSED.

ASUN HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION. NO OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE TAKEN ACTION YET.

SHULTZ MOVES TO POSTPONE / SECOND BY SHARMA
APPROVED BY 7-0-0, MOTION CARRIES

9. STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING INFORMATION

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 will provide updates regarding conversations they have had on their campuses and further discuss their findings in order to present a factual report to the Chancellor, Chair, Vice Chair and Regents at the March 3rd Board meeting.

CHAIR FABBI WILL MOVE AHEAD AND DRAFT A REPORT ON EACH INSTITUTION'S STUDENT ADVISING TO BE PRESENTED IN THE MARCH MEETING BOR. DEADLINE BY NEXT NSA MEETING.

EMAIL FORM, STATE OF STUDENT ADVISING.

10. PROPOSED NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi requests approval of a revision to the NSA constitution which assigns a new duty to the NSA Vice Chair: "to organize, compile and publish the NSA Newsletter each

fall and spring semester.” Chair Fabbi will also open discussion for members to discuss additional revisions to the NSA constitution, possibly including, but not limited to, the number of votes required to conduct business. Any additional revisions would come back to a future meeting for consideration.

DEMARYNEE PRESENT AT 4:35 PM

CHAIR FABBI HAS PROPOSED FOR THE NSA VICE CHAIR TO EDIT, COMPOSE, AND RELEASE THE NSA NEWSLETTER.

SOCIAL MEDIA IS ANOTHER ASPECT TO CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

SHARMA QUESTIONS WHAT NSA HAS IN SOCIAL MEDIA: TWITTER, FACEBOOK, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

BRYANT (PROXY FOR SENDA) FEELS THE VICE CHAIR COULD TAKE ON THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES.

FABBI AND ESPINOZA DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

**FABBI SEEKS A MOTION FOR APPROVAL
SHARMA MOVES / CONNOLLY SECONDS
FAILED, 6-2-0, REQUIRED 2/3 (7 MEMBERS) TO APPROVE
2 ABSTENTION, ROSS AND CUEVAS (OUT OF ROOM)**

11. 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 (James Puccinelli, UNR), and will provide a report to NSA members on the working group’s most recent meeting.

THE UNR STUDENT REPRESENTATION FOR FACULTY WORKING PAY HAS STEPPED DOWN SO A NEW APPOINTEE FOR NEXT MEETING.

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.

NO NEW BUSINESS

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CHAIR FABBI WISHES A GOOD BREAK AND HAPPY SEMESTER

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM