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NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**Minutes
June 8, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

**University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union
87 West Stadium Way
Reno, NV 89557
Room 420
(Fourth Floor)**

Chair Espinoza calls meeting to order at 5:01pm

1. ROLL CALL

The NSA Secretary will take roll call of members and circulate a sign-in sheet for guests so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

- **Christina Barron, NSC—Absent**
- **Tania Covarrubias, WNC—Present**
- **Kanani Espinoza, UNLV GPSA—Present**
- **Sandesh Kannan, UNR GSA—Present**
- **Becky Linville, GBC—Present**
- **Kathleen Rodrigues, DRI—Absent**
- **Christopher Roys, UNLV CSUN—Present**
- **Noah Teixeira, UNR ASUN—Proxy by Keely Eshinbaugh**
- **Kimberly Tran, TMCC—Present**
- **Elizabeth Zuniga, CSN—Present**

The body meets quorum.

Guests:

- **Renee Davis, NSHE**
- **Diana Gurrola, WNC**
- **Chancellor John V. White, NSHE**
- **Chief of Staff Dean Gould, Board of Regents**
- **Chair Rick Trachok, Board of Regents**
- **Regent Kevin Page, Board of Regents**
- **Vice Chair Allison Stephens, Board of Regents**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR INFORMATION

Student representatives will have the opportunity to have an open dialogue with Officers of the Board and Chancellor. The discussion will include student experiences, concerns of their constituents, and other matters related to their roles in student government.

Chair moves on to Information Item 3.

Student body Presidents introduce themselves to the members present.

Chancellor John White and Regents discuss the issues of NSHE, student problems, advice on being a leader, as well as the obstacles that NSHE will need to overcome to be a more successful System.

- **Chair Rick Trachok asks how NSA can be informed by the Regents; Regent Kevin Page went over the goals of the Board of Regents and the nature of the Search Committee for the next NSHE Chancellor. Regent Page indicates a willingness for Student Government officials as well as students to be in attendance. Appointment for the next Chancellor will occur on June 26, 2017.**
- **Keely Eshinbaugh asks about what kind of candidate the Board of Regents is looking for; Chair Trachok indicates that NSHE needs a Chancellor who understands how “politics” work and how to interact with elected officials. The Chancellor should understand how the system of academia works and how to communicate with the two parties of the legislature.**
- **Chair Espinoza asks what type of issues that NSA can work on in conjunction with the Board of Regents. Chair Trachok responds with the next budget for NSHE being of high importance; he states that the Student Body Presidents should not be “rubber stamps” for the administration of universities. He defers the question to Chancellor White for the relationship of student leadership with the administrations of universities. There are issues that students should be advocating for that are not necessarily being advocated for by the administration of their respective universities.**
- **Keely Eshinbaugh discusses the end of the legislative session and using the interim period between the current session and the next session to engage in research; Chancellor White discusses the fact that higher education should be viewed differently than primary and secondary education in that students/constituents are adults who have the ability to discuss their needs from NSHE. Chancellor White also discusses the idea that some legislators don’t have the true knowledge of how NSHE operates or the needs of students; the legislature sometimes politicizes NSHE and the Board of Regents—sometimes things don’t get done properly or in a timely manner via the legislature.**

- **CSUN President Christopher Roys encourages the other members of NSA to develop programs within their governments to lobby for different issues that affect students.**
 - **Chair Trachok also states that it is important to be very critical of the different pieces of legislation that students go to lobby for.**
- **Keely Eshinbaugh airs the idea of changing the pathways of students in the future; for example, liberal arts students becoming med-school students should be more feasible. Chair Trachok responds with the suggestion that NSA discusses this idea with their respective institutions.**
- **Sandesh Kannan mentions the disparity between pay scales with graduate assistants at UNR; Dean Gould mentions that different fields offer different levels of demand—that demand may determine the level of pay for those individuals.**
 - **The conversation leads to the general conclusion that it is easier to enact change on an institutional level; going to the NSHE institution for changes that should occur on a more local level is important.**
- **Tania Covarrubias mentions the importance of providing degrees that are available at universities at community colleges; Chair Espinoza follows with a questions about the origin of academic programs. Chair Trachok responds with: “it comes from the Universities, the bottom-up. Not the other way around.”**

Board of Regents Vice Chair Allison Stephens arrives.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION.

**Chair moves on to Information Item 4.
No new business provided by members of the body.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

**Chair moves on to public comment.
No public comment.**

**Chair makes a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:48pm.
Secretary Roys seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourns at 5:48pm.**