



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

September 7, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Great Basin College
Berg Hall Conference Room
1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

Chair calls meeting to order at 5:00 pm on September 7, 2017

1. ROLL CALL

Present Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA (NSA Chair)
Present Ms. Kimberly Tran, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Vice Chair)
Present Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary)
Present Ms. Alicia Contreras, Nevada State College, NSSA
Absent Ms. Tania Covarrubias, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Present Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Present Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA
Absent Ms. Kathleen Rodrigues, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Absent Mr. Noah Teixeira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Present Ms. Elizabeth Zuniga, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

Members present in the public:

Nicole Opfer NSC NSSA
Melanie Croft NSC NSSA
Nathaniel Waugh UNLV CSUN
Regent Page NSHE
Regent Geddes NSHE
Chancellor Thom Reilly NSHE
Dean Gould NSHE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR

INFORMATION

Chair opens discussion with Board Officers and Chancellor:

Alicia Contreras introduces herself; discusses her major and her background at NSSA.

Becky Linville introduces herself to the body; she describes her role at GBC.

Melanie Croft introduces herself to the body, along with Nicole Opfer and their roles at NSC.

Nathaniel Waugh introduces himself as CSUN Chief of Staff to the body.

Christopher Roys discusses the smoking policy at UNLV and how it should be changed. He describes current smoking policy at UNLV and the public health hazard of allowing second hand smoke exposure at UNLV. He describes a poll that he sent to the student body; the poll indicated favoring of stronger regulations on smoking. Chancellor Reilly asks if there are other campuses that are smoke-free. Dean Gould describes that NRS states that NSHE cannot make policy restrictions on smoking. The body further discusses the feasibility of smoking policy changes.

Alicia Contreras discusses student engagement at NSC. She describes the importance of DACA; she calls on the body to pass a resolution in favor of supporting students who fall under DACA. Chancellor Reilly described a statement that NSHE released in support of DACA. NSHE affirms support for students who fall under DACA. Espinoza questions whether or not NSHE should share CSUN and UNR statements on DACA.

Sandesh Kannan describes problems that occur at UNR. One of the students at UNR participated in the Charlottesville. On September 5, students had an opportunity to share dialogue with administration on the issue of the UNR student who participated. Kannan describes an anti-bullying policy that could give confidence to students. Chancellor Reilly recommends legal counsel presence is important in regards to protecting first amendment rights as well as the importance of recognizing language that indicates a strong denunciation of hate-speech.

Nicole Opfer describes the ideas of going to Washington DC as well as writing letters to Congress in regards to issues related to DACA and hate speech. General advocacy.

Christopher Roys asks questions related to NSHE Southern Police Consolidation and his trepidations with consolidating UNLV's and CSN's police forces. He questions how feasible it is to save money and how it protects public safety. Regent Page says that it's about improving services and improving public safety. Chancellor Reilly says that the consultant will be a part of the discussion with students.

Kimberly Tran thanks the regents for approving the sports facility. Regent Page says that NSHE and the Student Governments should have a sports game (kickball, or something).

The body discusses the accessibility of student government; Christopher Roys recommends providing data and hard factual information that students can use to ask questions.

Regent Geddes suggests that student governments should speak up at meetings and submit any NSHE changes quickly.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

No new business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Nicole Opfer thanks the regents and the body for being here.

Meeting adjourns at 5:28pm.