



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

September 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno

87 West Stadium Way

Reno, NV 89512

Joe Crowley Student Union

Rita Laden Senate Chambers (Room 356)

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 AM BY NSA CHAIR CHRISTOPHER ROYS.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Christopher Roys, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Chair) PRESENT

Mr. Andrew Sierra, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN (NSA Vice Chair) PRESENT

Ms. Ahtziry Vasquez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA (NSA Secretary) PRESENT

Ms. Hannah Jackson, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN PRESENT

Mr. Sandesh Kannan, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA PRESENT

Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA PRESENT

Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN PRESENT

Ms. Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA PRESENT AT 7:15

Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA PRESENT

Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD VACANT

Guests:

Renee Davis, NSHE

Melissa Rangel, NSC

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Approval of minutes is made by unanimous vote of 8-0

4. CAMPUS HUNGER REDUCTION ACT OF 2018 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion to open item by Becky Linville

Second by Ahtziy Vasquez

Approval to support campus hunger reduction act is made by unanimous vote of 8-0

5. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NSA CAMPAIGN ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INFORMATION ONLY

Body discusses possible forms of reaching out to students in order to receive and encourage student voice. A possibility of creating info sessions where students can have an opportunity to learn more about legislator was discussed. Roys encourages all member of NSA to share ideas in order to be able to reach out to students in the most effective way.

6. DISCUSSION OF NSA PRIORITIES RELATED TO THE NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION ONLY

Item skipped.

7. DISCUSSION ON “15 TO FINISH” INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Roys discusses with the body what this campaign embodies and how it affects students. Nicola Opfer introduces the stress that this brings to non-traditional students and Sandesh Kannan explains how this also does not fit the normal graduate student load. Sierra also agrees with Opfer and explains his concern on how ineffective this campaign might be to the normal community college student. Roys also explains to the body how this campaign affects summer programs and the funding it has.

Stephanie Molina asks if there are data to support 15 to Finish. NSHE Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis clarifies a lot of questions and confusion coming from the body. She explains how enrollment in 15 credits does correlate to student success, regardless of level of student preparation, but it has been understood from the start that 15 credits might not work for all students. In fact, the target population for the campaign is recent high school graduates. She clarifies the goals of the campaign and how it encourages advisors to be transparent on how long a degree may take a student to get if they enroll part-time. If a student does take longer to complete a degree, it increases the chance that a student can have for problems start while in college that may prevent them from completing their degree.

8. NSA CHAIR’S REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Roys informs body about what he will be reporting to the Board of Regents

- Divestment being on investment agenda
- Resolution on predictable tuition and fees
- Support for the campus hunger reduction act

Vice Chair Sierra expresses a concern of why Board of Regents and the committee minutes are not put into an accessible place for students to go over.

Chair Roys informs Vice Chair Sierra that this was a problem that he had previously brought up but could bring up again.

Hannah Jackson suggest a possibility of live streaming the meeting.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Sandesh Kannan has no report.

Hannah Jackson mentions the October 5th event of state-wide day of caring.

Nicola Opfer is focusing on community service opportunity, the day of caring, and utilizing a lot more media.

Andrew Sierra reports that he is communicating a lot with his faculty about how the extra 4% tuition increase will be used at his institution and how he is going to get more student feedback. He is also communicating with candidates to talk to students.

Becky Linville informs the body how she encourages students to be involved on campus. Her student government is also discussing possible community service events.

Ahtziry Vasquez talks about how TMCC was supporting students on the first week back to school and upcoming projects that are starting on campus such as EATS.

Viridiana Miranda is focusing on how the student to faculty relationship is at her institution and how she can help students feel like more of a community and connected to professors.

Stephanie Molina reports that she is also concentrating on student involvement and marketing of GPSA so that students know that they have a voice. She also informs the body about how her institution plans to spend the 4% tuition increase.

10. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

No new business.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

Kannan encourages GPSA as being part of the national recognized program that GSA is part of. He also expresses his concern on faculty compression issues on salaries and wages.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:54 AM