



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

MINUTES

January 15, 2019

12:00 p.m.

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512

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MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:08 P.M. 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
Ms. Tara Park, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA-PRESENT
Ms. Becky Linville, Great Basin College, SGA-PRESENT
Ms. Viridiana Miranda, Western Nevada College, ASWN-ABSENT
Ms. Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA-PRESENT
Ms. Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA—PRESENT AT 12:10 P.M.
Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD VACANT

Guests:

Renee Davis, NSHE
Karli Mcfarling-Kelly, CSN
Adriana Mendez, GBC
Amanda Page, GBC
Maribel Vera, GBC

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION

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

Motion: Jackson

Second: Park

MOTION PASSES 7-0-0

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS' SECURITY COMMITTEE**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Roys asks members if there is anything specific that they would like to address on a letter that will be sent to the Board of Regents security committee. He asks each member specifically if they have any concerns about safety on their own campuses.

Vice Chair Sierra states that he is not aware of any immense safety issues at the CSN campus, but will inform the board if anything does come up.

Secretary Vasquez has spoken with the TMCC General Assembly about safety on campus, but there is no sign of anything of big magnitude. There are already many procedures that are in place that are known to the student workers.

Jackson believes the biggest safety topic at UNR is sexual assault and sexual harassment. Would like the committee to look at how effective the online training is when compared to personal, face-to-face training. She believes that the online training is not as effective as other platforms because of her personal talks with students who say they do not remember what they learned through the online training. She sees that the students who believe are getting the best training are the ones that work in the residence halls because they do face real world situation where they have to use their training constantly. Suggests that this issue should be looked at system wide.

Park agrees with Jackson and suggests that there should be some type of evaluation that is given to all institutions in all areas. She sees that there are some departments at UNR that are receiving more in-depth training on this subject than others. She believes that the depth of this training should be equal around all departments and not only to some. Also, she comments about incidents that have happened near campus and on campus in parking lots. She believes that in these instances, UNR does a good job of alerting students and communicating with them about what is happening constantly on campus. Suggests that the committee should make sure that all institutions have a good communication system with students when it comes to safety on campus.

Jackson brings up comments on how UNR helps with safe transportation on campus when it comes to after hours. This can be something that the committee can bring up in order to implement similar systems in all NSHE institutions.

Linville informs the body on the assailant training that occurred in the morning. Reports about the safety app, email alerts, text messages alerts that are sent to all students in every campus for emergencies of all types.

Molina states that she does not have any concerns that only applies to the graduate students. She comments that GSPA does not hear much from students about this topic but can certainly seek out for more information.

Chair Roys speaks on how safety has been one of his biggest goals during this academic year. He is concerned about building access throughout the day and comments on some issues where individuals that are not associated with campus come into buildings and sleep. There was an even bigger incident in

spring of 2018 where such an individual attacked a student in the student union during hours. Also speaks about the concerns on communication that UNLV has with its students when it comes to safety. Agrees with Park about looking into difference resources that each institution has for incidents like these and asses what is useful in order to try and implement system wide.

Opfer informs members about her concern about safety when students are attending late night classes at NSC. She explains that these students then have to walk to bus stops on campus that can be a long walk to students. Suggest having some type of escorts for students when they are walking after hours.

Jackson believes that all these concerns are not necessarily institution specific but system wide. Therefore, she suggest to write the letter with a couple overarching concerns.

Park agrees that by formatting it this way our concern will be presented to the committee with a stronger stance.

Chair Roys then lists the main points.

- Sexual assault and sexual harassment training. Focus on assessing the effectiveness of these training in all institutions.
- Reporting of sexual assault and having resources for students.
- Safety around the presence of having non-campus community members on campus.
- Communication within institution when it comes to emergencies and crimes.
- Presence and visibility of security. Making sure that they are being available and that students are aware of that. For example, he points out that he does not see many police officers on campus and, even though this issue maybe a staffing issue, this may help students feel safer on campus.

Jackson adds that she also wants to see more resources to students that are not only legal based but emotionally and mentally based in order to help them stay connected to campus (survivor networks).

Sierra suggests that institutions should look to have a better understanding of procedures when incidents happen and how to appropriately report issues.

Jackson asks if we should include ideas about how to fix certain concerns or if students can attend committee meetings.

Chair Roys informs members that this committee meets at regular Board of Regent meetings.

Park encourages having an NSHE code for safety so that all institutions have the same amount of information, procedures, and education on safety.

Chair Roys concludes that he will condense this feedback into bullet points and share with the committee.

Jackson asks about the context behind the creation of this committee just to know if there should be other topics that members should talk about.

Chair Roys responds by stating that there is most likely no answer to that because the committee is fairly new and have not had a chance to meet and discuss issues. Suggests that the creation can be due to the concerns over southern Nevada police consolidation.

Letter approved: 8-0-0

Motion to open: Jackson
Second: Park

5. LETTER ADDRESSING THE TUITION PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Roys informs members about the letter that was drafted in order to show support for a tuition plan.

Park states that UNR GSA is in favor of option B but is concerned about the cap being at 6%. Suggest a lower cap of 3%-4%.

Molina agrees with concern about the 6% cap because it is higher than the average HEPI rate.

Vice Chair Sierra has not officially discussed with ASCSN board yet, but from previous talk, he believes that they are leaning towards option B.

Park suggest specific organization of the letter so that each institution can have a say but it is also condense and straight to the point.

Secretary Vasquez has not been able to meet with SGA board. However, meeting will be soon and topic will be discussed. May be leaning towards option B.

Chair Roys asks if letter should be postpones until we have insight from institutions.

Opfer comments that her board will also be voting on support for specific option in their upcoming meeting. Therefore, she suggest that body waits on approving until we hear back from everyone.

Becky states that she would also like more time to present this to her officers in her next meeting because she was not able to do it previously.

Motion to postpone: Jackson
Second: Molina
Motion passes

6. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION**

Park proposes to change the NSA constitution to include formal appointment process of NSA members to certain committees, due to discussion in November about topic.

Jackson will draft a proposed amendment.

Chair Roys wants to add a discussion item about divestment, sustainability and evaluation on energy efficiency.

Jackson will speak with ASUN member expert on this topic and bring back information to body for the next meeting.

Chair Roys will send out doodle pool for a new meeting date for the February meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Linville informed the body that she will not be traveling down to Las Vegas for the March Board of Regents meeting and will have to call in to the NSA meetings that will be on the 28th.

Opfer congratulates Linville on birth of child.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:57 P.M.