



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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September 5, 2019

5:00 pm

Time approximate: This meeting will begin upon recess of the Board of Regents Meeting

**Western Nevada College
2201 West College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89703
Aspen Building Room 226**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:38 PM BY NICOLA OPFER, NSA CHAIR

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Nicola Opfer, Nevada State College, NSSA (NSA Chair) **PRESENT**
Anthony Martinez, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Vice Chair) **PROXY**
Tamara Guinn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary) **PRESENT**
Daniel Gutierrez, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN **PRESENT**
Hannah Patenaude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN **PRESENT**
Alexandra Patri, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA **PRESENT**
Stephanie Molina, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA **PRESENT**

Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Office Vacant, Great Basin College, SGA
Office Vacant, Western Nevada Collage, ASWN

Guests:

Terina Caserto, NSHE
Renee Davis, NSHE
Nicole Flangas, UNR PROXY FOR MARTINEZ
Board of Regents Chair Jason Geddes
Alexander Lum, NSC
Joshua Padilla, UNLV
Chancellor Thomas Reilly, NSHE
Chief of Staff Dean Gould
Board of Regents Vice Chair Mark Doubrava

A QUORUM OF MEMBERS IS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATION

3. DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OFFICERS AND CHANCELLOR

Opfer opened the floor for discussion.

INFORMATION

Flangas posed a question regarding the MGM program for employees. This is a cool program, but will this program potentially be expanded to other companies? Flangas expressed concern that since this is essentially a discounted tuition program could there be growing concern that some students are paying less than others for the same classes?

Chancellor Reilly explained that there are three goals associated with the MGM program. The program is only for online degrees which are limited in number across institutions, so this program is designed to help grow online programs. Also placing new programs such as UNLV MBA program online. Another goal of this program is to increase enrollment at institutions, reaching students that we may not have otherwise. Since this is a pilot program we want to make sure that we are accomplishing the goals of increasing online programs, access to programs, and are we making money from the partnership. If this program is successful, the program could be expanded to other companies but would be revisited after the pilot program.

Flangas asked about gathering data on how many MGM employees are utilizing slots in the online programs.

Chancellor Reilly responded that caps on enrollment only applied to the UNR Executive MBA program. That is why they started looking into putting the UNLV program online.

Flangas also asked if there will be caps on the enrollment in programs/classes?

Chancellor Reilly mentioned that UNR did and that yes, some classes may have caps depending on capacity, but we would not encourage caps if the capacity can be expanded. Chancellor Reilly also reminded members that admissions from MGM students into online programs is also contingent upon acceptance into the programs based on the same competitive process students already participate in.

Opfer wanted to confirm that NSC is not currently participating in the MGM program.

Chancellor Reilly confirmed that NSC is not participating because they currently do not online programs, they have online classes, but not full degree programs.

Flangas posed a question regarding whether MGM students that graduate have an obligation to stay at MGM or in Nevada after they receive their degree.

Chancellor Reilly responded that no, that is not a requirement and that would be dependent on MGM since they are paying the tuition for the students. Chancellor Reilly further discussed how MGM employees that receive degrees and do chose to stay benefit the workforce in Nevada with a college degree or certificate.

Flangas indicated that it would be informative to track MGM students once they graduate to see where they are going and how they use their degree, whether they stay in Nevada, and is NSHE investing in the community through this initiative. Guinn agreed this data would be beneficial.

Chancellor Reilly indicated that any information would be beneficial and could be gathered.

Gutierrez posed a question about the collective bargaining and binding arbitration issues that were brought forward by CSN faculty at the Board of Regents Public Comment.

Chancellor Reilly briefly explained the situation and why the issue was being brought forward. Chancellor Reilly discussed that salary negotiations would need to be handled collectively through NSHE and the legislature to be approved. He further encouraged Gutierrez to reach out to the NFA for a better understanding or even a presentation for clarification.

Vice Chair Geddes reminded NSA members that we are encouraged to speak during the meeting and ask for clarification on any issue. Vice Chair Geddes asked NSC for their thoughts on the proposed admission standard changes on the upcoming BOR agenda.

Opfer expressed that there were multiple discussions regarding increasing GPA to ensure students are still able to attend, but also ensuring that students aren't being excluded, taking a wholistic approach to enrollment.

Vice Chair Geddes entertained a discussion from NSA members regarding campus security and safety issues.

Patenaude discussed that CSUN students express concern about safety on campus. Prior updates of phones and lighting have been helpful on campus, but there are still areas of "darkness". Many leaders run for office on campus based on safety as a priority. There are still many areas for improvement for UNLV campus safety to make students feel more comfortable and have an accessible campus. Perhaps revisiting the campus master plan would be helpful, and maybe we are missing something bigger that can be done.

Vice Chair Geddes recommended that CSUN do a safety walk with Director Garcia and UNLV Police Chief to see what improvements can be made. Safety walks at UNR have been incredibly helpful to determine areas of concern that have been addressed. The city has even responded to help improve safety.

Opfer also expressed concern for campus safety, not only at UNLV but all campuses.

Flangas agreed that safety walks at UNR were helpful in enhancing safety on campus. The city of Reno also responded by adding additional street lights along Virginia Street and additional crosswalks for pedestrians.

Gutierrez expressed gratitude for the consolidation of Police services in Southern Nevada. However, there is still a concern at CSN about students that ride the bus in commuting to campus.

4. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

No new business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No Public comment.

OPFER ADJOURNED MEETING AT 5:22 PM