

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

*Working together to promote and protect the educational interests of the students in the Nevada Higher Education System.*

**September 7, 2012**

**7:15-7:45 A.M.**

**Truckee Meadows Community College**

**Sierra Building, Room 201**

**Minutes**

- Attending:**
- Mr. Orion Cuffe, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)**
  - Mr. Navgeet "King" Zed, TMCC**
  - Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN**
  - Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA**
  - Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA**
  - Mr. Jason Geddes, Board of Regents Chair**
  - Ms. Fantasi Pridgohn**
  - Ms. Alexi Schurmur**
  - Ms. Kathy Bywaters, DRI**
  - Mr. Scott Wasserman**
  - Ms. Sara Farr, CSUN**
  - Ms. Jessica Lujan**
  - Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN (Joined the meeting at 7:21)**
  - Mr. Dan Klaich, Chancellor (Joined the meeting at 7:21)**
  - Ms. Sharon Young, UNLV GPSA (Joined the meeting at 7:21)**
  - Mr. Kevin Page, Board of Regents Vice Chair (Joined the meeting at 7:28)**
- Absent:**
- Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair**
  - Mr. Mark Ciovola, CSUN**
  - Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN**

- Chair Geddes responded that the chances are pretty good that the budget will be approved as it stands and that historically the budget is approved within 5% of the one that is presented to the legislators.
- Ms. Lujan asked the chair about special fees.
  - Chair Geddes informed the group that all fees have to be detailed and in the budget before approval.
  - Chancellor Klaich added that the size of the fee makes a difference and smaller fees don't need board approval.
- Mr. Cuffe asked Chair Geddes about the Governor and mitigation of funds.
  - Chair Geddes informed the group that there is an upcoming \$13.2 million reduction for Community Colleges and the board is working with Governor to mitigate and phase the reduction.
- Mr. Porter asked the chair about the chances of the budget passing the legislature given the mitigation and phasing suggested by the board.
  - Chair Geddes informed the group that the board has submitted a flat budget and will submit the formula to the governor but it will be up to the legislature after that point.
  - Chancellor Klaich added that he feels that there's significant momentum behind the formula. He further added that he feels that the governor is a strong proponent of higher education in rural Nevada and will not destroy it.
  - Chair Geddes added that the governor's chief of staff was on the committee and legislators supported it so it has a good chance for approval.
  - Chancellor Klaich added that ultimately, it depends on the legislators.
- Mr. Blackwell commented that seems like we are in a good spot as far as policy is concerned.
  - Chair Geddes said that he agreed and echoed that sentiment.
  - Mr. Page - This has been a 9 month process and Mr. Klaich and his staff are responsible for the current good place of the Board.
  - Chancellor Klaich added that the ultimate idea of the formula is to get the money into the classroom where it's needed.
- Mr. Cuffe asked how definite is it that Knowledge fund will be funded.
  - Chair Geddes said that 99% sure that the knowledge fund will be funded, don't know how much but it will be funded. It's a priority of the board.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 A.M.