

**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)**

**Minutes**

**June 5, 2014**

**7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.**

**Truckee Meadows Community College**

**7000 Dandini Boulevard**

**Reno, NV 89512**

**Red Mountain Building, Room 122**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 AM by outgoing NSA Chair Alex Porter.

Members Present: Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
Mr. David CortezLopez, Nevada State College, NSSA  
Mr. Angelo DePerezWestern Nevada College, ASWN  
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN  
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN  
Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA  
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Members Absent: Mr. Elias BenjellouUniversity of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Ms. K.C. King, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

Others present: Yesenia Cuevas, NSC  
Renee Davis, NSHE

**2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**INFORMATION**

Outgoing 2013-14 NSA Chair Alex Porter welcomed the new members to their first meeting, as well as the three returning members who were elected for a second year as president of their organization: Ms. Boyajian, Ms. Sharon Young, and Mrs. Stephanie Prevost. Ms. KC King, not present, is also continuing in her confidential role. Mr. Porter echoed Mr. Osembela's comments. He stated that NSA has great potential, and pointed out that NSA members are looked to during the legislative session to provide a student perspective.

**3. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Director of Student Affairs and NSA Adviser Renée Davis introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the organization. She stated that the organization is currently in a period of transition and that the current members are working to establish a strong foundation for the future. She also mentioned that the organization is currently in a period of transition and that the current members are working to establish a strong foundation for the future.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSITION**

Chancellor N Olsen confirmed that it was fine for the current members to Mequon since six of 10 NSA members are new and were not present at the meetings in question. V12 - Ocel

**7. NSA REPRESENTATION ON NSHE COMMITTEES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Porter described his activities over the last year on two NSHE committees: Learning Task Force and ad hoc Institutional Service Areas Committee. Ms. Alejandra Leon talked about her participation in the Institutional Service Areas Committee. Chair Prevost asked if members were interested in having their names put forward as potential members of these two committees. Ms. Boyajian asked Ms. Davis if it is known what other NSHE committees may come up in the next year. Ms. Davis responded that the committees are appointed by the Board or the Chancellor, and she had not heard anything about new committees coming up during 2014-2015. She confirmed that the next Tuition and Fee Committee would not convene until next year (Fall 2015). Ms. Saili and Mr. Angelo DePerez volunteered for the Institutional Services Committee. A volunteer to serve on the Learning Task Force was not identified, and this agenda item will be brought back to the Alliance at the July meeting. The volunteer for the Learning Task Force must be an undergraduate as there is already a graduate representative on the committee.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

Ms. Prevost suggested discussion of an NSA lobbyist be added to the July agenda. Ms. Boyajian suggested that she and Mr. Jake Pereira invite ASUN Vice Chair Alex Bybee to discuss that student government's lobbying efforts. Ms. Davis mentioned that the NSHE Student Affairs Council asked that the proposed NSHE policy on medical marijuana be added to the next agenda. Vice Chancellor Nielsen said she would share with NSA members a memo and proposed policy she recently sent to campus leaders of all NSHE institutions.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

Mr. Osembela reinforced his interest in NSA having a lobbyist and the need for a NSA lobbyist to begin reaching out to Nevada legislators as soon as possible. He also suggested that Vice Chancellor Constance Brooks be invited to future meetings as she has indicated her interest in