

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)
Minutes
April 7, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Reno System Administration Building, Room 134
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
Carson City-WNC Dini 105
Elko-GBC LCSL 122
Henderson- NSC DAW 218
Las Vegas–CSN CHEY 2638
UNLV SCS 102

CALL TO ORDER AT 4:09 PM (VICE CHAIR SENDA)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)
PRESENT BY PROXY: NOAH TEIXEIRA
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)
PRESENT
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (Secretary)
ABSENT
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA
ABSENT
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
ABSENT
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
ABSENT
Mr. Tyler Ross, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
ABSENT
Ms. DeMarynee Sali, Great Basin College, SGA
PRESENT
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
ABSENT, PRESENT AT 4:19 P.M.
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
ABSENT

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

CHANCELLOR KLAICH, NSHE
RENEE DAVIS, NSHE
JANET STAKE, NSHE
BRANDON BOONE, UNR
CHEYENNE BRYANT, WNC
ADRIANA MENDEZ, GBC

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Chair Caden Fabb will take roll call of members and ask guests at each of the video sites to identify themselves so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

3 MEMBERS PRESENT. NO QUORUM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

CHANCELLOR: BUSY MONTH.

- TMCC PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH SEMIFINALIST INTERVIEWS COMING UP. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO APPROVE SELECTED CANDIDATE ON APRIL 22.
- SEARCH AT DRI SWINGING INTO HIGH GEAR.
- BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING. GOOD NEWS IS THAT NSHE IS AHEAD OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TIMEWISE IN PAST YEARS – SHOULD BE APPROVED BY APRIL 22. GOOD TO HAVE BUDGET IN HAND WHILE STATE LEGISLATURE CANDIDATES ARE CAMPAIGNING.
- LOTS GOING ON WITH MED SCHOOLS. MANY OF MEETINGS TO MANAGE THE CHANGES
- CSN AT APRIL 22 MEETING WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO DECENTRALIZE

CHANCELLOR: REALITY IS NSHE CANNOT AFFORD IT. THE NEVADA BUDGET FOR HIGHER ED IS NOT ROSY. STATE IS NOT IN BAD SHAPE, BUT THERE IS A STRUCTURAL ISSUE WITH TAXES. IT IS MATHEMATICAL FACT. TAX BASE IN NEVADA WAS CUT IN HALF DURING RECESSION. WAY IT WORKS IN NEVADA IS YOU CAN REGAIN THAT ONLY 3% PER YEAR. BECAUSE LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE COVERED IN PART BY LOCAL FUNDS, AND TAX BASE HAS DECREASED, STATE GENERAL FUND HAS TO KICK IN AND COVER ANY GAPS NET EFFECT – GOVERNOR WILL HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME MAINTAINING CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS WITH AVAILABLE DOLLARS IN BUDGET.

SCHULTZ ARRIVES AT 4:19 P.M.; 4 MEMBERS PRESENT; NO QUORUM.

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SOME DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED REVISION, BUT WILL BRING BACK TO NEXT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS WILL DISCUSS ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND COME BACK PREPARED TO VOTE. DAVIS WILL WORK WITH FABBI AND SENDA ON REVISED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS LEGAL'S CONCERNS.

MOVE TO ITEM 9.

9. CHANCELLOR'S FACULTY PAY WORKING GROUP

INFORMATION

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich convened Faculty Pay Working Group on November 24, 2015 to review salary policies of the System and its institutions to determine if those policies are proper to advance the interests of NSHE. NSA members Spencer Schultz and Surbhi Sharma serve on this working group along with a third student representative Noah Teixeira, UNR), and will provide a report to NSA members on the working group's most recent activities.

TEIXEIRA: ONLY ONE MEETING AND REST HANDLED BY EMAILS. LOOKING FOR BOARD POLICY REVISION TO ALLOW ONE-TIME COMPENSATION FOR FACULTY BASED ON PERFORMANCE. NOT SURE IF LANGUAGE WILL GO TO BOARD FOR APPROVAL IN JUNE. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES TREATED THE SAME AS ALL OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES IN TERMS OF COLA AND MERIT INCREASES – THIS NEEDS TO GO TO LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL.

MOVE TO ITEM 10.

10. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

INFORMATION

TMCC Student Body President Spencer Schulz will share the work being done on the Truckee Meadows Community College campus to utilize Open Educational Resources (OER) in order to reduce student textbook and material costs. NSA Vice Chair Andrea Senda will invite the other members to share their knowledge of OER being used on their campuses.

SCHULTZ: TRYING AT TMCC TO CUT COSTS OF TEXT BOOKS. TMCC SGA HAD TEXT BOOK TASK FORCE LAST YEAR. OER IS A PEER-REVIEWED PROGRAM WHERE COURSE IS DESIGNED AROUND OPEN RESOURCES WITH NO TEXT BOOK FOR STUDENTS TO PURCHASE. WORKING WITH FACULTY TO DEVELOP A COURSE AT TMCC. IN UTAH K-12 IS MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. IN WASHINGTON STATE, ALL HIGHER ED GEN ED IS ACCOMPLISHED WITH OER. TMCC PROFESSORS ARE WORKING ON A COURSE FREE OF CHARGE OVER THE SUMMER

SCHULTZ: ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OER EFFORTS ON OTHER NSHE CAMPUSES
MEMBERS: NONE THAT ARE KNOWN.

SENDA: WOULD LIKE TO DUPLICATE WHAT SPENCER IS DOING. ANY THOUGHTS ON WHAT THE NEXT NSA GROUP CAN DO?

SCHULTZ: SET GROUNDWORK FOR HIS SUCCESSOR SO THE WORK CAN CONTINUE. MERLOT.COM IS A GOOD RESOURCE. HAS TEMPLATES FOR

INSTRUCTORS. BELIEVES THERE WILL NEED TO BE LEGISLATION TO SEE MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

DAVIS: WHY WILL IT TAKE LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR NSHE INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT OER?

SCHULTZ: CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED BY CAMPUSES FOUR YEARS IN ADVANCE WITH TEXTBOOK COMPANIES. THERE IS RESISTANCE TO OER.

TEIXEIRA: ASUN RUNS THE CAMPUS BOOK STORE, BUT IT IS BASED ON FACULTY CHOICE OF TEXT BOOKS. THEY ALSO SIGN CONTRACTS 4 YEARS OUT.

MOVE TO ITEM 11.

11. 2016 NSA MEETING DATES

INFORMATION

Director of Student Affairs Renee Davis will present to members the updates to NSA meeting schedule for 2016. Members are asked to share this information with their successors at the time they change office.

DAVIS: REFERRED MEMBERS TO REVISED MEETING DATES DOCUMENT. EXPLAINED CHANGE IN NSA MEETING SCHEDULE DURING THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS. UPDATED DOCUMENT AVAILABLE ON NSA WEB PAGE.

MOVE TO ITEM 12

12. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request

NO NEW BUSINESS.
MOVE TO ITEM 13.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised

SCHULTZ: LAST MEETING. THANKS TO MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK AND WISH NEW MEMBERS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

ADJOURN AT 4:59 P.M.

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