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May 13, 2013
4:00-5:00 PM
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Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

ROLL CALL:
Present:
Mr. Michael Gordon, Chair, UNLV GPSA
Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC SGA

Absent:
Ms. Haley Anderton-Folmer, UNR GSA
Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN (Represented by Incoming President, Alejandra Leon)
Ms. Kathy Bywaters, GRAD
Mr. Mark Ciavola, UNLV (Represented by Jessica Lujan)
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA
Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN
Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA

Guests:
Ms. Renee Davis
Ms. Alejandra Leon
Mr. Antonio Guerrero
Ms. Jessica Lujan
Mr. Isaac Duran
Ms. DeMarynee Saili

As quorum did not exist, no decisions could be voted upon at this meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY FOR THE MEETING
ROLL CALL

Mr. Alex Porter was appointed as the secretary for the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Approval of April 8, 2013 Minutes.
4. NSA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

No Discussion on NSA Constitutional Revisions, but this topic will be included on the next meeting agenda.

5. NSHE E-LEARNING PROJECT

The new NSHE E-Learning Steering committee has not yet met. No Discussion on NSHE E-Learning Project.

6. GRADE APPEAL POLICY

No Discussion on Grade Appeal Policy.

7. ADDING DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ASPECT TO STUDENT ORIENTATION

No Discussion on adding diversity and community building aspects to student orientation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Incoming ASCSN President, Mr. Antonio Guerrero, posed a question about the E-Learning Taskforce and about how the new committee will be organized. Ms. Renee Davis explained that the Chancellor put out a request to the campuses to provide recommendations to the committee. An overall summary of the breadth the institutions offered and what they were doing with online education will be given to the committee based on reports submitted to the System office in April as well as research done during the last committee. The Chancellor has been charged with the task of going through the recommendations that were put forth from the Richard Katz and Associates report which was provided at the last Board of Regents meeting. Each Campus will have at least one member on the new committee. Chair Michael Gordon clarified that Mr. Alex Porter had been on the last E-Learning committee and has been nominated by NSA to be on the new one as well. Mr. Porter gave some background on what process was taken during the first committee and how the Katz report was developed. Chair Michael Gordon also clarified that the new committee will be looking at a large unified way of NSHE conducting business rather than looking at each institution separately. Ms. Renee Davis stated that the focus of the Katz report was mainly student success and enhancing the students’ experience when taking online courses. Recommendations included more collaboration among the institutions. Many campuses do this voluntarily but that becomes hard when there isn't a centralized system of support system within NSHE. There are also no plans to make distance education the only option to students.

Chair Michael Gordon wanted to make two points.
(1) For those in NSA it is important that we realize the decisions that we are making affect the 105,000+ students in the system. When these directions are being made they are to primarily benefit students. It is also important that student body presidents attend these meetings because we have access to the top-notch people in the state and we are the only ones who have that privilege. He advised everyone to take NSA seriously.
(2) NSA dinners have been something that has been created this last year before the main Board of Regents meetings. These have been very beneficial to the members to get to know each other and just create a relation on a personal level with each other. He told the members feel free to attend the dinner that will be in Reno before the Board of Regents meeting.

Mr. Antonio Guerrero made a closing comment about being excited to work with NSA.

Mr. Alex Porter thanked Chair Michael Gordon for his remarks and service. He echoed Mr. Gordon in taking NSA seriously and that the dinners are very useful in building a trust. He also looks forward to working with everyone next year.

Ms. Alejandra Leon extended a farewell from Mr. Curtis Blackwell saying that he will miss NSA and thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve, work with, and get to know them. She also is looking forward to the new year.
Ms. Renee Davis reminded everyone that they needed to be on time for the early NSA meetings before the Board of Regents. She also recommended that everyone try and exchange phone numbers for easy communication.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.