NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

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

May 14, 2012
4:00-5:00 PM

Present: Ms. Aimee Riley, ASCSN, Chair
Mr. Alex Porter, GBC
Mr. Michael J. Gordon, GPSA
Ms. Heather Dodson, ASWN
Mr. Travis Brown, ASCSN
Mr. Curtis Blackwell, ASWN
Mr. Orion Cuffe, UNR GSA
Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA
Mr. Navgeet Zed, TMCC SGA
Isaac Duran, GBC
Jennifer Reed, Student
Steve Branier, Student
Mercedes Haefer, Student
Jenney Lease, Student

Absent: Mr. Casey Stiteler, ASUN, Vice Chair
Ms. Stephanie Vega, GSA
Mr. Steve Gronstal, GRAD
Ms. Sarah Saenz, CSUN
Mr. Scott Gaddis, TMCC
Mikayla Morgan, NSSA
Mr. Mark Ciocola, UNLV
Mr. Huili Weinstock, ASUN

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENTS

Aimee Riley had all of the new Nevada Student Alliance Presidents introduce themselves. Chancellor Dan Klaich introduced himself to the students, as did Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Allison Combs, who was present on behalf of Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba.

2. DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR KLAICH

Formula Funding Committee

They have had three meetings. On May 23rd the Chair of this committee will testify before the Legislature. There will be two reports from the system - (1) Efforts to apply for “HSI” (Hispanic Serving Institution) status by various NSHE institutions; and (2) Fresh Look at Community Colleges Task Force.

The May 23, 2012 meeting at the Legislature will be on Formula Funding. The meeting is posted on the Legislative website. It is called the Interim Committee to Study Higher Education. They will be talking more about performance pool and also the budget.
SRI Consultants are assisting with providing information on formula funding. They suggested that completing a course with a grade of F be included in the funding model. The idea is completion or successful completion which is the best. They want uniform funding for the lower divisions. The Chancellor is working on getting the performance pool draft revision. There will be a presentation at the Board meeting on Fresh Look. He encouraged the students to testify at the Board meeting.

Articulation

English 101 is transferrable uniformly across the state. 100 and 200 courses are uniform across state. The junior and senior courses are weighted and are not a one size fits all. There are some students that feel it is too hard to transfer from one campus to another. Counselors are trying to make it easier. UNLV, NSC and CSN have a joint transfer taskforce that are addressing the issues that students have brought up. Articulation across all the campuses is needed. The students see efforts as critical for Southern Nevada because of heavy changes occurring. A new committee in the south is looking at the transfer and articulation agreements between CSN and UNLV. In the north a Co-Admission policy is being used. TMCC, UNR, GBC and WNC are discussing this issue on May 30th.

Chancellor Klaich said that there are two issues that are going around.

1. Student “Board of Regent” which will be a legal matter and will be discussed at the Legislative Commission.
2. President searches and the impression of internal promotions over external. Searches were handled in the open with best practices. They are looking into internal consistency.

Access and Affordability Committee

There will be a report to that Chancellor in summer. He will decide whether to take the report to the Board in September or December. May 25th is the next meeting. Some major concerns of the committee are the need for transparency, predictability and affordability in pricing higher education.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM