

# NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

## Minutes

September 10, 2015

7:15 a.m – 8:15 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno  
Joe Crowley Student Union  
Rita Laden Senate Chambers

NSA Chair Caden Fabbi called the meeting to order at 7:20 a.m. A quorum was present.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Caden Fabbi, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Chair)  
Ms. Andrea Senda, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Vice Chair)  
Ms. Kylie Rowe, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Secretary)  
Ms. Jessica Connolly, Desert Research Institute, DRI  
Ms. Surbhi Sharma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
Ms. DeMarynee Sails, Great Basin College, SGA  
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA  
Ms. Kanani Espinoza, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Mr. Spencer Schultz, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Ms. Brenda Romero, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN

Members absent: None

Guests present: Renee Davis, NSHE  
Janet Stake, NSHE  
Mr. Umram Osambela, Nevada State College, NSC  
Mr. Joseph Dagher, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Ms. Cheril Gabbidon, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
Ms. Desiree DeCosta, Nevada State College, NSSA  
Ms. Cheyenne Bryant, Western Nevada College, AWSN  
Ms. Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
Ms. Lauren Sio, Great Basin College, SGA

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

### INFORMATION

- None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### INFORMATION

- Spencer, TMCC moved to approve August 10th, 2015 minutes
- Kanani, CSUN seconded the motion
- No discussion; approved unanimously

### 4. STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

### INFORMATION

- September 22, 2015 is National Voter Registration Drive
- TMCC – will not have the TurboVote app – will promote Secretary of State site and encourage people to use it to register and vote
- Each campus to keep track of number of students registered
- NSC – approved to have food at event
- WNC – will have station polls and will see to talk to professors – will have “Register to Vote for a Float” campaign
- DRI will join ASUN/GSA
- CSN – short staffed will not be able to do event this year

- CSUN – last year had voter registration – last year county came out to register – will have a booth set up all week – will take initiative to have more voter registrations during the week
- ASUN/GSA/DRI – “Rock the Vote”, 12-2 outside in JCSU, will have food if sign up for TurboVote, which sends reminder when to vote, etc. Will have guest politicians to speak and kick off the event; there will also be a DJ

#### 5. NEVADA WEEK OF SERVICE

#### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Scheduled on October 4 – 10, 2015
- Keep track of students that participate and total hours of service
- ASUN – want to adopt a park to do regular clean ups, etc.
- NSC – will have blood drive and food drive
- WNC - not sure what doing yet, but selected October 10th
- CSN – breast cancer awareness event
- CSUN, UNLV – October 9<sup>th</sup> is rebel service day, give a shirt that has CSUN logo and #iLeadNevada; 500 signed up for fall
- GPSA, UNLV – donate to schools; will collaborate with UNLV food pantry
- GSA, UNR – collaborating with ASUN, #iLeadNevada to put together blankets for homeless – ASUN has left over fabric to make blankets
- GBC – have local thrift store that helps families in need – scheduled a day on the Saturday to provide free food
- TMCC – feed homeless on October 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 6. IT’S ON US CAMPAIGN

#### INFORMATION

- Get a pictures from each campus with students wearing It’s On Us buttons
- Will push pictures through social media
- Have 1,000 buttons to distribute out

#### 7. NSA NEWSLETTER

#### INFORMATION

- Volunteers to write in Fall newsletter: Kanani, CSUN, Spencer TMCC, DeMarynee, GBC, Andrea, WNC, Kylie, GSA

#### 8. FINANCIAL AID CAMPAIGN

#### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Financial aid office from WNC would like to see more promotion around scholarship and financial aid dates, go out to high schools and possibly start workshops on how to do a personal statement, or fill out anything having to do with scholarships
- TMCC – FLAMES – investing and financial aid, financial literacy and money education by students
- NSHE will do FAFSA completion season – NSA may be able to help with that – can communicate with NSA and let us know if certain high schools could use extra bodies when doing events; may just be some small volunteer time; Renee will give Mallory contact information

#### 9. PROFESSIONALISM CAMPAIGN

#### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- There was discussion to offer professional photos and LinkedIn workshops; a suggestion was made for this campaign to start in February when students are back from Winter Break – will help prepare for end of year
- NSA members will bring idea back to Councils to discuss
- TMCC has a job center that provides professional photos and also helps with LinkedIn for free
- CSUN takes headshots – can partner with UNLV
- LinkedIn – CSUN office of Media Relations might be able to host; will bring idea of LinkedIn workshops back to NSA and will report next time
- GPSA holds workshops on LinkedIn

#### **10. DISCUSSION ON SYSTEM-WIDE STUDENT INITIATIVES AND GOALS**

#### **INFORMATION**

- None.

#### **11. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 2927**

#### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- Opportunity to give funding for students if have medical program
- Umram from NSC is lead on this resolution; stated that NSC will lobby in DC this November – will contact Congressional leaders to check for the best time to come
- NSC is working with Congressman Heck’s office and knows that we are going to discuss the resolution in NSA today
- A suggestion was made to bring resolution back to individual councils
- Umram will determine whether funding would go to community colleges producing applicants for medical school or if funding is just for four-year higher education institution
- Will vote at next meeting

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **INFORMATION**

- HR 3177 – pertains to financial aid and would allow students to use 2014 taxes so would obtain financial aid sooner; checks and balances within FAFSA to make sure if awarded, students do not go over limit if wages do go up and down; NSHE lobbyist, Omar, indicate that NSHE is in support of this HR
- Umram will continue to share potential bills for resolution to NSA

#### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **INFORMATION**

- None

Chair Fabbi adjourned the meeting at 7:55 a.m.