

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

Minutes

July 14, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Videoconference Sites:

Carson City-WNC Dini 105

Elko-GBC LCSL 122

Henderson- NSC DAW 218

Las Vegas-CSN CHEY 2647B

UNLV SCS 102

Reno-System Administration, Room 134

or

Phone—775-328-6200; conference ID: 34214#

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by NSA Chair Stephanie Prevost.

Members Present: Mr. Elias Benjelloun, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Ms. Yesenia Cuevas, Nevada State College, NSSA (for David Cortez-Lopez)
Mr. Angelo DePerez, Western Nevada College, ASWN
Mr. Jake Pereira, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Mrs. Stephanie Prevost, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Ms. Sharon Young, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA

Members Absent: Ms. RJ Boyajian, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Mr. David Cortez-Lopez, Nevada State College, NSSA
Ms. K.C. King, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Mr. William McCurdy, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Ms. DeMarynee Saili, Great Basin College, SGA

Others Present: Vice Chancellor Brooke Nielsen
Steven Cohen, UNLV
Renee Davis, NSHE
Adam Gudmundson, NSC
Walter Kwong, UNLV
Ana Lujan, NSC
Umram Osambela
Betzabe Sanchez, UNLV
Omar Saucedo, NSHE
Ed Uehling

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

No public comment was presented.

2. NSHE POLICY PROPOSAL: MEDICAL MARIJUANA

INFORMATION

NSHE Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen presented an NSHE policy proposal regarding the prohibition of medical marijuana on System campuses. This proposal is expected

to be considered by the Board of Regents at its September 4-5, 2014 meeting. Vice Chancellor Nielsen walked through the proposal, indicating that there were plans to add language to apply the policy for housing waivers to all residential student facilities, including those properties leased from NSHE and also to allow for proration of housing contracts where appropriate.

Because a member of the public arrived late to the meeting due to a room change, Chair Prevost allowed Mr. Ed Uehling to offer public comment after Vice Chancellor Nielsen has finished her presentation. Mr. Uehling disclosed that he is running for a seat in the Nevada State Senate and that he has a partner that has a property where medical marijuana is licensed to be sold. He began by expressing concerns that the proposed policy document was not available along with the agenda on the NSA website, although he did receive a copy from Renee Davis after contacting her by phone and printed copies were available at the meeting. He also felt that he should have been notified of the room change when he called. Mr. Uehling went on to urge the Student Body Presidents to oppose the NSHE policy because it infringed on a right granted to Nevadans by Nevada voters.

Mr. Elias Benjelloun pointed out that Mr. Uehling, not being a student, was not a constituent of any members of the NSA. He recommended that Mr. Uehling take his concerns to the Board of Regents meeting when the policy is presented for a vote. Chair Prevost also pointed out that the agenda item was for information only, and that this was the first briefing the student body presidents received on the proposed policy. She explained that after this meeting each of the student body presidents would consider how best to share the proposal with their constituents and/or get their feedback.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Minutes were revised in a motion by Ms. Yesenia Cuevas. The motion was second by Mr. Jake Pereira and passed unanimously.

4. ELECTION OF SECRETARY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Angelo DePerez nominated himself for secretary. The motion was seconded by Jake Pereira and passed unanimously.

5. NSHE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COORDINATOR INFORMATION

NSHE External Affairs Coordinator Omar Saucedo introduced himself to members, explaining that he would be attending NSA meetings in the future in order to keep students up-to-date as NSHE prepares for and enters the 2015 legislative session. He also offered his help to the Student Body Presidents, offering to host and/or help them if they are interested in testifying during session.

6. NSA LOBBYIST FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Umram Osambela, 2013-14 CSN Student Body President, offered his services to the NSA as a volunteer lobbyist for the 2015 legislative session and asked for approval of his offer by NSA. Due to a concern that the agenda item did not cover voting on an individual to serve as lobbyist, the matter was tabled until the August 11 NSA next meeting. Motion to table made by Mr. Periera, seconded by Ms. Yesenia Cuevas and passed unanimously.

7. NSA REPRESENTATION ON NSHE COMMITTEE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Because Phase 1 of the NSHE-Learning Task Force came to an end as of June 30, 2014, the group decided it would be best to table this item indefinitely with the option to bring it back before the Alliance when the Task Force was ready to begin Phase 2. Motion by Mr. Benjelloun, second by Jake Pereira; passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION

No new business was presented.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

Mr. Uehling reiterated his earlier comments regarding NSHE's proposed medical marijuana issue, urging the Student Body Presidents to take a stance in opposition to the proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

August 10, 2014

**Mr. Angelo DePerez, NSA Secretary
Nevada Student Alliance
Nevada State Higher Education
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Re: Items #2 and #9 of the July 14, 2014 meeting minutes

Since the minutes failed to represent either proportionately or completely my comments at the last meeting of the NSA, I request that you make the following corrections to the minutes and attach this letter to all future postings of and all official references to the minutes.

Mr. Uehling stated the following points in opposition to the proposed NSHE policy to prohibit medical marijuana on campus:

- **Marijuana prescribed as medicine**
 - Singling out medical marijuana for prohibition, when all other prescribed medications are permitted makes no sense
 - Many other medications are far more dangerous
 - Alcohol use kills more than 1800 students per year between the ages of 10 and 24 according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Compare this to "abuse" of medical marijuana, yet rate the concern of NSHE for each.
- **Significance of NSHE institutions being founded and chartered by the State**
 - They are all State institutions subject to State law first
 - No one has ever claimed that they are Federal institutions
 - If a university or the System declares itself a (fifth-column or Quisling) Federal enclave, then it has no right to request State funding
 - The endless conflicts between Federal and State law and their implications for both private and public life were carefully considered by the State Legislature before it decided to follow State law.
 - The legislation was dictated by two constitutional referendums
 - The People of the State of Nevada chose freedom and improved medical care over "reefer madness", fear mongering and extortion by the Feds
 - Everyone (except an out-of-touch NSHE) realizes that the Federal policy on Marijuana has literally destroyed millions of lives, created narco-states and militarized police departments, directly stolen hundreds of billions of dollars directly from higher education to build and maintain jails.
- **Prosperity**
 - Since the Federal government survives only by borrowing and inflating the money supply, what ever the Feds "give" to students and

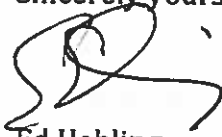
institutions today, it will extract from you and your progeny tomorrow

- Whatever amount the State "gives" will be paid today—not added to an already unconscionable debt today's students are somehow expected to pay
- Moral fiber
 - Had the founding fathers imitated the NSHE in trembling before Washington's Wizard of Oz-like powers that breathe noise, fire and threats, there would be no government of, by and for the people or United States of America
 - Maybe the students of today deserve being handed a \$25 trillion dollar debt and the worst job prospects in memory by my generation-- if they can't even stand for their own rights and oppose the top-down mandating arrogance of the NSHE!

That is what I said or intended to convey, not the petty violations of the State's Open Meeting Law that your minutes inappropriately defended.

Thank you for making these corrections.

Sincerely yours,



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