



# WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

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ASWN Meeting Minutes	DATE: 4/12/23	LOCATION: Dini 105
Members Present	<b>Officers:</b> President Suzanna Stankute, Vice President Gisela Munoz, Treasurer Benny Buchanan, Secretary Aylin Aguilar <b>Senator:</b> Jordany Averalo, Alyssa Butler, Logan McAlister, Catalina Wilson <b>Advisor:</b> Heather Rikalo <b>Representatives:</b> Sherlyn Vasquez	
Members Missing	Mario Meza – Resigned on 4/11/2023	
Guests	None	

Agenda Topic	Call to order
Action Taken	Meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Roll Call
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All ASWN Members are present.</li><li>• Rep. Vasquez entered meeting at 3:15 PM</li></ul>

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A

<b>Comments/Information</b>	No public comment
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<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Approval of Minutes for 3/29/23
<b>Action Taken</b>	Tabled
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	Needs Revision.

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Approval of Minutes for 4/5/23
<b>Action Taken</b>	Tabled
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	Due to video issues, minutes were incomplete.

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Buchanan)
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new budget items added to the account.</li> <li>• Current balance: \$19,121.83.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	ASWN Resolution 49-2 (Senator Wilson)
<b>Action Taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator Butler</li> <li>• Second: Senator Hood</li> <li>• Roll call vote - Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The title for Resolution-1 was changed to Resolution 49-2.</li> <li>• To recap, Resolution will allow the Board of Regent Meeting Agendas to be open to the students they serve.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Q &amp; A's:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>Q:</u></b> To clarify, would this allow the students to have access to the ASWN meeting agendas?</li> <li>○ <b><u>A:</u></b> No, it would allow the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) to gain access to the Board of Regents Agenda, which</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>will also open it up for the rest of the students on university/college campuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Senator McAlister:</b> If a student proposes an item to ASWN members during a meeting, would the members need to vet these proposals?</li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> Yes, ASWN members would need to revise it before passing it. A proposal being passed through ASWN will allow higher committees to review and decide on what to do with the proposal.</li> </ul>
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Agenda Topic	Proposal to Change the ASWN Scholarship Qualification Requirements
Action Taken	Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A few years back, previous ASWN members passed four different scholarships that, up to this day, have been funded by ASWN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The ASWN Scholarship</li> <li>○ The ASWN DACA Scholarship</li> <li>○ The United Students of Western Nevada Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ One for the Carson Campus</li> <li>■ Second one for the Fallon campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The ASWN Rural Student Support Scholarship.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Currently, two out of the four scholarships require a 12-credit enrollment in order to receive them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Rural Support Scholarship</li> <li>○ The DACA Scholarship</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Over these past years, the number of applicants has decreased for the two mentioned scholarships.</li> <li>● WNC Foundation is reaching out to ASWN to reconsider the 12-credit requirement.</li> </ul>
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Q &amp; A's:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> Can ASWN Senators consider a 9-credit requirement?</li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> Yes, it is up for discussion. You can decide anything under a 12-credit requirement or even decide not to change the credit requirement.</li> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> What made the Foundation decide on a 6-credit requirement?</li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> To encourage the targeted students to apply for the scholarships.</li> <li>○ <b>Q:</b> Is it more common for students to take 6 credits?</li> <li>○ <b>A:</b> There might be, as it is common for some students to take 6 credits. This would open up doors for others who don't take 12+ credits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● As a rural, part-time student, Treasurer Buchanan stated that lowering the credit requirements will provide better data and encourage early enrollment right out of high school.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President Munoz commented that DACA and non-citizen students do not have the same options/opportunities when it comes to applying for scholarships and loans. Lowering the credit requirement will benefit this targeted population. Especially since DACA students cannot apply for FASFA.</li> <li>• Secretary Aguilar added on by stating that lowering the credit requirement will allow students who work part- or full-time jobs to be able to enroll to the college, especially since it can be hard to be a full-time student and full-time employee. It is a case-by-case situation.</li> <li>• Senator Wilson agreed with Secretary Aguilar on lowering the credit requirement since this can benefit a good majority of students who are not your traditional college student, or who are between the ages of 18 to 21. It's a huge benefit for parents who are looking into going back to school.</li> </ul>
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<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Budget Approval for Earth Day Event
<b>Action Taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator Hood</li> <li>• Second: Senator McAlister</li> <li>• Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget approval for up to \$300.</li> <li>• Budget will be spent on snacks and supplies for the events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Gummy worms and cups.</li> <li>◦ Chalk</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Activities include drawing on the sidewalks, a campus clean-up, and having gummy worms for snacks.</li> <li>• Earth Day Event will be April 19th, 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Budget Approval for Alcohol Awareness Event
<b>Action Taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator McAlister</li> <li>• Second: Senator Butler</li> <li>• Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget approval for up to \$400.</li> <li>• Budget will be spent on food for this event</li> <li>• University Police Services will be coming to campus to discuss about alcohol awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Other activities include playing water pong and using the drunk goggles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alcohol Awareness will be on April 25th, 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

Agenda Topic	Budget Approvals for Student Planners for 2023-2024
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator Wilson</li> <li>• Second: Senator Arevalo</li> <li>• Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget approval for up to \$5,000.</li> <li>• Budget will be spent on buying Student Planners for the 2023-24 academic term.</li> <li>• ASWN does this every year, planners are provided for students to take, no cost.</li> </ul>
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Q &amp; A's:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>Q:</u></b> How many planners are going to be bought?</li> <li>○ <b><u>A:</u></b> Not a 100% sure, Advisor Rikalo will most likely purchase less planners this time compared to this past academic year. There has been a decrease of students grabbing the planners. Advisor Rikalo believes that the cost will not be close to \$5,000.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Agenda Topic	Budget Approval for ASWN Scholarship for 2023-2024
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator Butler</li> <li>• Second: Senator Arevalo</li> <li>• Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval for funding ASWN scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$3,000 for the ASWN Scholarship</li> <li>○ \$1,000 for the ASWN DACA Scholarship</li> <li>○ \$1,500 for the United Students of Western Nevada Scholarship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Carson campus: \$1,000</li> <li>■ Fallon campus: \$500</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ \$500 for the ASWN Rural Student Support Scholarship</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisor Rikalo advised ASWN members to consider adding one or two more scholarships in the future.</li> </ul>

Agenda Topic	Budget Approval for WNC Alumni Shirts
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Senator Wilson</li> <li>• Second: Senator Butler</li> <li>• Motion passes: 5-0-0</li> </ul>
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget approval for up to \$5,000 to purchase WNC Alumni shirts for the 2023 Commencement Ceremonies.</li> <li>• ASWN would be handing out shirts.</li> </ul>
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	ASWN Events Update
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today was the last Suicide Prevention Lunch &amp; Learn at the Diversity Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The room was full.</li> <li>◦ Throughout the three weeks, the number of students attending increased.</li> <li>◦ It was a successful event overall.</li> <li>◦ Amy, the presenter at the Lunch &amp; Learn, was in discussion with Advisor Rikalo about hosting an event for De-stress Fest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	N/A

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Programming Board Update (Vice President Munoz)
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth Day is Apr 19, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Posters were posted and supplies were ordered.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Get sober with the police is April 25th 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Posters were posted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next event is Deaf Awareness Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Posters should be posted by April 27th.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scripts for Awards and Appreciation are in the works.</li> <li>• De-stress Week is coming up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Events are planned.</li> <li>◦ Amy will be added onto one of the days for the week..</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Awards & Appreciations Banquet Update (Advisor Rikalo)
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASWN Members will be rehearsing scripts all next week.</li> <li>• Advisor Rikalo received 130 RSVP from invitees and their guests.</li> <li>• 1-2 students will not be able to attend the banquet.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

Agenda Topic	WNC College Committee Reports
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auxiliary Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The two vending machines located in the Student Services will be shut down and removed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Have made less than \$30 throughout the academic year for 2022-2023.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The CDC is fundraising for a new playground. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Playground is 22 years old</li> <li>■ Currently looking for donors.</li> <li>■ Hosting a book fair as part of a Fundraiser.</li> <li>■ CDC will also be taking photos for those who would like professional photos done as a Fundraiser.</li> <li>■ Pinwheel outside of the building are to raise awareness for sexual abuse among children.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Budget Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is coming out on May 5th, just waiting for a decision from the Legislature.</li> <li>○ This year alone, \$60,00-\$80,00 in new technology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ This has been from fee's students pay, so it's going back to the students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• College Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Four new policies have been introduced and will be discussed in the next meeting.</li> <li>○ Adam from the University Police Services wanted to remind ASWN that they do Active Assailant Training.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Curriculum Committee: No updates.</li> <li>• Health Campus Committee: No updates.</li> </ul>
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Club Reports
Action Taken	Information/Discussion
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WNC Geology Club: No updates.</li> <li>• ISA: No updates.</li> <li>• NSNA: No updates.</li> <li>• Second Year Nursing Club: No updates.</li> <li>• The Nerd Herd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning events before semester is over.</li> <li>○ There have been people how have shown some interest</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WNC Games Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have been a few plan ideas for next month and potentially for the summer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ASL Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has been hosting their Deaf Pizza Night every second Thursday.</li> <li>○ Club also had their Deaf Dinner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deaf Day at the Legislature was April 10th and two representatives attended.</li> <li>○ Will be working on Deaf Awareness Week.</li> <li>● All Booked Book Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In a recent meeting, members made bookmarks.</li> <li>○ There was a suggestion to have a book for the summer.</li> <li>○ Club president mentioned wanting to provide drinks or snacks for the next meeting.</li> <li>○ The All Booked Book Club got the Club of the Year Award.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	ASWN Officer Report (President Stankute)
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Officers have been working a lot, especially on the Awards &amp; Appreciation Banquet.</li> <li>● President Stankute gave a summary about the Task List the senators must complete.</li> <li>● If there are any issues that occur within or outside of ASWN, please contact Advisor Rikalo or President Stankute, especially if it occurs in the Student Center.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	ASWN Advisor Report
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advisor Rikalo re-emphasized about speaking up if there are any issues in the Student Center or ASWN.</li> <li>● A fellow senator did resign this week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently have two open positions.</li> <li>○ Makes three open positions going into next academic year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ASWN members will be trained on how to use the helium tanks.</li> <li>● ASWN will be receiving funds for a printer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Only would be used by Advisor Rikalo and perhaps 1-2 people.</li> <li>○ If some sort of material needs to be printed out, it will be reviewed over multiple times since the ink and printer itself are expensive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Follow ASWN members would like to be involved with the WNC Experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vice President Munoz, Treasurer Buchanan, Senator Arevalo, Senator Butler, Senator McAlister, &amp; Senator Wilson</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC Photos are taking photos for children who are graduating as part of a fundraiser. 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ At 11 AM, the 21st of April, ASWM will walk over to CDC to get photos taken.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May 23, at 10 AM, there will be a workshop that essentially will help keep the Student Government Association relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Those who would like to attend will need to register.</li> <li>◦ It is free and is a good training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ron sent a list of faculty that is currently using Open Education Resource and asked if ASWN can make thank you cards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Have the cards one by next Thursday and deliver them by the end of the semester.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advisor Rikalo will inquire about adding Resolutions to the WNC website.</li> <li>• Computers for the Game Room were delivered last week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Kevin brought them up and set them up.</li> <li>◦ Advisor Rikalo will require having a login, a system set-in place for checking in and using them.</li> <li>◦ Computers are secured down.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ASWN members and other students should look out for an email to take the WNC survey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Opened for students 18 years and over.</li> <li>◦ Open until April 21th.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Old Business
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion Only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	New Business
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion Only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add College Council policies for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Invite Mandy Billing for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Invite Foundation for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Invite Lauren Stevens.</li> </ul>
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Public Comment
<b>Action Taken</b>	Information/Discussion Only
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	No public comment

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	Adjournment
<b>Action Taken</b>	Meeting Adjourned at 4:33 PM
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Assignments/Potential Agenda Items</b>	N/A
<b>Comments/Information</b>	None