



WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

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ASWN Meeting Minutes	DATE: 4/5/23	LOCATION: Dini 105
Members Present	Officers: President Suzanna Stankute, Vice President Gisela Munoz, Treasurer Benny Buchanan, Secretary Aylin Aguilar Senator: Alyssa Butler, Logan McAlister, Mario Meza, Catalina Wilson Advisor: Heather Rikalo	
Members Missing	Senator: Jordany Averalo (Excused Absence) Representatives: Sherlyn Vasquez (Excused Absence)	
Guests	Susan Trist, Debi Ingraffia-Strong	

Agenda Topic	Call to order
Action Taken	Meeting was called to order at 3:08 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">Majority of ASWN Members are present.Senators present form a quorum

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

Agenda Topic	Student Course Fee Requests FY 25
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Senator Butler • Second: Senator Wilson • Roll call vote - motion passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASWN Members asked Debi questions regarding fee requests. • ASWN Members discussed fee requests last meeting. • The Fire Science Program began this year. • Equipment is needed, much of it is donated. • Turnout: Fire protection equipment. • Some buildings are needed for the Fire Science Program, so WNC rents out spaces from the Carson Fire. • WNC has been searching for funding and attempting to keep the cost low for students.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: The fee, FT 104, is the \$400 fee for the turnout? ○ A: Yes. ○ Q: Are they [equipment] reusable? ○ A: Yes, they are. ○ Q: Do the students keep them or are they classroom supplies? ○ A: No, they are classroom supplies that would need to be decontaminated after use. ○ Q: Do the fee requests include the rental fees from the Carson Fire? ○ A: No, the fees are for the actual equipment. ○ Q: Are there any classes that possibly have collected any grants? ○ A: The grants don't hit the differential fee, but there are other resources for students to use in order to pay off any fees. One example is the Hospital Association Organization, which is a \$2.5 million grant, for anyone who is going into the healthcare field. This grant is applicable to anyone in the state of Nevada. Students are referred to this organization.

Agenda Topic	Public Disability Support Services and Student Mental Health (Susan Trist)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASWN Members had a couple of questions for Susan Trist. • ASWN Members are currently working on a Mental Health Resolution for the students at WNC. • Resolution will be discussed further on the next agenda item.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: Is mental health recognized as a disability by the Disability Student Services (DSS)? ○ A: Absolutely, it is classified under the category of psychological diagnoses. Psychological diagnosis has

the largest number of students the DSS serves. The next largest is Disabilities, then ADD/ADHA.

- **Q:** Do students need proof for a diagnosis?
- **A:** Yes, for the most part, we do want some documentation.

- **Q:** Do students need to be diagnosed to receive services from DSS?
- **A:** It depends on the case.

- **Q:** Are the resources through your office or counseling?
- **A:** Both through counseling and DSS.

- **Q:** What services are there for mental health?
- **A:** The most common accommodation is extended time for testing. There are a variety of services to accommodate students, it just depends on the case. From tools that will help with reading to a note-taking app, the list is very long.

- **Q:** Regarding the note-taking app, if an instructor does not want their lecture to be recorded, how would the DSS go about that?
- **A:** If a student needs the note-taking app to succeed in their class, they must sign a waiver stating that for their own study purposes, they need to record the lecture and they cannot share those recordings to the public.

- **Q:** Is there a certain mental health disorder that causes a huge effect in a student's classes?
- **A:** Not really, it's really just a case-by-case determination. A couple of factors include the type of medication a student is taking or if they are not taking their medication. Sometimes, it can be a therapy issue; do they have someone to talk to? So, it really depends on the student.

- **Q:** Are there any services on campus to get a diagnosis?
- **A:** There is not. Students get referred to someone off campus depending on the type of insurance they have.

- **Q:** If a student does not have insurance, including Medicaid or other state insurance, what would happen?
- **A:** The DSS would meet with ASWN to ask for funding.

- **Q:** Does this fall under disability testing?
- **A:** No.

- **Q:** Do online students get the same amount of help as students who come to campus?
- **A:** Yes, they do.
- Advisor Rikalo recommends ASWN to add Luran Stevens to the list alongside Susan Trist.

Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 3/29/23
Action Taken	Tabled
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	Needs revisions

Agenda Topic	Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Buchanan)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous ASWN meeting, the budget was approved for the March Madness event, so it might not be encumbered in the budget spreadsheet. • Currently up-to-date, with a current balance of \$19,121.83. • Book Club was chartered, so \$100 is transferred to their account each semester. • The Games Club is waiting for money to be transferred.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Introduction of ASWN Resolution - 1 (Senator Wilson)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution was sponsored by Senator Wilson. • "A Resolution in support of Amending Article V. Section 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to allow the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) Chair access to the agenda." • Essentially creates a voice for students to be represented on the Board of Regents. • Students are the main constituents, so this resolution affects every student on every campus in Nevada. • With this resolution, students can propose an agenda item to ASWN and vote on getting said-agenda item to agenda of Meetings of Board and Committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If passed through ASWN student government, it will then be presented to the NSA and get voted on. ◦ If passed through NSA, it then will be presented to the Chair and then to the Board of Regents.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Q & A's:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Q:</u> Is this in support of what the NSA has proposed? ◦ <u>A:</u> Yes ◦ <u>Q:</u> This is what other universities and colleges have approved?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>A</u>: Yes ● The name of this Resolution would be changed to Resolution 49-2
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Agenda Topic	Introduction of ASWN Resolution - 2 (President Stankute & Senator Butler)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resolution was sponsored by Senator Butler. ● A Resolution to encourage faculty to recognize student's mental health through mental health days and creating a grace period on assignments. ● Resolution was the major reason as to why Susan Trist was invited to attend the meeting and discuss Mental Health. ● Information provided by Susan Trist will be used for this Resolution. ● Resolution is a draft.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	ASWN Members should meet with Dr. Dalpe regarding this Resolution.

Agenda Topic	ASWN Events Update
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March Madness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event went well. ○ There were 88 participants. ○ Food was wings from WingSpot. ○ Tyler Golden assisted in finding replays of women's basketball games. ● Suicide Prevention: Lunch and Learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Today, there were more students who attended the discussion. ○ About 16 attendees. ○ A good conversation for today's lunch and learn.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senator Butler mentioned how the Mango Habanero wings were not as popular compared to the Louisiana Rub or Mild. ● Senator Wilson mentioned that she received a text message regarding the March Madness event through the WNC First-Year Experience.

Agenda Topic	Programming Board Update (Vice President Munoz)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed March Madness. • Members of the Programming Board were thinking about doing an Easter event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ However, due to the time frame and no partnership, members decided not to plan the Easter Event. • Earth Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Earth day event will be on April 18th. ◦ Activities include a campus clean-up and using chalk on the sidewalks on the campus. ◦ Small snack would include a gummy worm dirt cup. ◦ Need to finish posters and hang them up between April 10-14. • Spring Fling Dance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Due to scheduling conflict with the band and time frame, Spring Fling is officially canceled. • Get Sober with the Police. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Members have a plan, however, weren't able to fully discuss it. ◦ Posters need to be made ASAP. • Deaf Awareness week is still in the works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The ASL Club will be working with ASWN Members for the events. ◦ Sometime in April. • Destress Fest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Currently have week-long events planned out. ◦ Last event of the semester.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor Rikalo agrees with having the gummy worm dirt cup. • The presenter for the Suicide Prevention Lunch and Learn would like to have an event done for Destress Fest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ She wants to discuss with ASWN Members to finalize the decision. • <u>Q & A's:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Q:</u> Is there a plan for Earth Day if the weather is cold? ◦ <u>A:</u> No <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advisor Rikalo recommends using the golf cart to move around campus in case weather is not the best. ◦ <u>Q:</u> For the chalk event, will students understand that you will draw on the ground so there is no chalk on the wall? ◦ <u>A:</u> Yes, they will know as the posters will clearly state drawing on the grounds of the campus.

Agenda Topic	Awards and Appreciation Banquet Update (Advisor Rikalo)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Banquet is about 2 and half weeks away. • Advisor Rikalo has been meeting with President Stankute and Vice President Munoz regarding assigned projects for ASWN Members. • Students and faculty/staff who were invited need to RSVP. • Advisor Rikalo will begin working on the script alongside Vice President Munoz.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	WNC College Committee Reports
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auxiliary Committee: No updates. • Budget Committee: No updates, next meeting will be April 10th. • College Council: No update, next meeting is this Friday. • Curriculum Committee: No updates. • Healthy Campus: No updates, next meeting will be either next or following Friday.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Club Reports
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNC Geology Club: No update, next meeting is tomorrow. • Indigenous Student Association of WNC: No update • National Student Nurses' Association: No update • Second year Nursing Club: No update • The Nerd Herd: Will be having a Go-karting event this Thursday. • WNC Game Club: • ASL Club: Next Silent Dinner will be this Thursday. • All Booked Book Club: Started a new book for the month called <i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	ASWN Officer Report (President Stankute)
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers have been busy lately with Awards & Appreciation, Minutes, WNC Legislative Day, and campus events. • There are two major responsibilities ASWN Members have: to represent and support students. • The main responsibility is representing WNC like in Nevada Day and the Legislature • ASWN has recently been conducting a survey regarding student mental health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ So far, there have been 23 responses. ◦ Goal is to have 100-300 responses. ◦ ASWN Members will be encouraging students to take the survey, especially during events. • The Resolutions will be revised. • Senators have tasks to complete by the end of Thursday of each week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Spreadsheet regarding tasks is posted on ASWN whiteboard.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	ASWN Advisor Report
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor Rikalo completely agrees with Officer's Report regarding the ASWN student government representing WNC and students.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Q & A's:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Q:</u> What was the process for selecting ASWN members for the Floor Proceedings at Legislature? ◦ <u>A:</u> A Senator and Assemblyman invited guests. Since it was WNC Legislative Day, that's how ASWN members, President Dalpe, and other members were invited to go as guests. The Assembly Floor Proceedings was canceled, but the Senate Floor Proceedings was not. • Senator Wilson commented about two first-year nursing students who arrived at the Legislature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ They were both nervous, however, were ready to represent the nursing students of WNC.

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

Agenda Topic	New Business
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add on to the next meeting agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget for Earth Day ○ Funding for Planners FY 2024 ○ Scholarship Funding ○ Copy of updated Resolutions <p>Invite Head of Academic Advising & Access for information regarding Resolution-1</p>
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Adjournment
Action Taken	Meeting Adjourned at 4:57 PM
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None