



WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

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ASWN Meeting Minutes	DATE: 5/3/23	LOCATION: Dini 105
Members Present	Officers: President Suzanna Stankute, Vice President Gisela Munoz, Treasurer Benny Buchanan, Secretary Aylin Aguilar Senator: Jordany Averalo, Alyssa Butler, Ibis Hood, Logan McAlister, Representative: Sherlyn Vasquez Advisor: Heather Rikalo	
Members Missing	Senator: Senator Catalina Wilson (Excused Absence) Representative: Lahaina Estomin (Absent)	
Guests	Lauren Stevens, Carol McIntosh	

Agenda Topic	Call to order
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senator Wilson and Representative Estomin are both absent.Two guests: Lauren Stevens from Academic Advising & Access, & Carol McIntosh from the Foundation Office

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A

Comments/Information	None
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Agenda Topic	ASWN Scholarship Qualification Requirements (Foundation Office)
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASWN Members had questions in regards to changing ASWN Scholarship qualification requirements. ASWN invited Carol McIntosh from the Foundation Office. The Foundation Office stated that the Carson and Fallon Scholarship are very competitive whereas the DACA and Rural Scholarships are not as competitive. When the Foundation Office is going through the selection process, their goal is to award the college students first before awarding any high school students who are taking college courses. Advisor Rikalo reminded the ASWN members that these qualification requirements can always be changed.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q & A's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What exactly is the issue with the Rural Scholarships and the applicants? A: The issue is the 12+ credit requirement for the Rural Scholarship. The scholarship is not receiving many applicants because of this requirement. Q: What happens if ASWN votes to make the requirement go from 12+ credits to 9 credits? A: Not 100% sure if there would be similar results as the 12+ credit requirement. There would be more success for the DACA and Rural Scholarship if the qualification requirement were to be 6 credits. The Carson and Fallon scholarship could change 9 credits as a qualification requirement. Q: Would the Foundation Office support ASWN to change the requirements? A: The Foundation Office will respect and support ASWN's wishes and decisions that we make. The Foundation office will meet with ASWN to make any suggestions and other feedback.

Agenda Topic	Wildcat Wellness Webpage (Lauren Stevens)
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Mental Health Task Force was created and consisted of NSHE instructors. The members within the task force were researching different ways to receive funding for our campuses. WNC received about \$66,000 in funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money would be used towards students to help them during the difficult time in the Pandemic.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With these findings coming in, Lauren Stevens believed that building a webpage where students are able to refer when they need aid is a good option to use the money for. • The Wildcat Wellness Webpage is up and running for WNC students, in-person or online, with a good amount of resources provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This website has a 24/7 support line that consists of many licensed mental health professionals. ○ There is a QR Code students can scan and it will call a helpline if needed. ○ “Kognito is an interactive role-play simulation for students, faculty and staff to build awareness, knowledge and skills about mental health.” ○ The website also has suggestions on wellness apps that can be installed on a cell phone. ○ There is a Veteran Crisis chat that is free and is in service 24/7. ○ There is a feature on the web page where students can find mental health professionals within the community. ○ Lauren Stevens stated that they are open for new ideas to add on to the website. • Counseling Services is now called the Academic Advising and Access.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: How would someone be able to recommend a wellness app that could be useful? ○ A: Anyone with ideas could email any of the counselors. They will review it and decide whether or not to put it up on the website.

Agenda Topic	Academic Advising Role with WNC Student Mental Health
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the past few weeks, ASWN has been working on a Mental Health Resolution. • ASWN members would like to discuss more about it with Lauren Stevens and receive input. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stevens mentioned short term classes (i.e., Summer Semester, Winter Semester, etc.) and how would the resolution be applied to those shorter classes. ○ There is a system called Early Alert that alerts counselors about a student that an instructor has noticed any issues with them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This can include an excessive number of absences or low test scores. ■ Instructors and counselors then work together to help the student get back on track.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A's:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: Would there be a way that this resolution can be tied with Early Alert, or no? ○ A: Early Alert is not mandated for the instructors; it is up to them if they would like to use the system. At some point, the Early Alert would stop working because the system does not run through the whole semester. ● Advisor Rikalo encourages the ASWN Members to edit and revise the Resolution, as she believes that this should be separate from Early Alert.
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Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 3/29/2023 meeting
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Senator Butler ● Second: Senator McAlister ● Motion Passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 4/5/2023 Meeting
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Senator Butler ● Second: Senator Arevalo ● Motion Passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add Senator Hood to the "Members Missing" in the minutes.

Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 4/12/2023 Meeting
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Senator McAlister ● Second: Senator Hood ● Motion Passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add Senator Hood to the "Members Present" in the minutes.

Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 4/19/2023
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Senator McAlister ● Second: Senator Hood ● Motion Passes: 4-0-0

Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Buchanan)
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Budget items have been encumbered, but ASWN Members have approved a number of Budget items. • Current Balance excluding the items not encumbered yet is about \$19,000. • With the new and approved budget items, an estimate of the current balance is about \$4,900.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Agenda Topic	Proposal to Change the ASWN Scholarship Qualification Requirements
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Senator McAlister • Second: Senator Hood • Motion Passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change all ASWN Scholarship Requirements from 12+ per semester to 6+ per semester.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having the foundation come in to discuss a potential change in the scholarship qualification requirements helped inform the Senators more. • Treasurer Buchanan stated "as a rural student, who is currently ineligible because of the credits, speaking from a perspective from a huge population, credit requirements are definitely a huge factor that will determine if someone will apply or not, especially for low-income students." • Advisor Rikalo included that DACA students are paying out of pocket and fees are increasing. Keep that in mind. • Secretary Aguilar encouraged the Senators to change the 12+ credits to 6 credits.

Agenda Topic	WNC Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Western Nevada Nursing pinning ceremony is coming up on the 19th of this month. • Very huge deal, as many of the students are being pinned, which signifies as a congratulations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisor Rikalo was wondering if there are any ASWN Members who would like to volunteer.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Agenda Topic	ASWN Events Update
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Sober with the Police: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had 46 people join and interact with the police.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Agenda Topic	Programming Board Update (Vice President Munoz)
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-Stress Fest is next week. Posters are up and food/supplies have been ordered.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	WNC College Committee Reports
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed revisions to Policy 2-1-1: Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Senator Butler Second: Senator Hood Motion passes: 4-0-0 Proposed revisions to Policy 2-2-1: Evaluation by Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Senator McAlister Second: Senator Butler Motion passes; 4-0-0 Proposed revisions to Policy 8-2-1: Computer Lab Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Senator Hood Second: Senator Butler Motion passes: 4-0-0 Proposed Revisions to Policy 8-3-1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Senator Butler Second: Senator Hood Motion passes: 4-0-0
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auxiliary Committee: Final meeting will be next Tuesday for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Committee: Next meeting is on the 8th College Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed revisions to Policy 2-1-1: Research

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Basic clean-up ○ Proposed revisions to Policy 2-2-1: Evaluation by Students ○ Proposed revisions to Policy 8-2-1: Computer Lab Use ○ Proposed Revisions to Policy 8-3-1: Email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Changes in privacy perimeters. ● Curriculum Committee: No updates ● Health Campus Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held a Faculty Event today, a pretty good event. ○ Had a good amount of people attend. ○ Will be having elections for chair
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Club Reports
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WNC Geology Club: No updates ● NSNA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ About 12-14 nursing students attended a National Conference and one of them was recognized. ● Second year Nursing Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be having their Pinning Ceremony and has ordered supplies for the ceremony. ● The Nerd Herd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had their bake sale last Thursday. ○ Raised about \$500 for scholarships for homeschooled students. ● WNC Games Club: None ● ASL Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Silent Dinner is Thursday. ● All Booked Book Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last meeting went well, not much of a turnout. ○ Members were given the book for the summer.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	ASWN Officers Report (President Stankute)
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information/Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In terms of legislation, NSHE bills were heard and passed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One of which was passed through the Assembly and will be passed on to the Nevada Senate. ● ASWN Members visited the Student Governments at the Truckee Meadow Community College and the University of Nevada-Reno.

Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	ASWN Advisor Report
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next academic year ASWN Members will be working during the summer. Very critical for the members to attend training and workdays in order to plan out events for the Fall semester. Flip-charts need to be completed and placed around the school before the semester starts. Commencement is coming up, Advisor Rikalo needs to know who will be graduating from ASWN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASWN Members will be helping out on commencement.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Old Business
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	New Business
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite John Duerk
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add John Duerk to the next meeting agenda.
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Only
Summary of Discussion	N/A

Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None

Agenda Topic	Adjournment
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Adjourned at 4:41 PM
Summary of Discussion	N/A
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	N/A
Comments/Information	None