



WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Associated Students of Western Nevada

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ASWN Meeting Minutes	DATE: 5/15/2020	LOCATION: Zoom Meeting
Members Present	Executives: Gabrielle Clark (President) Julia Cruz (Treasurer) Jennifer Sanchez (Secretary) Senators: Addison Fredeen Donnell Dike-Anukam Maria Ramirez Michael Robinson Faculty Advisor: Heather Rikalo	
Members Missing	Senators: Bradford Adams, Leo Chase, Desirae Blunt-Lamkey	
Guests	Darla Dodge, Kyle Dalpe, JW Lazzari, Mark Ghan, Jeff Downs	

Agenda Topic	Call to Order
Action Taken	Call to order at 11:11 A.M. - Roll call was taken
Summary of Discussion	None
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	None
Comments/Information	Most ASWN members are present

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	Donnell thanks ASWN for allowing him to be a part of the journey at WNC for the 2020 term
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Distribution of Registration Fees (Kyle Dalpe, Darla Dodge)
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<p><u>Information and Discussion: Kyle & Darla</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$106.75 Fee for the Summer (till next two years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distributed - 50 cents per student goes to student associations. - General improvement - student government funds, student workers, activity and programs. - Capital improvement - student fees - internal, small projects, facilities - State operating budget - majority of fund: salaries (75%) - 10% of the 25% saved for lower division - 15% for upper division - Goes into students' pocket • Question from Heather - Is it typical for fees to increase as it has been by \$3. -Response from Darla - A 4% increase for tuition was approved at the Board of Regents for the 2020 year. The fees can fluctuate depending on the economy. We follow Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) • Question from Donnell - Last year biennium- "Can we expect a potential surge in pricing coming down from the executive branch to offset operation costs or fees?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response from Darla - The budgets are only reduced by the executive branch. The Board is the one to make the decision to surcharge pricings with student feedback. - Donnell – Are these costs projecting a general increase in enrollment or is it presuming that enrollment numbers stay as they are now? - Kyle - It is not necessarily based on enrollment, but more so based on cost to operate. However, the cost of business will be cut as it is projected on these fees. Money will be carved (spent) if it's greater than enrollment. - Darla - Enrollment is important as these fees are reflected on the \$106.75 and \$3 charged fees.

Agenda Topic	CARES Act Update (JW Lazzari)
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<p><u>Information and Discussion: JW Lazzari</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$560,000 have been distributed out of the \$680,000. • There were 20 applicants. • Question from Donnell - Is there any anticipated funds for the summer and or fall? Response from JW: No new emergency funds. Only what's left from the \$680,000 • Question from Gabrielle - Asks what is the cause of why all funds have not been completely disbursed Response from JW: The 80% went to students with completed FAFSA and then there were students who applied for the application • Question from Heather - If all funds are not disbursed, will the remaining be for following semesters? Response from JW: All impacted students will receive funds, including for the summer semester if necessary. If the money is not used up, it will be returned to the feds

Agenda Topic	Commencement Update (Jeff Downs)
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<p><u>Information and Discussion: Jeff Downs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans of having a drive through graduation moves forward • Mark suggests asking/contacting the busses to not drive by as graduation will be happening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will be discussed with Sheriff officers including possible traffic problems • Gabrielle- Suggests putting up posters with the help of Student Life regarding social distancing • Donnell – Will students be required to sign a waiver at this event for liability? there be a policy regarding social distancing and/or car accidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark- No, we will not require waivers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donnell – Will we need to buy extra insurance or take on extra precautionary policy guidance or barriers, so we are not taking on responsibility for things we did not foresee at any point in time? - Mark – No, if somebody gets in an accident in their vehicle while driving at the college it would be handled just like any other day
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Agenda Topic	ASWN Elections Update (Heather Rikalo)
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email/survey sent to all students to vote and it will close tomorrow May 16th at noon • Faculty cannot vote • Inauguration next Tues. May 19th

Agenda Topic	Treasurer's Report
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	Nothing has changed, budgets are still frozen

Agenda Topic	Approval of Minutes for 5/5/2020 Meeting
Action Taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addison motioned to approve the minutes of 5/5/2020 • Michael second • Donnell abstains • Motion passes 3-1-0
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Committee Reports
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<p>Addison - Healthy Campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written social distancing policy for next semester • Healthy Campus should be maintained as its own standing committee and not be combined for the Fall. • Possibly merged with another committee • Will be sending online encouragement messages • Heather - Departments and committees join to introduce a new policy and go through the process to become approved through College Council <p>Donnell - College Accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final meeting for the semester • Did not attend, but checked in and received updates from Mandy Billings • Committee is still working on the mid-cycle report • No action items or voting done • Reviewed the potential for substantial change categories

Agenda Topic	Advisors Report
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	<p>Heather -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSHE Town Hall - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans moving forward were discussed ... - Plan if campus/classes are remote in the Fall - Student workers will still be employed but will only get paid for hours they are actually working. - Safety measures for upcoming semesters • Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be happening for potential Fall senators - Training for the summer - Workshops, speakers, etc. ideas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASWN/Student Life Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$25,000 grant through Nevada Energy for the food pantry – Hoping to know by June - Breastfeeding room for mothers is still in process to hopefully be ready for the Fall - Game Room changes as well - E-Sports - Podcast Room - Resources/bookings and more will be included in our website. - Club page will be updated to having the club packet - ASWN thank you/goodbye celebration. - The Wildcat will have its own website/profile -Will be hiring for wildcat mascot position ● Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible Newsletter - Fact Sheet - Communication to inform faculty and staff
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Agenda Topic	Old Business
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	Donnell thanks Heather for her great work as ASWN's Advisor.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	New Business
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	None
Summary of Discussion	Donnell thanks Heather, Gabrielle and ASWN in general for their hard work and suggests some training suggestions to help improve ASWN to keep succeeding and growing.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	Donnell will be submitting a document outlining this discussion and asks that it be included in the meeting minutes (See Article 1)
Comments/Information	<p>Donnell – suggestions...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider some ideas in regard to dealing with potential issues and concerns in the coming semester and year. Constitutional Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of powers (stronger use/execution of this process) Having a leader or informal leader of senators/representatives so the executive and legislative branches have a direct point of contact. Operations/Interdepartmental Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using informal and or formal platforms of communications like a chat room, message board, messaging applications (Google Hangout, Slack, Chanty, etc.) A regular means of public communication like a town hall, chats, an online venue, regularly scheduled events where ASWN is regularly active and present so students can see/ approach student government directly.

Agenda Topic	Adjournment
Action Taken	The meeting is adjourned at 12:23 P.M.
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Article 1

For Submission: ASWN Meeting Minutes (5/15/2020)

To: Advisors, All Executive Members, and Legislators

From: Donnell Dike-Anukam

5/15/2020

This is in the spirit of building and making things better at the Associated students of Western Nevada College. To make things and the process of student government work easier and more efficient. I propose these ideas and suggestions for future legislation and leadership to review and consider. This is not a criticism but, simply some point of advice as I recognized and encountered some issues and challenges.

In the next year I would hope that you all consider some ideas in regards to dealing with potential issues and concerns in the coming semester and year.

Some ideas and propositions and areas of consideration:

Constitutional Reform

- Separation of powers (stronger use/execution of this process)
- Having a leader or informal leader of senators/representatives so the executive and legislative branches have a direct point of contact. (Leader of the House/Speaker of the Senate) a primary point of contact for the legislative side to work and interact with Senators and Representatives to streamline communications and operations on all leadership teams.

Operations/Intra-Department Communications

- Using informal and or formal platforms of communications like a chat room, so message board, messaging applications (Google Hangout, Slack, Chanty, etc.)
- Lastly I forgot to mention, a regular means of public communication like a town hall, chats, an online venue, regularly meeting place/regularly scheduled event. Where student government is regularly active and present so Students can see or come approach student government directly. I say this with the perspective we must reach them as our campuses are spread out and we need to bridge the gap to meet people where they are.

These are some of my ideas for next year's leaders. Good luck and thank you for your service this year.

Sincerely,
Donnell Dike-Anukam
ASWN Student Senator 2020