University of Nevada Reno

Staff Employees Council (SEC)

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union

Representatives Present: Alyssa Bennett, Albert Bonk (Ex-Officio Chair), Vikki (proxy for Betsy Brownfield, Chair), Michelle Bruce Christina Carver (Vice-Chair), Carla Geib (Treasurer), Debra Glogovac, Margo Grubic (Secretary), Yul Echo (proxy for Robert Hernandez), Natsumi Housely, Diann Jones, Lindsarke Klaes (Public Relations Coordinator), Harley LaRoche, Lori Leas, Mark Lucas, Kerrie Medeiros, Lana Reeves, Pamela Terango, Mona Watts, Adria White, Jodi Yocum.

Representatives Absent: Jennifer Laslo, Menard Lontoc, Mary Miller, Elicia Rollins, Dawna Snyder.

I. Announcements/Action Items
   a. April minutes approved by Albert Bonk and Lana Reeves 2nd.
   b. Silver & Blue Reception Thursday, June 2, 3 -5 pm.

II. President Johnson
   a. The Provost is changing classroom use and teaching times starting in Fall 2016. He has implemented a 40%/60% rule to utilize classrooms daily on a 6 to 8 hour basis rather than 4 to 5 hour basis.
   b. The SEC Benefits & Compensation Committee asked who we could send classified Grants-In-Aid suggestions to with the Chancellor position now changing. The President suggested Regent Rich Trachok. We will be sending this information after the June report. Grants-in-aid has been discussed with the Council of Presidents. Due to the budget concerns of the community college system it is not supported within NSHE. Currently the 6 credit Grants-in-aid option (12 max per academic year) for classified staff costs approximately $380,000 a year to fund. Another reason classified have not been awarded the same type of benefits at faculty is it would look like the University has too much money. We continue to have discussions regarding the benefits for classified staff.
III. Elaine Steiner – RPEN Retired Public Employees of Nevada
   a. RPEN is an association that protects the interest of retirees covered by PERS. They are a nonunion organization, they don’t endorse candidates, and they try to keep the pensions and insurance safe for retirees.
   b. RPEN has 40,000 members and its $60 a year to join and you don’t have to be retired to be a member. PERS workshops are available two times a month and once a month a RPEN goes to Carson City to review policies and updates.
   c. RPEN testifies before the legislature and other important committees and panels every session to fight for our retirement fund.
   d. For more information go to the following website http://rpen.org/index.php

IV. Schuyler Harrison – Nevada Ink
   a. Prices for services will stay the same for FY17. You don’t need a print release from Marketing and communication.
   b. The variety of services offered is campus distribution of material printed by NV Ink, binding items, make ticket stubs, various poster sizes up to 13” x 19”, latest imaging equipment, and thorough knowledge of Nevada brand. Their website is http://www.unr.edu/nevada-ink

V. New Business
   a. None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.