

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)  
Institutional Advisory Council  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:00 am (PST)  
BERG HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Video Conference from the Meeting Site to:

Great Basin College – Battle Mountain Center  
835 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., GBC, BM3,  
Battle Mountain, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Center  
5490 Kluncy Canyon Rd., GBC 115  
Winnemucca, Nevada

Great Basin College – Ely Center  
2115 Bobcat Dr., GBC 118  
Ely, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wells, Nevada

Great Basin College – Pahrump Valley Center  
551 E. Calvada Blvd., GBC PVC 124  
Pahrump, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wendover HST-2, Wendover, Nevada

Members of the public may attend the meeting and provide testimony or public comment at these sites via video conference connection.

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

*Call to Order of the Great Basin College Institutional Advisory Council by President Mark Curtis at 7:01 am.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:** Dr. Andrew Bath, Brianne Clark, Dr. Hugh Collett, Susan Davis, Mark Kimball, Don Miller, Kent McAdoo, Matt McCarty, Chris Melville, Don Miller, Will Moschetti, Dave Roden, Jolene Supp

**Members Absent:** Vince Juaristi, Laura DelRio

### **Others in Attendance:**

John Albrecht, Greg Brorby, Jill Chambliss, Mark Curtis, Bob Dolzeal, Robert Hannu, Lynn Mahlberg, John Rice, Mary Swetich, Mardell Wilkins, Dianne Wrightman, Adam Young

- 1. Public Comment** (*see foregoing notation regarding public comment*)  
None.

**Information**

**2. Approval of Minutes – *Matt McCarty* Information/Action**

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on March 17, 2016. **MOTION:** by Dave Roden to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Don Miller; motion was **APPROVED**.

**3. President's Report – *Dr. Mark Curtis* Information**

GBC President Mark Curtis provided the GBC IAC with an update on the following subjects:

- A. State College – President Curtis reported submitting the Great Basin College Poised for Next Step – State College paper and letters of support to the Board of Regents as an information only item for the June 9-10, 2016 meeting. Only a handful of Regents have seen the proposal and as an information item only it would allow us to gather support to bring back later and to answer any questions or concerns the Regents may have. The chairman of the Board, Rick Trachok, changed it to an action item. Unfortunately, that gives the College three weeks to prepare. Mark Kimball asked if it was a deliberate move to force a vote. President Curtis was not sure of the motive. President Curtis' plan is to present the information, answer any questions and ask for a deferral on the vote. If a vote is called and it does not go in our favor he would speak of his disappointment and the shortsightedness of the Board of Regents. Andrew Bath asked if there is any feedback or chatter as to why this is being rushed through. President Curtis said it was a complete surprise to him, but probably political in nature.

Chair Matt McCarty entered the meeting at 7:10 a.m.

President Curtis continued that he will be working on lining out the appropriate people to speak during the public comment of the Board of Regents' meeting. Under public comment, John Rice will speak in support for Faculty Senate. Lynn Mahlberg will read the statement that came from the mid-cycle accreditation review which supports the logical transition to state college status that we are seeking. President Curtis will be reaching out to some of you to potentially speak during the public comment.

- B. Pahrump Campus Update – President Curtis met with Pahrump community leaders on Tuesday to discuss and update them on the status of the land acquisition. The BLM has the memo of understanding and have turned it over to their solicitor who happens to represent nine western states. We are in the queue. Many meetings have occurred in preparation for final acquisition of the land. The community leaders have reached out to Valley Electric who have a trunk line and fiber optics at the property.
- C. Golden Anniversary – President Curtis reported next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Great Basin College. A preliminary planning committee meeting has been held with approximately 25 people interested in helping with the planning process. We have a lot of great ideas. It will be a year of celebration starting at commencement in May of 2017 through commencement in May 2018. The year-long events will culminate one week later which coincides with the date that Governor Laxalt announced from Elko that Howard Hughes had

donated \$125,000 and the college would continue. The "Give a Day's Pay" fundraising campaign at that time raised \$80,000 which would be \$350,000 in today's dollars. We want to tie the events into this timeline.

In other miscellaneous news President Curtis will be travelling to Washington DC during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to support Basque community. Elko Basque dancers will perform at the National Mall as part of the Smithsonian's Cultural Event that focuses on the Basque people. He will also be meeting with Senator Dean Heller, Senator Dean Rhodes, and Congressman Mark Amodei.

President Curtis reported GBC will have 611 graduating this year. It is a record number of graduates. We have increased our graduation rates 7 out of the past 8 years. We have doubled the number of graduates in 8 years and accomplished that with a 40% budget cut.

As mentioned earlier the next Board of Regents' meeting is on June 9-10, 2016. GBC's presentation is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. on June 10. Public comment is at the beginning and end of each day. To have the maximum impact to support our case for state college status any public comment in support should be the morning of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The IAC talked about its support for state college and that perhaps the Board of Regents need to be reminded that funding comes from the tax payers. Representatives from the City of Elko and Elko County need to be there to show their support and to remind the Regents that they too are public officials. Matt McCarty asked how many Regents touch our service area and President Curtis said there were three: Melcher, Davidson, and Geddes. There are currently three Regent positions up for reelection: Leavitt, Geddes and Melcher.

President Curtis reported that Frank Woodbeck will be representing the NSHE at the GBC commencement.

**4. GBC Foundation Update – Greg Brorby**

**Information**

GBC Foundation Director provided an update on Foundation activities. Greg Brorby reported the launch of the Alumni Association will occur at the GBC commencement. The graduates will become members automatically for 11 months at no cost. Following the initial trial period the cost would be \$10 for the next year and then \$35 per year after. Membership benefits are still being gathered, but currently there will be discounts on hotels, discount for use of the GBC fitness center, discount at the GBC Bookstore, use of the GBC library, and discount on insurance premiums at Liberty Mutual. The GBC Alumni Association website will go live on Saturday. Social media will be used as a tool to stay in touch with alumni as that is the preference. There will be one mailer per year like an annual report that will have articles on faculty and information on alumni marriages and births, etc.

Greg Brorby reported he is in the process of certifying the next installment of \$290,000 for the NEH Grant match due by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Greg reported an Administration Assistant for the Foundation has recently been hired. Kimberly Hess will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Foundation Board of Trustees has three new Trustees: Zach Gerber, Haley Sproul, and Danny Gillins, and will be considering a fourth new Trustee from the Ely area.

**5. Board of Regents' Community College Committee Update – Matt McCarty** **Information**

GBC IAC Chair Matt McCarty reported there has been no meeting of the NSHE Board of Regents' Community College Committee since February. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2016.

**6. Discussion and potential action on upcoming Community College Committee Meeting and the IAC Chairs' Meeting and specifically determine what information the GBC IAC wants to provide at these meetings – Matt McCarty** **Information/Action**

Matt McCarty reported there will be a joint meeting of the four IAC Chairs on June 2, 2016 to report and discuss the top five objectives/priorities for the IAC at their college; how their IAC has interpreted the "charge", and the IAC's responsiveness, including individual member's actions in support of the college; IAC sub-committees, if any; actions taken at IAC meetings, and their request for actions by the Community College Committee. Matt stated that rural Nevada has excelled in collaboration, so continued collaboration with outside groups and increased awareness in grade schools; support of the alumni association; and support for economic development that goes beyond the mining industry would be important objectives. Economic diversification in northern Nevada is important and partnering with the Governor's office on Economic Development to recruit businesses to the state would be of importance. How can GBC expand upon what the other parts of the State are doing? We must be proactive in diversifying the economy. Jolene Supp said the agriculture component of our culture is important to consider. Dave Roden said more awareness for the big metro areas who don't understand what we have to deal with the federal lands. We can work closely with K-12 teachers to get the students to understand GBC is a part of their total education. We really need to indoctrinate these kids into going to college. Matt said we are the only IAC that includes every superintendent in our service area as ad hoc members of our council. We should consider having a separate meeting with all the superintendents in our service area as the dual enrollments are very important. There is a yearly partnership meeting that already occurs with the superintendents and teachers and counselors.

Jolene Supp asked if a committee could be established to consider all of the GBC off sites to be mini GBC campuses for that immediate college feel when walking through the door. Matt said that would take money. What exactly do kids today consider to be college? With 40% of students taking classes online, is it buildings, or is it enhanced technologies? Andy Bath asked if the Foundation has any localized efforts in the communities we serve to raise money and serve students for those areas. Greg Brorby said we will be reaching out to all alumni to join the

association. We do intend to have a variety of events as they get organized. Elko is first as it is easier to do. But as we grow the other locations will be encouraged to do so too. We will have a local Alumni Association at each center. If the group is large enough it will be encouraged to have its own chapter so to speak. Matt asked the IAC to email him any individual actions and/or collaborations they have done in support of the college. Matt reported for the joint meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> all the IAC chairs will be attending as well as Vice Chancellor of the Nevada College Collaborative, Frank Woodbeck, Community College Committee Chair, Regent Anderson, and Community College Committee Vice Chair, Regent Melcher. Matt reported that he will be the chair of the inaugural meeting. The meeting is specifically to collaborate. Matt does not know if the Community College Committee supports our state college bid. He also does not know if we would still be members of the Nevada College Collaborative if we were granted state college status. President Curtis added that we will certainly always remain a part of the Community College Committee.

**7. Vice President Reports and Questions**

**Information**

The GBC Vice Presidents gave a verbal report and answer questions:

- A. Academic Affairs/Assessment – Mark Curtis reported Mike McFarlane has been working extensively on annual evaluations to be completed before he leaves. He has handed off the accreditation duties to Tom Reagan. The assessment is going well. Mike will be our commencement speaker this year. Had a nice retirement party for him.
- B. Student Services– Lynn Mahlberg reported the Radiology pinning is this afternoon and the Nurses pinning is tomorrow. Graduation numbers are up in all areas. Lynn said there is not a lot of distinction between the campuses and she is pleased that for the first time ever the SGA president will be a Battle Mountain student. The Vice President is a student from Wells.
- C. Business Affairs – Mark Curtis reported the Business Affairs office has been working on the iNtegrate 2 process and revising business processes across the system so it is all the same. The iNtegrate 2 project consumes an immense amount of time. A change to the overtime laws took affect yesterday. GBC cannot afford to pay time and a half for extensive hours. There will be more comp time opportunities instead of overtime.

**8. Member Report**

**Information**

Each committee member will be given an opportunity to provide a verbal report.

- A. Ely –Dr. Bath reported the Ely graduation celebration yesterday went very well. The high school continues to have 25% students enrolled in GBC classes. One high school student received an associate’s degree and high school diploma.
- B. Elko - Brianne Clark no report and had to leave the meeting at 8:10 a.m.
- C. Elko - Dr. Hugh Collett had no report.
- D. Battle Mountain - Susan Davis asked Jill Chambliss to give an update. Jill reported two high school students graduated with an associate’s degree.
- E. Wells – no report.
- F. Washington DC – no report.

- G. Pahrum - Mark Kimball thanked Diane Wrightman for the great graduation ceremony yesterday and congratulated GBC for its largest graduating class in its history.
- H. Elko - Kent McAdoo reported there will be a rangeland seminar the last part of July at Cottonwood Ranch north of Wells. Representatives from 13 different countries will be attending and they will be teaching them the collaborative process.
- I. Elko - Matt McCarty reported the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee will be hosting various candidate forums at the Conventions Center on May 25 and May 26. The Nevada State Department of Taxation seminar on the Commerce Tax will also be hosted by the Chamber at the Convention Center.
- J. Wendover - Chris Melville had no report.
- K. Elko - Don Miller reported his son recently was selected to represent Dean Heller's office in some of the rural areas.
- L. Elko - Will Moschetti congratulated GBC on its graduation numbers. Will also mentioned the loss of Vince Juaristi's father and gave his condolences stating he was a good man.
- M. Winnemucca - Dave Roden reported the tourism traffic in Winnemucca is up. The graduation ceremony is this afternoon. They have 100 students from Winnemucca graduating this year. Since picking up Lovelock that has increased the graduation rate a little and has had a positive impact. .
- N. Wells - Jolene Supp also congratulated GBC on its graduation rates.

- 9. New Business** **Information**  
No new business.
  
- 10. Public Comment** *(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)* **Information**  
  
Matt McCarty took a moment to recognized Bob Dolzeal for his many years as superintendent of White Pine County School District and welcomed new superintendent Adam Young.
  
- 11. Adjourn** **Information**  
Chair Matt McCarty adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.