

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
Institutional Advisory Council
1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada 89801
Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:00 am (PST)

MINUTES (approved 9/19/24)

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Tierney called the meeting of the GBC IAC to order at 7:02 am.

GBC IAC Members Present: Terri Clark, Barbara Gallagher Kidwell, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, John Tierney

GBC IAC Members Absent: Billie Crapo, Caroline McIntosh

GBC Staff Present: Joyce Helens, Tony Asti, Leslie Maple, Mary Doucette, Karl Stevens, Mardell Dorsa, Jake Rivera, Amber Donnelly, Staci Warnert, Becky Coleman, Sarah Massie, Mary Dougan (Legal Counsel)

NSHE Representatives: Natalie Brown

Others Present: Russ Klein, Lander County Superintendent

Public Comment: None

Minutes for Approval: The minutes for the November 16, 2023, and February 15, 2024, meeting of the GBC IAC was reviewed and a motion was made by Dave Roden to approve both meeting minutes. Barbara Gallagher Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

GBC IAC Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 – Terri Clark made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 proposed meeting schedule. Dave Roden seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting schedule will be as follows:

- September 19, 2024
- November 21, 2024
- February 20, 2025
- April 17, 2025

2024-2025 GBC IAC Officers: John Tierney has agreed to stay on as chair until the end of 2024. Dave Roden has agreed to stay on as the vice-chair until the end of 2024.

GBC IAC Chair Report – Chair Tierney reported the national Teachers of the Year scholarship program. He has nominated a former student of his and he hopes that they will be selected for the scholarship. Chair Tierney also talked about the Global Fellows award through the National Education Association.

GBC IAC Member Reports –

Terri Clark reported on the hospital's successful Health and Fitness fair in March. They provided free blood screenings. She briefly talked about the Ladies Night Out and thanked everyone for their support in partnering with the hospital to offer these preventative health outreach events.

Barbara Gallagher mentioned helping Chair Tierney with the student competition. It was an extremely rewarding experience.

Dave Roden mentioned the projects in Winnemucca that are still underway: the lithium mine and the salmon farm.

Stacy Smith reported on the Remote Area Medical event in October. They have gotten the permits with states. She talked about the Be Here Nevada meeting in Pahrump that talked about workforce paths specifically mental health social worker and the process that we could have where we could try to capture them coming out of high school and then get them into GBC to keep them local. Pahrump was selected as one of the locations for the Biden Infrastructure Signature Project. The project will be a homeless shelter and food pantry for the community. It looks like this project is going to move forward.

President's Report - President Joyce Helens reported this is going to be her last GBC IAC meeting. She has been working very closely with Dr. Amber Donnelly to prepare for a seamless transition. She reported the welding lab expansion project is complete and a grand opening will be planned. President Helens talked briefly about the funding formula challenges and that the formula has not worked well for community colleges. One of the challenges is that we have 68% of students that are part-time, however we have the highest graduation rate of all the community colleges – 43%. So even though we have students that go part time, they complete. Keeping that in mind, when we are looking at any of the funding or targeting certain programs, we are thinking about the population of students that we have. The other thing is that we are emerging as a Hispanic serving institution. We have grown from around 16% to almost 25%. When we are targeting those students, we want to make sure we have resources for them to succeed. We also have 39% nontraditional students, so we want to be sure there is flexibility in opportunities for evening and weekend classes.

We are in the process of updated our classrooms and conference rooms to the more efficient Zoom platform. Our library is another area that needs updating. We are in the process of writing a federal grant that will change that and make it an Innovation and Technology Center.

Foundation and Communications Report - Leslie Maple reported on some events that are being planned for the college. The Annual GBC golf tournament will be on August 3. The Foundation will also be bringing back the dinner dance or something similar. We will also be working towards having similar events at all the other centers.

Vice President for Student & Academic Affairs Report - Jake Rivera reported the CTE open houses are happening at all our GBC locations to provide students with opportunities to explore various career paths, connect with potential employers, and gather information about internships, summer employment and full-time job opportunities. We will be offering two career fairs - April 18 in Ely and April 17 in Elko. GBC will be hosting a Transfer Fair which provides students with access to valuable information and resources as well as opportunities to connect with representatives from colleges and universities that they are considering. So far, we have six institutions in signed up: Utah State College, Utah State University, UNR, UNLV, Lewis State College, and Idaho State University. The Student Awards ceremony will be on April 19. The ceremony will recognize our exemplary students who have excelled in academics, community service and leadership. Our most important event coming up is graduation. The commencement speaker for Elko will be outgoing president Joyce Helens. Adam Young, White Pine School District superintendent will be the commencement speaker in Ely. Stacy Smith will be the commencement speaker for Pahrump, and in Winnemucca the commencement speaker will be the police chief.

VP Rivera talked at length about the certificate programs.

VP Rivera called upon the deans to report on their areas.

Mary Doucette, Dean of Arts and Science talked at length about the five certificates going to the Board of Regents for approval. She also talked about the state corequisite conference on April 24-25. She reported the Math Kangaroo program had one hundred students partake in March. It is a math skills competition for middle school students. Dr. Donnelly added that Mary successfully defended her dissertation and is now Dr. Doucette.

Karl Stevens, Dean of Business, Computer Technologies, and Online Education reported on three new skills certificates – Life in the 21st Century, Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications, and a Personal Finance class.

Staci Warnert, Dean of Health Sciences talked about the pinning's and ceremonies happening across our service area. Invitations will go out to the IAC. The nursing students have been fundraising by putting on bingo tournaments in Elko and Winnemucca. They raised \$4,300 in Elko and \$2,200 in Winnemucca. The Radiology student group is also currently having a 50/50 raffle fundraiser. She has been working of the accreditation for the respiratory therapy program. There have been many new respiratory therapy programs starting up since COVID and so we're in kind of a queue for them. Our labs are ready for the Respiratory Therapy Program and the curriculum is all set. Our medical assistant program will be graduating the first cohort in May. We will be expanding that program to Pahrump.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges Update – AVC
Natalie Brown reported on April 22, the Nevada System of Higher Education system wide virtual listening sessions on inclusion, diversity, equity, and access will begin. There will be two separate times for that listening session on April 22, it would be 12pm and 6pm Pacific. It is going to be a platform for participants to share their thoughts, feelings, perspectives on matters related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. The sessions will be moderated by our IDEA committee chair Regent Cruz-Crawford. The next two meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding will be April 26 and May 30. We will be sharing some details as some information comes out of that. The next quarterly Board of Regents meeting will be June 6- 7 at Western Nevada Community College in Carson City. The Workforce Committee will be presenting an update on noncredit programs. NSHE is looking forward to celebrating all the different graduation ceremonies with GBC. But she is excited about the project Sandy celebration in Pahrump on May 11 as well as Elko May 18.

New Business – None.

Public Comment – Terri Clark commented since this is President Helens last meeting with this group, she wanted to tell her how much we appreciate her. Ms. Clark was thankful for all the support and her sacrifice and dedication.

Stacy Smith commented that she has “stolen” President Helens reference to Greater Nevada in place of rural Nevada. Ms. Smith has used that term “Greater Nevada” in some grant applications.

Chair John Tierney adjourned the meeting at 8:02 am.