

**Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025
Friday, March 21, 2025
9:00 am**

Elko –GTA 130; Ely – GBC 118; Pahrump- PVC 122; Winnemucca – GBC 123/124.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** Tim Esh, Steven Hrdlicka, Robert Cowan, Norm Whittaker, Madison Arbillaga, Dorothy Callander, Jamie Carlson, Merrick Milldrum (Proxy for Tami Potter), Eleanor O'Donnell, Ping Wang, Kara Coates, Ethan Hawkley (Proxy for Stephanie Davis), Jason Brick, Kimberly Noah, Roger Quijada

Representatives Absent: Abigail Loya, Christopher Salute, Tiffany Ross, Kristin Heath, Amber Ogle

Other Members Present: Dave Sexton (Chair), Oscar Sida (Vice Chair), Donald Jones, John Rice, Jennifer Puentes, Yvonne Naungayan, Stefan Beck, Jen Stieger, Xunming Du, Michelle Beecher, Arysta Sweat, Rita Pujari, David Antonini, Krishna Subedi, Cheyenne Stocks, Jenny Ahlvers, Rebecca Hawkley, Gerardo Wence-Munoz, Adriana Mendez, Amber Cannon, Amy Smith, Daniel Murphree, Gina Johnson, Sam Leyba, Shemayne Pitts

Others Present: Elizabeth Stanley, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers

2. **Call to Order:** 9:03AM
3. **Approval of February 21, 2025 minutes - For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the February 21, 2025 was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Madison Arbillaga. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Senate Chair Report:** The Board of Regents will be on GBC campus in the Fall.

Congratulations to all six faculty who were awarded tenure this year: Ms. Michelle Beecher, Ms. Jamie Carlson, Dr. Brian Dankowski, Dr. Steven Hrdlicka, Mr. Di Li, and Dr. Ping Wang!

Congratulations to Karissa Sena-Fadenrecht for GBC's recipient of the Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship!

A member mentions that another recognition that was awarded was the Nevada Regent's Teaching Award, and GBC did not have anyone nominated. The member recommends that the departments make a commitment to nominate faculty every year for these honors. The faculty deserve them.

The two faculty who were nominated in the past were nominated by the Faculty Senate Chair.

We may not win every year, but we should at least have nominees.

5. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **No Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **Written/ Verbal Report**

i. Proposed Changes to the Bylaws – For Possible Action in April

The Bylaws Committee is addressing the issue that has taken place in the past where there wasn't a vice-chair taking over for Senate Chair.

- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **Written Report**

i. Report – Information Only

Professional Development applications are due by March 31st.

d. Curriculum Review..... **Action Items**

i. **New Course and Changes to a Program – For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the New Course ANTH 423 and the Changes to the AS in Engineering and Physical Science Pattern of Study Program was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Tim Esh. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Instructional Technology..... **Verbal Report**

The committee is working on guidelines for the new Distance Education Policy, which hasn't been updated since 2014. Computer Services will take it after the draft is finished for review. The policy is scheduled to be presented at next faculty senate as an informational item in April and then approved in May.

f. Gen Ed Committee..... **Report w/Future Action**

i. **Report – Substitution/ Waiver Form – For Possible Action in April**

The committee is presenting a new Substitution Form, which must include an explanation from the department of why the substitution is necessary.

g. Personnel..... **Written/ Verbal Report**

i. **Written Report – Information Only**

ii. **Emeritas Deadline – March 28**

h. Policy Review Committee..... **Action Items**

i. **GBC Institutional Bylaws – For Possible Action**

This policy will be going to the lawyer, so no vote today.

ii. **Program Review Policy – For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the Program Review Policy was by Dodi Callendar, seconded by Madison Arbillaga. Motion approved unanimously.

iii. **Mission Fulfillment/ Institutional Effectiveness Assessment – For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the Mission Fulfillment/ Institutional Effectiveness Assessment was by Dodi Callendar, seconded by Madison Arbillaga. Motion approved unanimously.

i. Faculty Salary Equity Review, ad hoc..... **Written Report**

i. **Report – Information Only**

The committee will present the final report at the next faculty senate meeting in April.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. New Business: None.

8. Information Items:

i. **Proposal for Faculty Evaluation Process Improvements – For Possible Action in April**

The Faculty Evaluation Committee, ad hoc, are presenting improvements for the evaluation process. It's important for this proposal to be approved soon for it to be in effect by this Fall. There are two different ways this can be addressed: update the spreadsheet, or completely revamp the entire document.

Some of the issues the committee is addressing are outdated items, some of the items should be worth more than others, and specific questions that do not apply to all faculty. The committee is willing to work with the spreadsheet, because when they examined other institutions that required essays, the committee preferred checkboxes. The committee wants to update the spreadsheet with digital accessibility.

Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this proposal may be directed to the Faculty Evaluation Committee members.

9. Announcements: Chair Sexton would like everyone to keep in mind the nominations of Vice-Chair for Faculty Senate will open in April.

10. Good of the Order: None.

11. Adjournment: 9:49AM