

**Great Basin College**  
**FACULTY SENATE 2023-2024**  
**Friday, May 17th, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

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

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call: Sam Lackey, Dean Straight, Robert Cowan, Steven Scilacci, Norm Whittaker, Di Li (Proxy for Madison Arbillaga, Jamie Carlson, Jessica Lynch, Eleanor O'Donnell, Tami Potter, Ping Wang, Rita Pujari, Laurie Walsh, Jason Brick, Brenda Gonzales, Eric Walsh, Kimberly Noah, Donald Jones (Proxy for Tim Beasley)**

**Other Members Present: Chair Dave Sexton, Vice-Chair Dan Bergey, Tami Mette, Karl Stevens, Konstantinos Travlos, James Kendall, Ethan Hawkley, Kristin Heath, David Antonini, Mardell Dorsa, Glen Tenney, Leslie Maple, Laura Debenham, Michelle Beecher, Jonathan Foster, Xunming Du, Krishna Subedi, Dodi Callander**

**Others Present: President Helens, Vice President Rivera, Vice President Dr. Donnelly, Elizabeth Stanley, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers**

2. **Call to Order: 9:05**

3. **Senate Chair Report – Verbal Report – Congratulations to Oscar Sida, our new Vice Chair!**

Chair Sexton sent out an email, reminding everyone that it's time to build Senate committees for next year. He has a great start but knows that there will be some turnover, so hopefully there will be some new energy coming in. Chair Sexton would like to congratulate all of the people who found greener pastures and are moving on.

4. **Updates from President Helens – President Helens wanted to thank everyone who made the graduations meaningful. She also wanted to mention the historical event of our own Dan Murphree celebrating the graduation of both his children, ages 14 and 15, with a GBC associate degree before they finish high school. The two were among other dual enrollment students from White Pine who also graduated with a GBC degree President Helens credits the White Pine superintendent, who works in concert with GBC, and proclaims that they want every graduate from their high school to already have a GBC degree.**

President Helens sent out an email about the unexpected drop of the U of U in our in-network service for the ChoicePlus UMR Healthcare Insurance. The email has been forwarded to the governor's office, and she is hoping to hear back from them by Monday.

President Helens wants to assure the senate that there was no investigation of Faculty Senate. Those rumors are false.

Lastly, President Helens want to thank all of GBC for making this year great. Congratulations to everyone.

**Updates from Vice President Rivera – Rivera wants to wish everyone a wonderful summer. He thanks those who made all of our commencements possible, those who support PTK and SGA organizations, those who had a role in our Health Science trainings, and most importantly, thank you who have taught and/or guided students in their successes.**

A brief statement from Vice President Dr. Donnelly – There are changes on the horizon. Have a great summer, and we will hit the ground running when we return.

5. **Approval of April 19, 2024 minutes – For Possible Action**

**A motion to approve the April 19, 2024 Minutes was from Laurie Walsh, seconded by Eric Walsh. Motion passed unanimously.**

The approval for the minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were not seconded. Jamie Carlson made the motion to approve, and now Chair Sexton asks the Senate for a second.

**Laurie Walsh seconds the approval of the March 15, 2024 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **No Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **No Report**
- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **No Report**

The motion to approve the Professional Development Awards from last senate meeting was not seconded. Dean Straight made the motion to approve, and now Chair Sexton asks the Senate for a second.

**Laurie Walsh seconds the approval of the Professional Development Awards. Motion passed unanimously.**

- d. Curriculum Review..... **Action Item**
  - i. **Revision to the Curriculum – For Possible Action**

**A motion to approve the Revision to the Curriculum for CIT 129 to drop prerequisites was by Laurie Walsh, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.**

- e. Gen Ed Committee..... **Written Report**
  - i. **Report – Information Only**
- f. Instructional Technology..... **No Report**
- g. Personnel..... **Written Report**
  - i. **Report – Information Only**
- h. AI Committee, ad hoc..... **No Report**
- i. Emeritus Recognition, ad hoc ..... **Written Report**
  - i. **Report – Information Only**

NSHE has the three items that were approved by the Senate, but they are on hold at the moment.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- i. **Zoom Link Added to Faculty Senate Agenda – For Possible Action**

**A motion to approve the Zoom Link Added to the Faculty Senate Agenda was by Laurie Walsh, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ii. **Curricular Review Report for 2023/2024 – Carrie Meisner**

The Curricular Review Committee Report for 2023/2024 is available for review on the Faculty Senate webpage under “Minutes and Packets” for May 2024.

**8. New Business: None.**

**9. Information Items:**

- i. **Title II ADA Update – Arysta Sweat**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Department of Justice made the decision that all institutions of NSHE will be required to use the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines by April 2026.

Please reach out to Arysta Sweat if there are any questions or concerns.

**10. Announcements:** None.

**11. Good of the Order:**

**Konstantinos Travlos and Dan Bergey would like to thank everyone wish everyone the best of luck.**

**12. Adjournment: 9:53**