

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes  
September 06, 2019  
11:00 a.m.**

**Meeting by Interactive System  
Battle Mountain – GBC BM 2  
Elko – Ronald V. Hicks SGA Senate Chambers LCSL 122  
Ely – GBC 112  
Pahrump – GBC PVC 119  
Winnemucca – GBC 108**

**President Melanie Dodson called meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Moved to roll call.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

SGA President Melanie Dodson commenced with roll call.

- Executive Board**
- Present Melanie Dodson, President
- Vacant, Vice President
- Vacant, Secretary
- Vacant, Treasurer
- Present Chantell Garcia, Student Advocate
- Battle Mountain Senator**
- Vacant
- Elko Senators**
- Present Brianne Davis
- Present Kaylani Stevens
- Ely Senators**
- Present Jessica Sturges
- Pahrump Senators**
- Vacant
- Winnemucca Senators**
- Present Antonia Marler

Members of the Public Present:

- John Caskey, student
- Rachel Gallego, student
- Director of Environmental Health, Safety, and Security, Pat Anderson
- Sonja Sibert, Vice President for Business Affairs
- Tasheba Adkinson, student

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**INFORMATION**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Stevens motioned to approve the agenda for September 06, 2019. Senator Davis seconded.  
DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Davis motioned to approve the minutes for August 30, 2019. Senator Stevens seconded.  
DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

President Melanie Dodson gave a report for the Early Morning Sweets event that was held on 9/3 for the Welcome Back Week. She stated they were able to give away all 108 donuts. During this time the SGA officers gave out applications for the upcoming SGA elections. She felt that if the social media pages were up and running, they could have had a better turnout. As of this meeting the social media sites are up and being updated.

**6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

None.

**7. TREASURY REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Student Advocate, Chantell Garcia introduced Sonja Sibert, Vice President for Business Affairs who also serves as SGA Treasurer. Sonja talked about the annual process of changes in student fees, housing fees, course lab fees that require a Board of Regents approval in their December Board meeting. This year there is only one fee that the college administration is looking at increasing. This increase would be effective July 1, 2020. She also stated that the athletics fee that was voted on awhile back for the athletics program was placed on the back burner and it is not in effect. At some point in time they will reintroduce it and students would give their input on this as well. There was a 4% registration fee that went into effect this fall and there will be another 4% registration fee that will go into effect Fall 2020, they were approved by the board previously. Those fees are applicable to all NSHE institutions. She requests support and approval for the proposed increase by college administration in the technology fee from \$4/credit. Possible increases include raising the fee to \$5/credit, \$6/credit, or \$7/credit. This fee would help pay for computers in the classrooms, smart boards, computer labs, Wi-Fi access, overall internet access, software, etc. that students and instructors use in labs. The fee would help to keep the technology as up-to-date as possible for students at the institutions. If the fee was raised from \$4 to \$5 that would be an additional \$60,000 that would come in to the institution. If it was raised to \$6 a credit that would bring in an additional \$120,000. Every student pays this fee as part of the fees that they pay each semester. She asks that the SGA officers have discussions with other students and get feedback from them.

**8. STUDENT ADVOCATE’S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Student Advocate, Chantell Garcia stated the election dates are on the webpage in a google document and applications are due by 9/18. Speeches and workshop will be hosted 9/20. She encouraged all officers to reach out to friends and students to get involved. She sent emails to all the Promise Scholars with the application link. She had 5 or 6 students stop by the office regarding joining SGA. She gave thanks to the officers for all their hard work in recruiting students for SGA. She has the google calendar up and said all officers should have access to create and edit events. She has groupme up and has added all officers to

the group. She would like everyone to send media items to Senator Davis for her to add on the social media sites. She stated GBC is doing a Constitution Day 9/17 which they would be doing a table outside the Leonard Center and will be giving away little apple pies, pocket constitutions and would like SGA officers in Elko to participate. In conjunction with Constitution Day, SGA officers will be giving out raffle tickets for the backpack giveaway, winner will be announced at the 9/20 SGA meeting. She brought up the idea of a Black and White movie night and partnering with housing.

**9. WINNEMUCCA – STUDENT WELCOME BACK WEEK FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Marler requested cap of \$50 for supplies and a cap of \$250 for snacks and refreshments for a Welcome Back Week event to be held on 9/23-9/27. Senator Marler stated they would like to welcome students back with a snack week. Senator Davis motioned to approve Welcome Back Week event. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. WINNEMUCCA – PIZZA FOR LUNCH WEDNESDAY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Marler requested cap of \$15 for supplies and a cap of \$75 for snacks and refreshments for a Snack Week event in accordance to the Welcome Back Week to be held on 9/25. Senator Marler stated they would like to welcome students back with a pizza. Senator Stevens motioned to approve Pizza for Lunch Wednesday. Senator Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. WINNEMUCCA – SNACKS AND THANKFUL MESSAGES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Marler requested cap of \$75 for supplies and a cap of \$250 for snacks and refreshments for a “Thankful Pie Bites” event 11/18-11/22. Senator Marler stated during the week before Thanksgiving they would give out raffle tickets to win a gift card. Senator Davis motioned to approve Snacks and Thankful Messages event. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. ELKO – MUSIC DEVICE FOR EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Stevens requested cap of \$300 for a music device to be used during events and through the day in the Leonard lobby. Senator Stevens would like to buy an ipod for SGA events Senator Davis motioned to approve request for music device. Senator Sturges seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**13. ELKO – LIKE FOR A SLICE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Dodson requested cap of \$20 for supplies and a cap of \$200 for pizza for a “Like for a Slice” event 9/19. President Dodson stated students would like the SGA social media pages and receive a slice of pizza. Senator Marler motioned to approve the “Like for a Slice” event. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. SENATOR REPORTS INFORMATION**

Battle Mountain Senator – None.

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Elko Senator – Senator Davis updated us on the SGA social media sites regarding getting more followers which coincides with the Like for a Slice event on 9/19. Senator Davis stated that she had students ask her if they were to apply and be nominated as Senators would we be able to change meeting times. Due to the meetings already schedule through IAV and other centers not having as many meetings rooms for IAV they are booked up. Senator Stevens gave a shout out to student Lenny Dodson who helped with the Early Morning Sweets. She also brought up the idea of taking pictures of our events. Senator Stevens also asked about the policy on bringing children to SGA events. Pat Anderson stated if it was a movie to make sure it was PG and family events were okay to bring children. Pat mentioned that the student ID machines should be available real soon and to push student IDs then we would be able to open our events when students show their IDs they get in free and charge community members whatever fee we decide to charge.

Ely Senator – Senator Sturges asked if we received her email regarding changing the date of the “Like for a Slice” event due to the short week of Labor Day. They would like to move it to the week of 10/7.

Pahrump Senator – None.

Winnemucca Senator – Senator Marler said they were planning to their Pumpkin Carving contest for October. She stated she would give the students a pumpkin to take home and carve. They would then bring it back to for the contest.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

Senator Brianne Davis would like to implement an SGA wide calendar listing all our events. She thought it would be nice if we could travel to the other sites to help with their SGA events or if they could possibly come here for some of ours. Student Advocate Chantell Garcia suggested creating a google calendar and to add everyone to it. Senator Davis volunteered to be the point person for the calendar. Student Advocate Chantell Garcia suggested GroupMe for texting each other. Everyone agreed to try GroupMe. Senator Stevens made a statement that she would like to help the GBC Book Club and get more students involved. Senator Sturges asked about how to keep track of her time but she is on scholarship option, so she doesn’t need to use Workday. President Shaw (Dodson) stated her last name has officially changed to Dodson.

**Meeting is adjourned at 12:17 p.m.**

**SGA President:** Melanie Dodson

**Date:** 9/13/19