

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes
September 13, 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 115**

President Melanie Dodson called meeting to order at 11:01 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
- Aurturo Ruiz, student
- Director of Environmental Health, Safety, and Security, Pat Anderson
- Management and Marketing Professor, Stephen Theriault
- Vice President for Business Affairs, Sonja Sibert
- Heather Hill, student
- Alle Ibarra, student

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION**

John Caskey, student stated he is interested in being involved at GBC as a Senator. He is also at the meeting to support the Native American Student Association. Stephen Theriault who teaches in the business department is attending the meeting as the club advisor for the Native American Student Association with the acronym of N.A.S.A.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Stevens motioned to approve the agenda for September 13, 2019. Senator Davis seconded. DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Davis amended the motion to update the correction on the minutes for September 06, 2019. Senator Stevens seconded. DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously. Senator Sturges had a question regarding the Treasury Report, Sonja Sibert clarified that the regular technology fee is the one that the administration is looking to increase. Senator Marler stated she didn't see the Winnemucca events on the minutes. President Dodson stated will make correction and resend them to her. Pat Anderson said the minutes may be approved with correction noted.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**INFORMATION**

President Dodson gave a report for the upcoming Fall 2019 elections, applications due Wednesday, September 18. She stated that the regular SGA meeting at 11am and an election meeting at 12pm are mandatory for all candidates. She informed everyone that Tom Cunningham will be at the 11am meeting to go over the Canvas/WebCampus videos and biographies. President Dodson informed everyone that the Elko will be doing a Like 4 A Slice event that is happening on the September 19 from 11am-2pm. She stated Elko Senators were helping with the college's Constitution Day, during this time they will hand out the raffle tickets for the backpack raffle. The drawing of the raffle ticket will be done during the SGA meeting on 9/20.

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 stated she would provide SGA with the first budget actual update at the 9/20 SGA meeting. It will have the first month's school activities and the first fee distribution for Fall 2019 semester

STUDENT ADVOCATE'S REPORT**INFORMATION**

Student Advocate, Chantell Garcia welcomed all the candidates who attended the meeting. She thanked all the Senators and President for all the help in getting the SGA applications out. She reminded candidates that the meetings 9/20 are mandatory. She informed them that she is sending

out reminder emails to all candidates regarding rules, meetings and requirements. October 30 is the potential date for the Black & White Movie Night. She is waiting to hear back on the theater request. She is working with Jennifer Sprout on a Leadership Lecture Series which will be held 10/23. This semester they are doing Women in Leadership with guest speakers. Over the summer she worked on revamping the SGA webpage and she asked for suggestions. Senator Marler had sent her a suggestion of creating a form online where students could give their input. There is now an online suggestion box that is on the SGA webpage. She asks that Senators and Officers go look at it and provide feedback. She asks that everyone get their Halloween agenda requests in asap. She would like to start an SGA sponsored Staff Recognition Program and have nominations every month for staff or faculty. This would help SGA engage more with the faculty and recognize them with a small gift. Pat Anderson asked if the Leadership Series would include all the centers via IAV. Student Advocate Garcia stated yes. Stephen Theriault suggested that she get with Distance Education to get a Blue Jeans link set up for Distance Education students to participate. Pat Anderson asked if SGA is paying for speaker fees. Student Advocate stated no, she found speakers that are donating their time. She encouraged all SGA members to attend.

8. ELKO – TECHNOLOGY FEE INCREASE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Dodson requested support and approval for the proposed increase by college administration from \$4/credit to \$6/credit which would go into effect July 1, 2020. Sonja Sibert stated she spoke with President Helens and they felt that the \$6/credit was the best appropriate rate. They felt if they raised it to \$7/credit it was too much of an increase for students all at once. The \$6/credit increase will allow them to do a lot more faster bringing in an additional \$120,000 per year in revenue to technology for students use. For example, this fall they are looking at purchasing 140 new desktop computers to go into the student labs. The cost of those is approximately \$140,000. She stated this fee pays for the technology at all centers. Senator Davis stated she spoke with some students who agreed the \$6/credit was good. Sonja stated that in 5-10 years there will be a need to increase to \$7/credit. Senator Stevens also stated the students she talked to were willing to pay the \$6/credit. Senator Marler said the students she talked to were more concerned about if it would affect scholarships but were happy to pay the \$6/credit. Sonja assured them it does not affect scholarships only the technology fee. Senator Marler motioned to approve the technology increase from \$4/credit to \$6/credit. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. ELKO – CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Senator Davis requested a cap of \$125 for snacks and refreshments for a Cornhole Tournament to be held on 10/4 from 5-7pm. Senator Davis requested burn barrels for s'mores, Pat Anderson stated at the time the old burn barrels are no good. At this time there are no burn barrels so SGA will look into getting some for future events. Senator Sturges motioned to approve the Cornhole Tournament. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ELKO – NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Dodson requested approval to renew the Native American Club starting for the year 2019-2020 and to change the name of the club to Native American Student Association. She has a total of 11 interested students. Their advisor is Stephen Theriault. First meeting to be held 9/27 or

10/4 depending on approval from the SGA. John Caskey and Senator Kaylani Stevens are interested members who are at the SGA meeting in support of the club, as well as advisor Stephen Theriault. Club will be open to all GBC students, not just Native American students. Melinda Caskey, secondary advisor will be sending out emails to all other GBC centers to invite other students to join the club. Senator Davis motioned to approve the Native American Club and rename it Native American Student Association for the 2019-2020 school year. Senator Stevens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. UNLV – CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN

INFORMATION

Student Advocate Chantell Garcia gave information regarding a program that runs in every state and it's called New Leadership that is run through the Center for Women in Politics. Jean Munson oversees the program at UNLV. She will be attending an SGA meeting to give more information in October. Leadership Conference for College Women to be held on 7/1/2020. Chantell will send out information to all the women in SGA.

12. SENATOR REPORTS

INFORMATION

Battle Mountain Senator – None.

Elko Senator – Senator Davis informed us that her and Chantell creating an SGA Snapchat and encouraged all to send her their picture of events. She made the Like 4 A Slice poster and is going to add the Snapchat as soon as they create it after the meeting. Senator Davis suggested that the other centers could do the community sponsored Trick or Treat events in their area. Senator Stevens and Student Advocate Garcia went to shop for the iPod at Walmart and were unable to find one to purchase. Senator Stevens is going to see if Amazon has one to purchase and hoping it will be here next week.

Ely Senator – Senator Sturges stated she was going to decorate for Halloween. She is going to have a table at the convention center for trick or treat to hand out candy. She put in her agenda request this week and it'll be in the agenda for the next meeting.

Pahrump Senator – None.

Winnemucca Senator – Senator Marler stated she put in an agenda request 9/12 for Halloween decorations and the pumpkin carving contest. She stated her and Heather are going shopping for approximately 10-15 pumpkins and do a first come, first serve on them. Students will take them home and bring them back for the contest. They will receive a raffle ticket when they bring their pumpkins back to receive a prize. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. She set two days to go shopping in November and for their upcoming event the Welcome Back Snack Week. She stated that her and Heather are going to start planning for December. She announced she decided to run for the Vice-President position. They have a lot of applications for Senators in Winnemucca and she thought it would be a good time to upgrade her title.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION

Student Advocate Chantell Garcia informed everyone that GroupMe is up and running. She encouraged the ones who aren't using it yet to go ahead and join. The SGA Google calendar is made but she is having trouble in getting members to be able to edit or add events at this time.

She will be performing grade and credit checks for all candidates. If the candidates don't have the requirements she will be emailing or calling them. Stephen Theriault gave kudos to all members on all campuses regarding how well we are getting students involved and on our events. Student Advocate Garcia thanked Stephen Theriault, Sonja Sibert and Pat Anderson for all their help and support that they have shown her and SGA.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

SGA President: Melanie Dodson

Date: 9/20/2019