

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes**

**February 14, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Meeting by Interactive System**

**Battle Mountain – GBC BM 3**

**Elko – Ronald V. Hicks SGA Senate Chambers LCSL 122**

**Ely – GBC 112**

**Pahrump – GBC PVC 119**

**Winnemucca – GBC 115**

**SGA President Melanie Dodson called meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Moved to roll call.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

SGA President Melanie Dodson commenced with roll call.

**Executive Board**

- Present Melanie Dodson, President
- Present Kaylani Stevens, Vice President
- Present Brooke Johnson, Secretary
- Present Sonja Sibert, Treasure
- Present Chantell Garcia, Student Advocate

**Battle Mountain Senator**

Vacant

**Elko Senators**

- Excused/11:21 Katelynn Gurr
- Absent/Resigned Bradley Nelson
- Present Arturo Ruiz Jr.
- Absent/Resigned Javier Martinez
- Present Sandra Casas
- Present Gisselle Esparza
- Present Angelica Ruiz
- Present Sebastian Ruiz
- Present Taillee Whiterock

**Ely Senators**

- Present Jessi Sturges

**Pahrump Senators**

- Excused Katie Dempsey

**Winnemucca Senators**

- Present Breanna Sowinski
- Excused/11:11 Antonia Marler

Members of the public present:

Pat Anderson-Director of Environmental Health, Safety, and Security

Stephen Theriault- Management and Marketing

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**INFORMATION**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice President Stevens motioned for approval of agenda for 02/14/2020. Senator Ruiz Jr. seconds.

**DISCUSSION:** Motion passed unanimously. President Dodson then calls for any comments or corrections. NONE.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Sturges motioned for the approval of minutes from GBC SGA meeting held on 02/07/2020. Vice President Stevens seconds. **DISCUSSION:** Motion passed unanimously.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

President Dodson presents her weekly updates starting off with the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) meeting held 2/14/20 where all colleges meet via IAV once a month. She states that the Board of Regents meeting will be held March 4-6,2020. The Chancellor mentioned a new app that will be active on all college campuses starting in the Fall, called me3. Me3 is an interactive online college and career planning tool that helps you discover what you want through an interactive online game that pairs your interests with three possible careers. Arizona uses this app for its high school students and will present on it more at the Board of Regents meeting. The app will be free for students to use. The NSA meeting also talked about recycling efforts and sustainability through out all campuses, and unfortunately is not an option in Elko due to recycling facilities being located elsewhere. Pat Anderson also states Elko Sanitation does limited recycling for residents inside the city limits, but they don't do recycling for anyone outside of that area because it is not cost effective (diesel) to haul it to locations like Salt Lake, Reno, or Boise. Undocumented students also were talked about with President Dodson stating she hasn't heard anything on the Elko campus concerning undocumented students, but it was also asked how to handle the issue concerning payment/scholarship should an undocumented student want to join SGA. More information to come after the Board of Regents meeting. Sonja Sibert also states that the money received for SGA scholarship in this situation can also roll over to student fee coverage. Census 2020 was pushed during the meeting, and if anyone is interested in becoming a Census taker (\$15/hour and flexible hours) there is a flyer with information up in Berg Hall hanging on the job announcement board and on the web page. President Dodson also mentions the graduation application is available to any students who may graduate this Spring, and the application for GBC is due March 13,2020 by 5p.m. She also states anyone interested in running for an officer position for the Fall term of SGA the application is updated and now available online.

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Vice President Stevens wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and mentions that the graduation application is available to fill out and turn into the controller's office, deadline is March 15,2020. She asks for accreditation crossword puzzles that the Communications Department created be handed out at the Cookie Social later that afternoon. Vice President Stevens mentions that herself, President Dodson, and Senators A. Ruiz, and Senator Whiterock, helped Don from media services pick out the locations for new monitors to go up to help with digital signage. She states that a ton of packages have arrived for the game room, and that Mark from Buildings and Grounds was in the game room setting up the 3-IN-1 activity table while the meeting was going on. She looks forward to holding a Grand Opening event sometime in the future.

**7. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

None.

**8. TREASURY REPORT**

**INFORMATION**

Sonja Sibert is present at today's meeting and announces that she gathered feedback and spoke

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with President Dodson about student fees not lining up according to their paychecks, presenting some clarification for everyone. The original fee due date is always the Tuesday before classes start, the payment plan is on the same day each month for that specific semester. She gives an example; the current fee due date was January 14, 2020 so therefore the 14<sup>th</sup> is the day that each payment is due for that semester. The Fall 2020 fee due date will be August 25, 2020 so therefore the payment will be due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each subsequent month. The fee due date is always based upon the start of the semester. There is also a payment plan for the late starting classes. Those are always due at the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. President Dodson asks the question, "If you don't pay by the 14<sup>th</sup> do you get dropped from your enrolled classes?" The answer is NO, a late payment is charged of \$25, it is not the same as enrollment cancellations. Sonja also mentions the Census. Sonja, Jennifer and Eric Walsh had a meeting system wide with the state Governors Census and talked about how important it is for everyone to get counted whether a resident of Nevada or still a resident from another state because that is how things get funded, based on population, which affects Congressional Legislation, Representative and Senators. She mentions a regional coordinator from the Governors office named Cheyenne, the Nevada Census Project. GBC has encouraged her to attend the career fair, and Census day will be April 1, 2020, with the Elko campus library being a go to place for anyone in town who would like to get counted. Sonja states there will not be a citizenship question at this time on the census. Lastly, the Accreditation report was finished on the 13, and was sent out through email to everyone from Chantell (notify Chantell if you did not receive the email). The campuses will receive a visit from a total of nine representatives from the Accreditation team, they will be around on March 30, 31 and April 1, 2020. Everyone will be involved in the Accreditation review, faculty, staff and students. Mary Doucette and Pat Anderson will be on the agenda next week to further discuss the event. The question, "What is accreditation?" is asked, and Sonja explains that Accreditation is something that makes your degree hold value. For Northwest Accreditation it is a seven year process, if discrepancies are found, not up to academic standards, or not providing the necessities concerning their course work or the correct instruction in providing the students job worthy skills then the school could be put on suspension or have recommendations in the report. It is very important and impacts funding. Stephen Theriault mentions what an incredible task it is to complete Accreditation because the representatives have so much work with only three days to complete their report. He mentions that upon completion of an Associates degree if you continue your education but possibly move that you will want to attend a Regionally Accredited Institution, which is more valued than a Nationally Accredited Institution.

## 9. STUDENT ADVOCATE'S REPORT

## INFORMATION

Student Advocate Garcia sends out congratulations to all the new appointed officers and secretary. She apologizes for not being at the meeting where they were appointed but does state that she was attending the birth of her niece for that specific weekend. She mentions that she sent out paperwork to everyone regarding the scholarship/payroll. If anyone needs assistance, she has attached an example of how to fill out the paperwork. Please turn this in as soon as possible! It is recommended to take the scholarship option because payroll you'll have to log into workday and clock out then submit hours, and it tends to be easier in one payment. Optional though. If you are currently a student-worker, then you will want the scholarship option because you can not go over 19 hours altogether. Student Advocate Garcia states she will be out of office February 25-March 4. She will be going on vacation and will not be answering her phone or email during this time, otherwise please refer questions to Pat Anderson. If anyone needs anything from her, please notify her before the 25. VP Rivera has tasked a group to revamp the Award Ceremony held by GBC. The Award Ceremony will be April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The invitation is extended to all SGA members and have an idea if you will be able to make it by next weeks meeting. We need a social media *guru*, because our social media platforms need to be up and running. If any senators would like to

step up and take on the social media accounts their duties towards events can be reduced. Any Senator taking the job over may work with Morgan Kaisershot and Jennifer Sprout in Communications. There will be a shopping trip for supplies on the Elko campus if anyone would like to go or if anyone needs supplies. Offsite locations there is money in your budget to go shopping for supplies just have your center director send Chantell an email stating so before going shopping, and she can order things on Amazon and have them shipped to your location. Student Advocate Garcia also mentions the Career Fair that will be held on February 27, 2020 from 9am-1pm, dress to impress, and be prepared to do an interview.

Stephen Theriault states that due to all the new Senators it might be in their best interest to mention the open meeting laws. Pat Anderson states that there is a lot to open meeting laws and no matter what site you are at the mics always need to be on, all side comments need to be kept to a minimum and asks that no pen taping happen. Please mute your phones upon arrival and step out for phone calls. If you would like to make a motion on any of the agenda items, please state your position and name before commenting in order to help the Secretary make the minutes as accurate as possible. She asks for patience as we all learn to announce who is speaking, and please don't mind the interruption if you are corrected.

**10. ELKO – 3-on-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Dodson is requesting a cap of \$550 for prizes and a cap of \$100 for snacks and refreshments. The event will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8pm in the GBC Fitness Center. Jennifer Stieger submitted the room request, and everything is ready to go. There will be four players per team, and it will be half court so that we can get through everyone who wants to play. President Dodson asks for help with this event. The event planner guidelines will be filled out and in the executive office for Senators to sign up on.

It is mentioned that when you motion to approve events that is your consent and anyone who votes needs to help with events.

Vice President Stevens mentions that she will not be able to help with this event due to Chemistry classes all day on Thursday's, Senators A. Ruiz and S. Ruiz will not be in town due to previous commitments, and Senator A. Ruiz Jr. will not be available due to enlistment.

Senator Ruiz Jr motions for approval of 3-ON-3 Basketball on March 12. Senator Gurr seconds.  
DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

**11. ELKO – BINGO FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Esparza requests a cap of \$550 for prizes and a cap of \$200 for snacks and refreshments for a BINGO event to be held on April 3,2020 from 1-3pm for all campuses.

Pat Anderson asks if the room requests were already submitted for the rooms and all other locations, the answer is YES. GTA 130 for Elko, BM 3 for Battle Mountain, 107 for Ely, PVC 120 for Pahrump, and 108 for Winnemucca. Vice President Stevens mentions that the flyers will be sent out to all locations as soon as the item is approved.

Senator Whiterock motions for the approval of BINGO on 4/3/2020. Vice President Stevens seconds.  
DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

**12. ELKO – WATER PONG FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator A. Ruiz Jr. mentions that last year a water pong event was held and that he would like to bring it back this semester. He is asking for a cap of \$300 for supplies/prizes and a cap of \$100 for snacks and refreshments for Water Pong to be held on 3/18 from 5-7pm in the LCSL Solarium. If Senator Ruiz Jr. is not on campus any longer once the event hits President Dodson will take over the event. Pat Anderson also questions if soda can be left out of the Pong Event because in previous years it was a disaster to

have to clean the sticky soda off the floor later. The answer is YES.

Senator Marler motions for the approval of Water Pong for 3/18. Senator Whiterock seconds.  
DISCUSSION: Motion passed unanimously.

### 13. ELKO –CTE DAY CELEBRATION RAFFLE

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Senator S. Ruiz requests a cap of \$600 for raffle prizes for a CTE Day Celebration Raffle event to be held 2/26-2/28. He hopes to partner with Skills USA and wants to split up the prizes based on specific departments/buildings. Pat Anderson asks how the tickets will be distributed, Senator S. Ruiz states that the tickets will be given out free. Vice President Stevens worries about individual prizes and suggests looking into buying prizes that are under \$60 to give more prizes away. President Dodson agrees with the suggestion. Senator Sowinski asks how are you going to distinguish fields between students who sign up will there be a master list? Senator S. Ruiz states that he wants to place tickets in the buildings in those specific classes. Health and Science faculty have responded with a date and time when they have the most students on campus between their 1<sup>st</sup> years and their 2<sup>nd</sup> years (Wednesday). Pat Anderson states that the technical programs, welding in the evening is designed to complement the other programs. Welding program has classes running during the day. Stephen Theriault: Can a ticket be issued to each person by the programs they signed up for? Senator S. Ruiz would hope to take the tickets to them rather than them come to us. Issue with students getting more than one ticket or not all students having the opportunity to receive a ticket? Senator Sturges suggests a section on the ticket to write down the students' program. Only CTE students can participate, is that allowed since it is all student fee's that contribute to the budget? Sonja Sibert says YES, you can exclude certain groups for an event like this but do think about another event down the road that recognizes Arts and Letters or Education. Pat Anderson asks how will the students not on the Elko campus going to be addressed? Senator S. Ruiz would like to keep this event as a trial run for Elko campus only. The issue is segregation/exclusion. There are a ton of CTE students that do not attend the Elko campus. The budget now as is, isn't expected to cover all the campuses. Chantell Garcia states that although February is considered CTE Celebration Month, GBC as a whole entity does appreciate its CTE programs and would like to see the kinks worked out. She also states that moving the date to the next month might help with some of the issues presented.

Senator Ruiz Jr. motions to table CTE Day Celebration Raffle, Senator Marler seconds.

DISCUSSION: 12 votes yay, 1 abstention. Event is tabled until a later date.

### 14. SENATOR REPORT

### INFORMATION

Battle Mountain Senator – None.

Elko Senators – Senator Casas-None. Senator Ruiz Jr. joined the US Army, mentions that it might be his last meeting. Senator S. Ruiz-None. Senator Gurr-None. Senator A. Ruiz-None. Senator Whiterock and Senator Esparza would like to pair up and partner with Housing R.A./Senator Casas to hold a tie-die event for the dorms.

Ely Senator – Senator Sturges states that it is the last day for her campus' raffle. Winner will be announced on Tuesday. She sends her congratulations to Senator Ruiz Jr. on joining the military. She also asks if she needs to run for April Elections. The answer is NO, run again in the fall. Senator Sturges is going to try to recruit another senator for her location based on her schedule for next semester.

Pahrump Senator-None.

Winnemucca Senator –Senator Marler states that they are finishing up their raffle as well and their like 4 a slice event went well and gained a few new followers to the Winn-Facebook link. Electrical and Nursing were the biggest contributors to the success of their event. Game night for Winnemucca is

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coming up also. Senator Sowinski suggests that Elko Senators try tie-dying pillow cases with the students since the event will be towards those who live in housing. They also might crash the party and come have some fun that day.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION**

Vice President Stevens mentions that Gear Up has asked to partner with SGA to hold another study session for the semester around midterms “Stressed Spelled Backwards is Desserts” and also around finals with the thought of a theme being “The Nightmare Before Finals”. Further details to come. Stephen Theriault asks all campuses how I HEART GBC DAY went? Elko-25 shirts were given out with about 20 people (staff/faculty and students) show up for the picture on Monday. Walking around campus there were tons of people wearing their shirts. Senator Sturges mentions that she gave away all shirts that were sent to her and she grabbed a picture of the dual enrollment students who wore their shirts, along with herself and a few nursing students. Senator Marler states that all the shirts were given out and that about 20 people showed up as well for their photo, they are working on photo releases and will be sending out the pictures soon. Secretary Brooke states that the shirts were all given out and about six people posted to Facebook wearing their shirts too. Student Advocate Garcia states that although she wasn’t there on Monday, she heard great and positive feedback around campus regarding the event.

President Dodson reads resignation letters from Elko Senator Bradley Nelson and Elko Senator Javier Martinez.

A round of applause is offered to Senator A. Ruiz Jr on his enlistment.

**Meeting is adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**

**SGA President:** Melanie Dodson

**Date:** 2/21/2020