

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)  
Institutional Advisory Council  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7:00 am (PST)  
BERG HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Video Conference from the Meeting Site to:

Great Basin College – Battle Mountain Center  
835 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., GBC, BM3,  
Battle Mountain, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Center  
5490 Kluncy Canyon Rd., GBC 124  
Winnemucca, Nevada

Great Basin College – Ely Center  
2115 Bobcat Dr., GBC 118  
Ely, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wells, Nevada

Great Basin College – Pahrump Valley Center  
551 E. Calvada Blvd., GBC PVC 124  
Pahrump, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wendover HST-2, Wendover, Nevada

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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

*Call to Order of the Great Basin College Institutional Advisory Council by Matt McCarty at 7:05 a.m.*

### **ROLL CALL (Quorum 12/13)**

**Members Present:** Dr. Andrew Bath, Brianne Clark, Dr. Hugh Collett, Laura DelRio, Kent McAdoo, Matt McCarty, Chris Melville, Don Miller, Will Moschetti, Al Parker, Dave Roden, Jolene Supp

**Members Absent:** Vince Juaristi

**Others Present:** John Albrecht, Greg Brorby, Lisa Campbell, Mark Curtis, Bob Hannu, Cathy McAdoo, Lynn Mahlberg (telephone), Bret Murphy, John Rice, Sonja Sibert, Mardell Wilkins, Dianne Wrightman

- 1. Public Comment** (*see foregoing notation regarding public comment*) **Information**  
No public comment.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – Matt McCarty** **Information/Action**

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meetings on September 15, 2016 and November 17, 2016. **MOTION:** by Dave Roden to approve both meeting minutes; motion seconded by Don Miller; discussion followed. Kent McAdoo clarified his comments to the November 17, 2016 meeting minutes on page 4, item 7 to state that keeping the list of required qualified skills short and the preferred qualifications list longer will broaden the applicant pool. That change will be made to the November meeting minutes. Motion was **APPROVED** with that change.

**3. President's Report – Dr. Mark Curtis**

**Information**

GBC President Mark Curtis provided the GBC IAC with updates on college activities. He noted that the Governor's State of the State was encouraging as the Governor supported virtually every aspect of the requested budget from NSHE. Assuming that most if not all gets approved by the Legislature we will finally be climbing out of the hole. President Curtis appreciates the Governor making higher education a priority. If all goes well we will be able to increase our CTE programs and add some staff.

- A. Presidential Search – The search is moving fairly quickly now. Six Regents will serve on the search committee: Sam Lieberman (chair), Andrea Anderson, Carol Del Carlo, Jason Geddes, Cathy McAdoo, and Allison Stephens. The search committee also has twenty-three advisory members consisting of GBC staff and community members. By NSHE Code the committee will have five faculty members, one classified representative, one student representative, one alumni and various community members. President Curtis stated that they did hear loud and clear at their November visit that the community wanted a national search and not an interim president. They took our wishes to heart. The first search committee meeting is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> in the HTC 120 at 3:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend. President Curtis is organized and making notes for the next president on some of his observations and things they need to know to get a running start for a successful presidency at GBC.
- B. Pahrump Land Acquisition – President Curtis reported that the process of acquiring the land in Pahrump began fifteen years ago. Two years ago the Southern Nevada Land Bill was passed and we were supposed to take possession of the land within 180 days. It took another two years and twenty-six days to finally get the land. We now have the Memo of Understanding with the BLM and the Land Patent. There are some restrictions in that it must be for educational use. We also must leave much of the land in a natural state for the Desert Tortoise. We will need to go to Pahrump to meet with community leaders for a ground breaking or celebration of some sort and talk about an initial fundraising campaign for a campus. In twenty years there should be a campus down there that is very similar to the one in Elko.
- C. Questions/Answers – None.

**4. GBC Foundation Update – Greg Brorby**

**Information**

GBC Foundation Director provided an update on Foundation activities. Greg Brorby reported the Annual Campaign letters were sent in December. There was an 11% response with 4%

responding with a donation. The online giving module has been fruitful as well raising \$6,000 already. The Foundation will be conducting an Employee Campaign with at "Give A Day's Pay" theme as part of GBC's Golden Anniversary.

**5. Board of Regents' Community College Committee Update – Matt McCarty** **Information**

GBC IAC Chair Matt McCarty gave an update on the previous meeting of the NSHE Board of Regents' Community College Committee meeting and the meeting of the IAC Chairs. The last GBC IAC meeting did not have a quorum, but Matt did take some of the comments as information to the Community College Committee meeting. Here was Matt's report to the committee: GBC IAC desires regarding the search for President for Great Basin College. The unanimous consensus from the IAC members present at our meeting last week is to prepare for a consultant for a national search immediately. Given the timeline when Dr. Curtis was hired, we feel that there is no reason a President cannot be in place by the time that Dr. Curtis retires. We urge the Board to find a solution that will move at an efficient and accelerated timeline, allowing for Great Basin College to have a permanent President in place by July 1. There was also extreme frustration with the short notice of last month's visit to Elko by Chair Trachok, Chancellor White and Mr. Woodbeck. We know that trips to Elko are rare and the ability to visit in person with these additional advocates for GBC is highly valued. While we greatly appreciate the time given, the 3-day notice was insufficient for many people to attend the meeting. It was received by some as an attempt to prevent open discussion. We respectfully request a longer notice on the next visit to Elko. Frank Woodbeck did apologize about the timing of the meeting. The Community College Committee talked about a leadership conference in Las Vegas in September 2017 that the IACs will be invited to speak on behalf of what we are doing. Nancy Brun presented on CSN initiatives and shared services. There was a formal approval of timing of chair and vice chair of all of the IACs so the IACs weren't changing during a legislative session. Mission differentiation was discussed. The other IACs are looking for more robust activities. Maybe we can take the charge and lead on in what the IACs can do going forward.

**6. Muses About Education – Hugh Collett** **Information**

IAC member, a GBC Founder and Distinguished Nevadan, Dr. Hugh Collett has been writing what he calls his Muses on a wide range of subjects for much of his adult lifetime. He presented his "Muses About Education." This is a collection of thoughts, ideas and philosophies he has written about education, the community college, GBC and other related topics over the past 50 years. Dr. Collett thought it might be of value and comes from his perspective and personal knowledge of the college. It is just ideas and not meant to convince anyone of anything. Every viewpoint is different and he very humbly offered his muses for the group's enjoyment. President Curtis stated we will make sure the GBC Library receives a copy for future generations.

**7. Institutional Advisory Councils – Hugh Collett & Mark Curtis** **Information/Action**

IAC member and GBC Founder, Dr. Hugh Collett and GBC President Mark Curtis discussed the benefits and liabilities of having the IAC's subject to Nevada's Open Meeting Law and how the IAC's as presently conceived could be more useful and their efforts more meaningful to the Board of Regents. GBC has had an Advisory Board for more than 40 years. With the formalization of the IACs we have become subject to Open Meeting Law. Dr. Collett stated the Advisory Board was originally the governing board for the college. After a few years it was turned over to the Board of Regents. The Advisory Board then continued as a think tank between the community and the community college. During times it was quite valuable and other times nothing of significant happened. It had a free flow of thoughts and ideas. Ideas are a very fleeting thing. All of us have awakened at night and had a very good idea and by morning you have forgotten it. The Open Meeting Law has abolished that free flowing of ideas. For that reason Dr. Collett would like the Board of Regents to exclude the IACs from the Open Meeting Law as it prohibits us from doing what we need to do. We need flexibility to be able to change quickly with the needs of the community. President Curtis added that not a single thing of substance has come out of the IACs since its creation under the Board of Regents. It has been a lot of talk and no action. The idea is if there is never going to be anything that ends up as an action item at the Community College Committee from the IACs then why subject them to the Open Meeting Law. If all we do is provide information and nothing will be acted on why can't we go back to the way it was originally. One of the reasons for the change in the reporting structure for the Advisory Boards was the community college in Las Vegas was not reacting to what the community needed. Andy Bath firmly believes and agrees that the IACs are inhibitive in and out of the box thinking that is necessary for community colleges. Matt McCarty talked with a staff member of the Attorney General's office about the IACs having to follow the Open Meeting Law and some of the frustrations. His comment back was that based on what the IACs do which is advisory in nature we shouldn't have to be under the OML. However, since we report to the Board of Regents we must follow OML. If we reported to the President or the Chancellor then we would not have to follow the OML. If most of what we are doing is discussing ideas then perhaps we should be having workshops where it's more of a free discussion and where the agenda is looser. John Albrecht said for a workshop you would need to add the same wording that the Board of Regents uses for their workshops that would allow free flowing ideas. You could actually have an agenda item at every meeting that encourages free flowing discussion of ideas with no recommendations. If you think that there is going to be a recommendation that comes out then have another meeting in a week to put forth the recommendation. Will Moschetti stated that the interaction of our current Regent who is attending the meeting today is great and will help. Regent Cathy McAdoo added her goal is to hear from the colleges and universities and their IACs and represent all of the entities well. Dr. Collett said another part of Open Meeting Law is that you are prohibited from speaking outside of meetings. John Albrecht said that you may speak if there is not a quorum gathered. President Curtis wanted to add that we have many other advisory groups on campus for programs who have a great deal of influence and do not have to follow Open Meeting Law. The distinction with these advisory groups is that they report to the head of the program, president, or Chancellor. If a committee reports to the Board of Regents it must follow the Open Meeting Law. Dr. Collett would like to see us return to reporting to the President. Jolene Supp asked about who and how people are

appointed to the IACs. The president of each institution makes recommendations to the Board of Regents chair for his/her approval. One thing to keep in mind is the president can always call up an individual to talk about a challenge the college is having and ask for their advice. Also, anyone can speak during public comment. Matt McCarty said there is potential for action on this item. However, do we want to do anything controversial at this time with a new presidential search going on, the upcoming legislative session, and the state college initiative?

**MOTION:** by Kent McAdoo that a standing agenda item to allow free flowing talk be added to the IAC meeting agendas; seconded by Will Moschetti; discussion followed. Jolene feels that we should get some more legal input into this because then the public would not know the intent of the agenda item i.e. whether it is budget related or other. John Albrecht said he can investigate what the other three IACs do at their workshops and we should model what they do. Motion was amended to include directing staff and John Albrecht to investigate what the other three IACs are doing at their workshops and to model what they do. Motion was **APPROVED**.

#### **8. Vice President Reports and Questions**

**Information**

The GBC Vice Presidents reported on activities in their areas.

- A. Academic Affairs/Student Affairs – Lynn Mahlberg thanked Dr. Collett for his muses. She reported a 5% increase to the FTE. We currently have 1933 FTE and 3493 students. We will now be offering classes in Tonopah at the old high school. Financial Aid nights are happening all across our service area.
- B. Business Affairs – Sonja Sibert reported on the WorkDay implementation at all NSHE institutions. WorkDay is still scheduled to go live in October 2017. There is a pre-budget legislative hearing scheduled for January 25.

#### **9. Member Report**

**Information**

Each committee member will be given an opportunity to provide a verbal report.

- A. Ely - Dr. Andrew Bath reported that Bill Kingston, a fifteen year maintenance employee, has retired so a new person has been hired. A month ago the first swim meet was held at the new community.
- B. Elko - Brianne Clark left the meeting at 8:45 a.m. – no report.
- C. Elko - Dr. Hugh Collett – no report.
- D. Battle Mountain -
- E. Wells - Laura DelRio – no report.
- F. Washington DC - Vince Juaristi – no report.
- G. Pahump – Al Parker thanked Dr. Curtis on the work he did on the land deal. After more than fifteen years of work they got news from Dr. Curtis a week ago that it is finally come to fruition. There is a group that will be engaged moving forward.
- H. Elko - Kent McAdoo - no report.
- I. Elko - Matt McCarty reported the Chamber Government Affairs Committee is tracking legislation so let him know if you want a specific bill tracked.
- J. Wendover - Chris Melville - no report.
- K. Elko - Don Miller – no report.

- L. Elko - Will Moschetti - no report.
- M. Winnemucca - Dave Roden – no report.
- N. Wells - Jolene Supp – reported that IAC member from Wells, Laura DelRio is now Councilwoman DelRio. Jolene mentioned the DREAM program that Laura is working on for the 6th graders. There is a lot happening in Wells with the Heating District and a draft report on hydrology being prepared. The Growers Coalition is very active.

**10. New Business**

**Information**

Matt McCarty said we cannot be a governing board under charges of the IAC Chapter 17 of Board of Regents handbook. On a future meeting it may be appropriate to recommend to the current or future president that the IAC has a right to review and give its blessings for the academic master plan, capital improvements and first level review of budget requests. Also, we may want to have input in the selection of honorary degree recipients. We can simply advise what we feel would represent the community.

**11. Public Comment** *(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

**Information**

Regent Cathy McAdoo reiterated that she is very excited to serve as the new regent for our district.

**12. Adjourn**

**Information**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Matt McCarty at 8:58 a.m.