

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)  
Institutional Advisory Council  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada 89801**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7:00 am (PST)**

Video Conference from the Meeting Site to:

Great Basin College  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall  
Conference Room  
Elko, Nevada 89801

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

GBC – Ely Center

2115 Bobcat Dr., GBC 118  
Ely, Nevada

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

Great Basin College – Winnemucca  
Center

5490 Kluncky Canyon Rd., GBC 108  
Winnemucca, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wells, Nevada

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

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

*The Great Basin College Institutional Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Dr. Andrew Bath, Brianne Clark, Dr. Hugh Collett, Susan Davis, Laura DelRio, Vince Juaristi, Kent McAdoo, Matt McCarty, Don Miller, Will Moschetti, Dave Roden

**Members absent:** Mark Kimball, Chris Melville, Jolene Supp

**Staff present:** Mark Curtis, Mike McFarlane, Lynn Mahlberg, Sonja Sibert, Bret Murphy, Greg Brorby, Mary Doucette, Robert Hannu, Lisa Campbell, Dianne Wrightman, Jill Chambliss

- 1. Public Comment** (*see foregoing notation regarding public comment*) **Information**  
No comment.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – Matt McCarty** **Information/Action**  
**Motion:** GBC IAC member Dave Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on September 19, 2015; IAC member Don Miller seconded the motion; motion was **APPROVED**.
- 3. President’s Report – Dr. Mark Curtis** **Information**  
GBC President Mark Curtis provided the GBC IAC with an update on the State College discussion and answered questions. The recap of the discussion: President Curtis has prepared a paper on GBC becoming a state college as a next step and it was submitted to the NSHE Academic, Research & Student Affairs (ARSA) Committee as an informational item. From ARSA it goes to

the full board as information in possibly March and then potentially back in June. GBC has been offering bachelor degrees for sixteen years and our status is already a four year institution offering associate degrees. President Curtis would like to get feedback from the GBC Trustees. Dave Roden in Winnemucca said he is in favor of the move. GBC is not asking for any fee changes so President Curtis feels the Board of Regents has the authority to say yes. If there were fee increases associated with the request then it would have to go to the Legislature for approval. President Curtis said he has interviewed four of the GBC Founders (including Dr. Collett) and each one said they could not imagine the growth and impact that the college has had. President Curtis is hopeful that we have not overplayed our hand, but that is why the support of this group and other groups is paramount. A designation of a state college will set us up for the future instead of us remaining the same. Kent McAdoo says good job with the rationale and answer to how the designation of state college addresses the associates and the certificates. Vince Juaristi stated that if the Legislature has the final approval, but it goes to the Board of Regents first and the Regents do not approve it then it would be hard to resurrect. President Curtis said that he believes the Board of Regents can make the change to our status themselves as there is no fee increase. We would have a hybrid structure and charge the lower fee for the lower division and the higher rate for the upper division courses. Vince reiterated that if it goes straight to the Legislature then it would go to the spend committee. Whatever track you choose deserves discussion. President Curtis said that that was very good advice. If we saw resistance to the state college discussion by the Board of Regents then we could take the alternate path of taking it to the Legislature and it would strengthen our hand if the Legislature makes a bill to support it. President Curtis can get an opinion from legal staff, but this is all good advice to have defined and put to the Regents before it got to a vote. Matt McCarty recommended that the representatives at the GBC centers should start talking to their communities so that input can be gathered. The GBC IAC needs to encourage our communities to contact the Regents to let them know this is what we want. Dr. Collett said the challenge will be to not be viewed as competition. There are people who will be worried about their own little turf. Once a designation of state college is granted to GBC then faculty committees will be formed to iron out issues pertaining to workload, additional degrees, staffing, etc. We will never reject our community college mission. Many great institutions started as community colleges and evolved into something much more while always serving community needs. The GBC IAC discussed preparing a resolution or letter of support for state college designation with no dissention. Kent McAdoo said the president's handling of these likely arguments against the state college proposal and addressing it is a great strategy and enjoyed looking at brief history of UNR and UNLV. He felt it was interesting that other colleges that were mentioned in the paper haven't dismissed their community college mission like Purdue. President Curtis was appreciative of the healthy discussion and is happy the GBC IAC is in full support of a state college designation.

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

**Information**

GBC Foundation Director, Greg Brorby reported the purpose of the Foundation is to provide support and resources to the college to support its mission to provide higher education to rural

Nevada. At the last Foundation Trustee meeting the state college paper was discussed and it was supported and will be an action item at next meeting for official support. In FY 2015 the GBC Foundation disbursed \$347,000 to GBC in scholarships, program support, student assistance, childcare and landscape maintenance. Over last 10 years the GBC Foundation has raised \$7.2 million with the focus being on the large businesses. In its lifetime the GBC Foundation has had 4100 donors who have given \$35 million over the years. There have been 34,000 gifts. There is a loyal base of 1000 donors that have given seven times or more. Greg reported one of the initiatives he has been working on is creating an alumni association. GBC has 5000 alumni. The last fiscal year alumni donated \$450 because they haven't been asked. If there is anyone from this group who would like to help in leveraging this group please reach out to Greg and let him know.

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

GBC IAC Chair Matt McCarty reported on the previous meeting of the NSHE Board of Regents' Community College Committee November 30<sup>th</sup>. He reported there were campus updates and items of interest from the presidents. It was all information items.

**6. Vice President Reports and Questions Information**

- A. Academic Affairs/Assessment – *Dr. Mike McFarlane* – reported discussion of the two new bachelor degrees in social science and natural resources will be discussed at the faculty senate meeting tomorrow and likely approved. We are making these new degrees a Bachelor of Arts instead of Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies. So they are not new bachelor degrees, just a change. The GBC Assessment plan is in effect. Every operation, program and function we do is now assessed. Assessment will be a significant part of the accreditation report and visit in April.
- B. Distance Delivery – *Dr. Mike McFarlane* – reported Western Governor's University has been in Nevada of courses for many years. It has only recently gotten big press from the governor. All the school districts in our service area realize our programs are oriented to what they need. President Curtis added that he and Regent Melcher recently met with WGU Chancellor Spencer Stewart a couple of weeks ago. There are some key differences between WGU and GBC. WGU caters to full time students. It is a straight \$2980 per semester no matter how many classes you take. With GBC 69% of our students are part time. President Curtis said they may pick up some of our students certainly at the graduate level, but not lower. Bob Hannu is traveling around Nevada installing more IAV facilities. We have coordinators in Hawthorne, Lovelock and Panaca. The school districts are working with us more with the dual credit and we see an increase of 20% and 15% of our total enrollment.
- C. Student Services– *Lynn Mahlberg* – reported her department will be reviewing the regent scholar applications. They received nominations from Battle Mountain, Ely, Winnemucca and Pahrump. As a college we don't think of distance education as distance education – it's all in one. GBC will be hosting a GBC/School District partnership meeting with 10 county

school district where we will be presenting our state college vision and talking about dual credit and the gear up program.

- D. Business Affairs – *Sonja Sibert* – reported they are recruiting for a custodial position and a position in the Controller’s Office. They have been working on the space inventory and room utilization report. With the increase enrollment in online courses we have seen a decrease in classroom utilization, but classrooms with technology has increased. They are currently collecting data on employees and applicants to analyze to see where we are at for affirmative action. The Workday implementation is on target to go live in October 2016.

## 7. Member Report

## Information

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

- A. Ely - *Dr. Andrew Bath* – no report.
- B. Elko - *Brianne Clark* no report.
- C. Elko - *Dr. Hugh Collett* – reported that he went to Wendover and Wells to distributed dictionaries and invitations to attend college to students. He mentioned that parents who attended a recent awards ceremony where they talked about the prepaid tuition and the teachers there didn’t even know about the prepaid tuition. Dr. Collett recommended to put something about financial aid and prepaid tuition in with the dictionaries. Andy Bath would like more information on the dictionary program that the Rotary Club does so that they can replicate it in Ely.
- D. Battle Mountain - *Susan Davis* – requested information or talking points about the state college proposal so as all the centers and towns can have a coordinated effort and be working on the same information. Jill Chambliss reported that she and President Curtis meet with the county commissioners about the taking over the old county building. Battle Mountain now has a live teacher for remedial math. Matt McCarty will work with President Curtis on a one-page bullet point paper to take to civic organization and to the communities. President Curtis added that he is willing to attend meetings within your communities when needed. He travels quite a lot and can fit into his schedule as necessary.
- E. Wells - *Laura DelRio* – no report.
- F. Washington DC - *Vince Juaristi* - reported that the Smithsonian Museum each year has a festival in July at the National Mall that focuses on one culture. This year it will be the Basque culture. This is great news.
- G. Pahrump - *Mark Kimball* – no report.
- H. Elko - *Kent McAdoo* – reported that the spotted frogs will not be listed on the threatened or endangered list. It’s very exciting news. If the spotted frogs had been listed it would have impacted all kinds of land use more so even than sage grouse. Conservation efforts are making a difference. There are more frog populations then has ever been recognized before.
- I. Elko - *Matt McCarty* – reported the sad news that Sarah Sweetwater passed away yesterday. We are seeing more of our founders and long-term faculty pass. Their contributions have gotten us where we are now. Matt reported there is a ribbon cutting for the new addition of the Convention Center on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

- J. Wendover - *Chris Melville* – no report.
- K. Elko - *Don Miller* – reported that they are delivering dictionaries to Southside Elementary this week.
- L. Elko - *Will Moschetti* – no report.
- M. Winnemucca - *Dave Roden* – no report.
- N. Wells - *Jolene Supp* - no report.

**8. New Business**

**Information**

President Curtis announced that Dr. Collett will be receiving the Distinguished Nevadan award at the UNR Commencement on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Curtis will be attending. Nevada is fortunate to have him.

The GBC IAC will consider formally supporting a resolution and/or letter of support for the state college initiative at their next meeting.

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

**Information**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

**Information/Action**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.