

ACE MINUTES 2-14-18

1:00 pm McMullen Hall 125

Present: Frank Sawyer, Angie de Braga, Fallon Godwin-Butler, and Tom Cunningham (guest).

- Angie reported that more than 100 people came to GBC to hear the Nevada Humanities speakers who presented at GBC in conjunction with the 32nd National Cowboy Poetry Gathering on Thursday, February 1. Attendees rated the speakers from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest rating possible. Vince Juaristi's presentation, *America's Deal: A New Basque Home on the Range* was rated 4.67. Nephi Craig's presentation, *Resurgence of Indigenous Foods* received a 4.93. Both talks were recorded and will be available on the GBC Virtual Humanities Center website for anyone who is interested to view.
- The library has the exhibit *Inner Strength: Portraits of Basque Immigrant Women* still on loan from the Boise Basque Museum. Please visit if you haven't seen it yet.
- Frank Sawyer updated the committee with news about the new HD projector and larger screen in the GBC Theatre that will be used for the opening week of the GBC Film Festival. The picture quality is tremendously improved and film-festival goers are in for a real treat. The films that have been selected cover a wide range of topics and have received excellent reviews. The film, *App: The Human Story* was created by an Elko High School graduate who will answer questions after the screening on Feb. 17. Frank showed a demo of a video trailer he produced to promote a community event. He is willing to produce these to promote GBC events as well.
- Tom Cunningham shared ideas on how to produce a successful lecture series at our college. He suggested choosing topics and speakers up to two years in advance to allow faculty to develop courses and lectures around the speakers. He also suggested we might develop a "Festival of the West" at GBC and partner with the California Trail Center, Elko Fairgrounds, Native Americans, and the gold mining industry. His ideas were well received.
- Stephanie Gibson, from the Nevada Humanities, is seeking support from GBC to participate in *Nevada Reads* by hosting a conversation with author Julie Blunt on May 16. Julie's book was selected because the main character is a teen drug addict and Nevada has been impacted by the opioid crisis. The committee feels the college is the appropriate place to host such an event, and Angie suggested the author might also set up a time to speak at Elko High School as they are in session until the first week in June.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.