**Faculty Senate**

**Friday, August 31, 2012**

Battle Mountain – BM 4 Elko –GTA 130; Ely –GBC 114;

Pahrump – PVC 122; Winnemucca –GBC 108

#  Meeting Minutes

1. Roll call

Voting Representatives:

Jessica Russell, Stephen Theriault, David Douglas, Ami Rogers, Cindy Hyslop, Tim Beasley, Thomas Reagan, Russ Orr, Christine Young-Gerber, Mary Doucette, Dorinda Friez, Brandy Nielsen, David Ellefsen, Frank Daniels, Carrie Bruno, Scott Gavorsky, Janice King, Michael Gerber

**Absent Voting Members:** Cathy Fulkerson (P)**,** Heather Steel (P)**,** Tamara Gailey (P), Pat Anderson (P)

**Other Members Present:** Charlie Ekburg, RayLynn de Arrieta, Angie de Braga, Karen Kimber, Norm Whittaker, Lisa Campbell, Mary Swetich, Robert Hannu, Heidi Johnston, Sheri Baker, Renae Jim, Carolyn Trainor, Karen Dannehl, Matthew Galli, Eric Walsh, Xunming Du, John Newman, Pete Bagley, Jonathan Foster, Tawny Crum

**Visitors:** Governor Brian Sandoval

1. Call to order: Action

Vice Chair Reagan called the regular meeting of Faculty Senate to order at 9:03 a.m. on

August 31, 2012**.**

1. Approval of minutes: Action

 A motion was made and seconded to approve Faculty Senate Minutes from the

May 11, 2012 meeting. There were 4 proxies recorded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. senate chair report: Information
2. Weapons on Campus – a revised policy will be going before the Board of Regents next week for approval. Vice-Chair Reagan reviewed the proposed policy.
3. Retirement – NSHE has commissioned the Retirement Plan Advisory Committee to investigate administrative service providers for the defined contributions plan through an RFP this coming spring. Vice Chair Reagan reviewed the item.
4. Funding Formula – The legislative committee met this week, approving most of the Board of Regents’ new funding formula. Included were provisions for mitigation of administrative costs to lower GBC’s potential cuts to 34%. They also recommended a hold harmless to cuts for the northern colleges for the next two years.
5. Online Delivery – Chair Freistroffer sent out information regarding a Board of Regents agenda item for next week’s meeting. The item is in regards to the vision of online delivery in the state of Nevada. GBC needs to pay attention to this item with regard to our high online FTE and looming review of our business model. This is in the early stages. Our E-learning committee representative is Lisa Frazier. Tom Reagan and Lisa Frazier will be meeting with Dr. Curtis next week to discuss the matter. A Senate member mentioned that students can get some degrees online but we don’t market that and students aren’t aware. If we have an online academy we will lose our online students. Chair Freistroffer stated that 44% of GBC FTE is distance delivered but that is not just an online statistic it does include IAV.  (Erratum: 44% of our FTE is online and 65% is distance. Sorry for the mistake in the meeting. DVF). We do have the highest online enrollment of the NSHE institutions. Other institutions are catching up.
6. Chair Freistroffer talked about the new Senate structure and that a lot of communication will be directed through the Senators. Anyone is allowed to attend Senate but communication needs to be channeled through the Senator.
7. committee reports
8. **Academic Standards – No Report**
9. **Adjunct Faculty – No Report**
10. **Assessment – No Report**
11. **Budget & Facilities – No Report**
12. **Compensation & Benefits – Written Report**
13. **Curriculum & Articulation – No Report**
14. **Department Chairs – Written Report**
15. **Distance Education –Verbal Report –**John Newman reported that the online policy that was voted on by Senate, last May, was turned down at President’s council. The item will be going back for revision to the Distance Education Committee and then sent back to Senate for action next month.

1. **Faculty & Administrative Evaluations –Written Report**
2. **Faculty/Staff Safety – No Report**
3. **Gen Ed Ad Hoc Committee – Written Report**
4. **Library – No Report**
5. **Personnel – No Report**
6. **Professional Enrichment Ad Hoc Committee – No Report**
7. **Student Relations – No Report**

**Non-senate Committees**

1. **Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies** **– No Report**
2. **I.C.E. – No Report**
3. **TEC – No Report**
4. FOUR-YEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS
5. **Bachelor of Applied Science – No Report**

1. **Bachelor of Social Work – No Report**
2. **Elementary and Secondary Education – No Report**
3. CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) – No Report
4. Health Sciences and Human Services – No Report
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None
6. NEW BUSINESS – We finally have two adjunct Reps, Charlie Ekburg and Michael Gerber. Michael will be working on the Adjunct Committee.

Senate Secretary – Cindy Hyslop volunteered to fill the position. Carrie Bruno seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

1. INFORMATION – Governor Sandoval addressed the Senate, this morning. He spoke briefly about the budget issues and the recommendation to reduce the state funds to GBC. Nevada is improving but there are a lot of difficult decisions that still need to be made. He stated that he will be making informed decisions. He also mentioned that he appreciates the pride in Elko.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT - A question was asked about why our regent voted for the funding formula. Our regent chose to go along with the other regents in his decision.

A question was asked about reviewing the salary schedule spreadsheet that was sent to faculty. Chair Freistroffer discussed the item and then referred to Frank Daniels for further comment. Frank Daniels is on the salary schedule committee and discussed the matter and also referred to the Comp and Benefits Committee report.

1. ADJOURNMENT – Action

The Faculty Senate adjourned the meeting at 9:37a.m.