**Great Basin College**

**Student Government Association**

**Minutes**

**12:30 P.M. June 29th, 2012**

Battle Mountain – GBC BM 4

Elko – SGA Meeting Room CSL

Ely – GBC 114

Pahrump – PVC 115

Winnemucca- GBC 108

1. **Call to Order: 12:52 P.M.**
2. **Roll Call**

*Executive Board*

Alex Porter, President Present

Isaac Duran, Vice President Present

Grace Blair, Secretary Present

Derek Alger, Treasurer Present

Adriana Mendez, Student Advocate Excused

Pat Anderson, Director of Safety and Security Present

*Battle Mountain Senator*

Danielle Powell Present

*Elko Senators*

Janet Correa Present

*Ely Senator*

Peggy Drain Present

*Pahrump Senators*

Shannon Hadfield Present

Monique Stepka Excused

*Winnemucca Senators*

Lacy Villarreal Present

Yezenia Poulsen Present

1. **Introduction of Guests Information**

Elko: Angela Correa, Jennifer Pierce, President Lynn Mahlberg.

1. **Approval of Agenda Information / Action**
2. Senator Drain moved to approve the June 29th, 2012 agenda. Senator Villarreal seconded.

DISCUSSION: Item A will be moved under section VI. President’s Report. Motion passes unanimously.

1. **Approval of Minutes Information / Action**
2. Senator Villarreal moved to approve the May 11th, 2012 minutes. Senator Hadfield seconded.

DISCUSSION: Item G is corrected to read “…President Lynn Mahlburg’s vice president of student services host account for the coverage of the DJ…” Item H is corrected to read “…a cap of $375.00 reimburse Yvonne Sutherland for the purchase of…” Motion passes unanimously.

1. **President’s Report Information / Action**

President Porter reported on the following:

* President Porter administered the Oath to the incoming Executive Board officer, Grace Blair for Secretary.
* Elko is set to begin semester planning today following the meeting.
* He is excited for this first summer meeting, believes it is a fresh start with new and returning members and that he would like to build on what we already have to better our teamwork and communication, which have been problems in the past. The theme for the year is “Many campuses, one voice.” He is looking forward to working with everyone during the coming semester. He also said that he is planning for campus visits this year to involve the entire Executive Board.
* President Porter attended the recent NSA meeting where he had an hour to talk with Chancellor Klaich about Nevada’s money, budgets, and tuition. Part of their mission this year is to get college students’ voices out about education, as well as increase their involvement in legislation being passed. The state is currently in the middle of the funding formula process and very little has changed since the end of school in May. Concealed carry of firearms may be a hot issue this year.
* NSA has asked that all SGA branches implement a budget line item of 1% to go toward NSA activities such as the rally that they put on for students.
* The next summer meeting is scheduled for July 27th. He is looking forward to this coming semester.
* President Porter asked that all Senators and Executive Board members send their contact information to this email address: [alex.porter@gbcnv.edu](mailto:alex.porter@gbcnv.edu)
* Pat added on to the concealed firearms topic: During the last legislative session, the law that prohibits firearms on college campuses was challenged. A bill came forward that states that if a person has a concealed weapons permit, they should be able to carry their firearms anywhere, including college campuses. If the issue becomes more relevant, Pat will bring in the local police to offer pros and cons to the situation.

1. **Vice President’s Report Information**

Vice President Duran reported on the following:

* He has had a good summer so far and has been very busy during the last week.
* Vice President Duran attended the NSA meeting with President Porter this summer and one of the things the Vice Presidents of the state are being asked to do is push the importance of education in the state and get the vote out. He has been meeting frequently with Vice President McDonald at Nevada State College to plan events. Once Elko’s semester planning is done, he wants to put a lot of emphasis in branch campuses to involve our awesome Senators.
* The vice presidents in the state are designing a competition to see which institution can get the most voting pledges to push education legislature and emphasize the importance of becoming involved in their education.
* President Porter added: The vote out is meant to push college student civic engagement and in order to do it, each campus would bring in someone from the county clerk’s office who is qualified to register voters for the state.
* Vice President Duran revealed the casual SGA t-shirt design. The book store on campus has helped a lot. They referred SGA to their sister company, Champion, to make the shirts. The only difference between the GBC shirts and SGA’s is that the coloring in the middle of the letters will not be black.
* He asks that when sending contact information to President Porter, that all Officers and Senators include their t-shirt sizes.
* He is excited for semester planning.

1. **Treasury Report Information / Action**

Treasurer Alger reported on the following:

* The balances of all campus accounts are as follows:
  + Elko: $32,623.09
  + Pahrump: $562.04
  + Ely: $424.82
  + Winnemucca: $932.78
  + Battle Mountain: $198.18

1. **Student Advocate’s Report Information**

None.

1. **Center Reports Information**
2. Battle Mountain:

* Senator Powell said that Kids’ College finished yesterday and that the kids and the instructors had a great time and are excited to come back again next year. She and Ami Rogers are working on a float for the 4th of July parade that will put GBC out there and hopefully draw in new students.

1. Ely:

* Senator Drain went on a cross-state trip to pick up a new pottery wheel for their campus for their art programs.

1. Pahrump: None.
2. Winnemucca:

* Senator Villarreal and Senator Poulsen said that they finished Kids’ College as well and the parents and the kids loved it. They are beginning to plan events and event ideas for this coming fall.

1. **Committee Reports Information / Action**
2. Facilities: June 29th, 2012 there was $6.00 in the pool table.
3. Elko Senator Report: Senator Correa said she is excited for this coming fall and all of the activities they are planning. She hopes everyone is having a good summer.
4. **Unfinished Business Information / Action**

None.

1. **New Business Information / Action**
2. **Update By President Lynn Mahlberg Information**

Senator Drain moved to approve that President Lynn Mahlberg will give an update on new information concerning GBC to the SGA Officers. Vice President Duran seconded.

DISCUSSION: President Lynn Mahlberg said the following:

* She offers her congratulations to all new and continuing members and is looking forward to participating more in SGA.
* Today (June 29th, 2012) was the last day of her term and newly elected President Mark Curtis takes over tomorrow.
* On March 21st, the Chancellor released a proposed new funding formula, which they have been working on for months. There are three components so far. Right now, GBC is funded on student enrollment. The new proposal states that funding can come from either: number of completions by class, every institution gets to keep their tuition and fees (these are currently going to a general fund and are then portioned out), or performance funding, which has been the most discussed and requires colleges to take a look at all of the baccalaureate degrees each institution offers.
* GBC alone offers 59 baccalaureate degrees.
* They have had numerous meetings already this year. The legislature hired, as a consultant, Stanford Research Institute to compare the current formula with the proposed formula. The Stanford Research Institute then wrote:

“Great Basin Community College also delivers workforce services as a direct benefit to the natural resource sector. Because of its extremely large service area, it is impossible for GBCC to deliver its services as cost-effectively as other colleges. The Knowledge Fund should also provide GBCC with a baseline level of general institutional support and liability in light of these special circumstances and its specialized mission.”

* She said that this is extremely important and that out of all of the colleges, they singled GBC out as a specialized institution that can benefit from the Knowledge Fund.
* She has been attending a lot of sub-committee meetings in these same areas.
* As the proposed formula was released, GBC could stand to lose around 32% on top of everything we have already lost. Northern colleges are being cut hard.
* She intends to keep us informed throughout the year about legislature decisions and topics.
* Her office is being moved from one end of the hall to the other end of the hall in Berg Hall. She encourages everyone to drop by and visit any time.

**XIV. Public Comment Information**

* President Porter welcomed new retention coordinator Jennifer Pierce.
* Jennifer said she is really excited to take the position and as a worker in Student Services, she feels that it is really important to get student input, such as feedback and suggestions. Her job is to catch students before they are at risk, whether they are having a hard time at home, or need tutoring, or anything else, and help them succeed. She will be working with the instructors to catch early warning signs. She asked that SGA help her be the eyes and ears to help cater to what students need.
* President Porter said that the retreat for new Senators will be planned for after the new Senators are appointed, which will fall around the second week of September. A definite day will be determined at a later date.
* Senator Poulsen said that she believes a bulletin board with pictures of SGA would be a good idea for each campus. Senator Duran then said that Elko was having pictures taken today and that he would like to get pictures of all of the other senators and put them on a big bulletin board on each campus.
* Senator Correa said that we need to really put the word out about SGA. While asking students if they knew about SGA, around 60% had never heard of us. She said that we need to be friendly, get our faces out there, and target new students who may be feeling homesick and friendless to give them people to talk to and an organization to be a part of.

**ADJOURNMENT: 1:45 P.M.**

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**SGA PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**