

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)
Institutional Advisory Council
1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada 89801
Thursday, March 15, 2018 7:00 am (PST)
BERG HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Video Conference from the Meeting Site to:

Great Basin College – Battle Mountain Center
835 N. 2nd St., GBC, BM1,
Battle Mountain, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Center
5490 Kluncy Canyon Rd., GBC 108
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

Members of the public may attend the meeting and provide testimony or public comment at these sites via video conference connection.

Meeting Minutes - Approved

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Information

GBC IAC Chair Matt McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. and did a roll call.

Present:

Dr. Andrew Bath
Dr. Hugh Collett
Laura DelRio
Matt McCarty
Caroline McIntosh

Chris Melville (via phone)

Don Miller
Will Moschetti
Al Parker
Dave Roden
Jolene Supp

Absent:

Vince Juaristi

GBC Staff Present:

John Albrecht
Lisa Campbell
Robert Hannu
Joyce Helens
Lynn Mahlberg
Bret Murphy

Thomas Reagan
Mardell Wilkins
Dianne Wrightman

NSHE Staff Present:

Nate Mackinnon
Cathy McAdoo

Guests:

Pam Teel, Superintendent
Dale Norton, Superintendent
Dawn Hagness, Asst. Superintendent

2. Public Comment (see foregoing notation regarding public comment) Information

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes – Matt McCarty Information/For Possible Action

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on January 18, 2018. **MOTION:** Dave Roden made a motion to approve the minutes; Will Moschetti seconded the motion, motion was **APPROVED**.

4 Membership of the GBC IAC – Matt McCarty Information

GBC IAC Chair Matt McCarty gave an update on membership of the GBC IAC. Mr. McCarty reported he visited with an employee of the Western Folk Life Center who expressed interest in serving on the GBC IAC and has a passion for the community. Mr. McCarty reported the most recent member of the GBC IAC, Jose Negrete, regretfully resigned last week. Mr. McCarty announced his resignation and that this would be his last meeting as a member. Mr. McCarty stated he has accepted the position of Director of the GBC Foundation starting April 2. Mr. McCarty will continue to attend the GBC IAC meetings representing the Foundation. There are a number of vacancies that we need to fill. Regent McAdoo said she recently met a GBC graduate who indicated an interested in serving on the council. We have fifteen seats. We are looking for one member from Battle Mountain. Andrew Bath is the current vice chair and will continue as vice chair. Mr. McCarty thanked everyone for allowing him to serve these many years.

**5. Board of Regents' Community College Committee Meeting and the IAC Information
Chairs Meeting Update – Matt McCarty**

Mr. McCarty deferred the report on the previous meeting of the NSHE Board of Regents' Community College Committee on February 22, 2018 to Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon to report on under Agenda Item #10.

Mr. McCarty gave a report on the IAC Chairs meeting on February 28, 2018. There was an Open Meeting Law discussion and how to facilitate better discussion. It was also mentioned that if the IACs could report to the Chancellor it would eliminate the need to follow the OML. There was discussion on statewide marketing for community colleges and having NSHE handle the costs of marketing with supplementation from the community colleges.

6. GBC IAC Business Matters – Matt McCarty

Information

Mr. McCarty lead a discussion on K-12 needs within three areas: Student Needs Teacher Needs and Administrative/District Needs. The point is to make sure GBC IAC is contributing to the college and community we serve. Mr. McCarty welcomed the two superintendents and one assistant superintendent present at the meeting: Mr. Dale Norton, Superintendent of Nye County, Ms. Pam Teel, Superintendent of Lincoln County, and Dawn Hagness, Assistant Superintendent of Humboldt County. Mr. McCarty started the discussion by asking what GBC is doing right and what can GBC improve upon.

Mr. Norton from Nye County reported no issues at this time and he would bring any issue up with Dianne Wrightman immediately. Mr. Norton reported on the cooperative efforts with GBC on new programs and dual enrollments are efforts that need to continue. Mr. Norton mentioned the use of the school district facility for a program that GBC needed space for. The dual credit courses in Nye County are more popular than AP courses. Dean Tom Reagan added the College and Career Readiness grant covers the lab fees and text books. A Summer cohort will be created in June with some money left from the grant. Hopefully the grant will continue into Spring. Dean Bret Murphy talked about the machine manufacturing program in Pahrump and the use of the Nye County School District facility. The program will allow twelve high school students for dual enrollment and we have an instructor hired. GBC will purchase a 3-D printer and other equipment. GBC will also be offering a couple of welding courses. Mr. McCarty said having these collaborative efforts in rural Nevada are important and we will keep those engagements up. Please continue to spread information and make those connections.

Ms. Pam Teel, Superintendent of Lincoln County appreciates the growing partnerships with GBC and the work that Dean Reagan has been doing. Alternate Route to Licensure (ARL) services are provided by GBC. Teacher vacancies are high. ARL allows them to teach while they get licensure. There are currently three students in the ARL program (2 in Math and 1 in Ag). There are seventy-eight teachers in Lincoln County. Lincoln County is also taking advantage of the College and Career Readiness Grant. They have not been able to offer AP classes because they don't have the staffing, but dual credit is more advantageous.

Ms. Dawn Hagness, Assistant Superintendent of Humboldt County, reported she is filling in for Superintendent Dr. Jensen. She thanked Dean Reagan and Lisa Campbell. They have added some needed courses. The College and Career Readiness Grant has allowed them to increase their dual credit numbers. There is a concern with the tuition increase. The dual enrollments in McDermitt have increased because of the grant. They would love to see some teacher prep courses at the high school level. They have four students going into education at the college level this year. If they get them in at the ground level then they are confident that they will keep them. Nineteen people have gone through the ARL; two elementary teachers have graduated and four are on track to graduate and they lost five. When they are looking to fill a position she will call GBC Education Department to see who is in the loop. Ms. Hagness also appreciates the new requirement for teachers to take a parent engagement course. Ms.

Hagness mentioned doing something for the gifted and talented in elementary school. Maybe summer programming for kids work with the Boys & Girls Club so we are not competing.

Mr. McCarty brought up the Nevada STEM Coalition as a resource. It is a statewide database for qualified people to add their name so teachers call them to come to classroom to offset teaching.

Mr. McCarty opened the discussion up to the IAC members.

White Pine – Caroline McIntosh thanked President Helens and others for attending the workforce meeting. Ms. McIntosh said she is very happy with the electrical program in Fall and said the dual credit diesel, welding and millwright would be the next programs offered. They are currently looking for facilities. GBC is listening to the employers.

Wendover – Chris Melville has not recently had any discussions with the school district. Lynn Mahlberg mentioned the Elko County Junior ROTC program for leadership that is 18 month off but discussions are happening.

Wells – Laura Del Rio reported that Wells students are utilizing the College and Career Readiness grant.

Elko – Will Moschetti was curious if the dual credit classes take kids away from the district. In some of the smaller schools ½ are going for dual credit. Mr. Moschetti agrees getting the students to campus sooner is ideal and get them here as often as possible. Dean Murphy said GBC has a CTE college coordinator. She coordinates visits all year round even from as far away as Las Vegas. Regent McAdoo said that was the beauty of the summer GBC Kids College because it brought students here to the campus by providing interesting classes that appeal to the age groups.

Mr. McCarty stepped out of the room at 7:44 am and returned at 7:48.

Mr. McCarty asked the superintendents if dual enrollment is disrupting the class. They all agree it was not. Ms. Hagness stated dual enrollment is an enhancement. Ms. Teel stated the classroom is blended anyway. Dean Reagan stated dual enrollment is 85% distance education and 15% live classes.

Mr. McCarty stated he heard from Superintendent Wold from Eureka County that they are having their career fair right now. They are encouraging the kids to get into education. The students there prefer dual credit. Any courses offered will be appreciated and has impacted Eureka County positively.

Mr. McCarty asked how GBC could be recommended more by the high school counselors a first option for students graduating...is there more communication that we can do with the

counselors? Ms. Hagness stated that the Lowry counselors and principal have a close relationship with GBC. They meet frequently with Lisa Campbell and there are frequent College and Career nights. She will reach out and see if there is anything that GBC can do to keep more students. Ms. Teel will also look into it as well.

Dean Murphy asked if there is anything more that GBC can in the CTE area. There was discussion on the challenges of finding qualified instructors. Finding funding sources to supplement for salaries would help. Dean Reagan asked if there was need for computer science teachers. Ms. Hagness stated they have one high school course and one junior high school course in computer science. She would love to see a computer science program offered.

Mr. McCarty said he would love to explore partnering with the Boys & Girls Club for offering an explorer course. The course provides hands on job experience.

Mr. McCarty thanked the superintendents for attending the meeting and hoped the conversation was useful.

Mr. McCarty asked Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon if he had anything to add. Mr. Mackinnon stated it is helpful to hear about the challenges of hiring CTE instructors and the desire for expanding dual enrollments.

7. President's Report – *President Joyce Helens*

Information

GBC President Joyce Helens provided an update on the recently formed task teams. They are about to complete their work with their recommendations to be rolled out in the All College Conversation Day on April 6. Staff, students and community will be participating in an appreciative listening format on April 6. GBC is looking at a new program to help veterans get their degrees. President Helens is excited about this new effort. It would allow veterans to use the Basic Training they received in the military to go toward an associate degree and then to move on to a Bachelor degree. We are looking at a course on trauma and a course on coding for girls in the summer. President Helens is interested in students who are underperforming like in math and science and having summer courses to address those needs. President Helens hopes to meet with all the superintendents this summer.

President Helens reported there are critical positions that will be filled soon – Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Services and Director of Institutional Research.

President Helens stated in her listening mode this past semester some things became apparent. People are relieved that the budget cuts of the past seven years are over and that everything is okay. In a large urban area that might be true. However in a rural area that is not true. We lost eighty-six full time positions in the past seven years recouping only ten. Our enrollments are down 14%, our Hispanic population will increase by 6%. We have stopped the bleeding but we

have not recovered. We are looking at what full time positions do we need going forward. One of the positions cut was the student life position. What we have found is we are losing students to small residential colleges that have vibrant student life activities.

President Helens stated recently GBC had a gas leak outside the diesel lab. The pipes were 30 years old. Classes were canceled for two days while repairs were made. We need funding to maintain our facilities properly. Is the current funding really effective to sustain us? The perception publically is that we are ok now and we are not.

8. Member Report

Information

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

There were congratulations across the board for Mr. McCarty in his new role as the GBC Foundation Director. Mr. McCarty stated he will continue to work with the board on filling seats. He will also be attending the meetings representing the GBC Foundation.

9. Superintendents' Update

Information

No reports.

10. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report – *Nate MacKinnon*

Information

Mr. MacKinnon reported there were two main pieces of business at the Community College Committee meeting in February 22, 2018. There was further update on the Nevada Promise scholarship. The data was similar to that which was presented in your January GBC IAC meeting. They provided an update on the number of individuals by college and statewide and mentors. They talked about the challenges of the funding and will work on corrective legislation at the next legislative session. GBC has been a great partner from the rural perspective. There was a great presentation from WNC on a program Latino Cohort program that they have had great success in. WNC has closed the completion gap between the white and Hispanic population.

Mr. MacKinnon reported back on a concern about more than one IAC member serving on the GBC Task Forces that President Helens created. In consulting with general counsel there is consensus that the Task Forces are not a public body. They report to the President. This will allow greater community input across all areas of the contingency.

Mr. MacKinnon reported that everyone is working diligently to get as many of the Nevada Promise students to complete their FAFSA applications by the April 1st deadline. The form is not like filing for your taxes; it is less complicated. The students can use the prior year's tax information. They have tried to make the process as simple as possible.

Mr. MacKinnon reported on a new statewide initiative – the Chancellor's Workforce Development Committee. There will be more information to bring you going forward on this

initiative. They will be looking for input from the rural perspective. It should complement and support what the college is already doing, but from a statewide systemic way.

Mr. MacKinnon reported there are two presidential searches underway at WNC and CSN. Finally, Mr. MacKinnon thanked Mr. McCarty on his dedication and commitment to GBC and the countless hours spent on the IAC.

- 11. New Business** **Information**
Mr. McCarty reminded the IAC that the next meeting on May 17, 2018 will focus on employer workforce needs.
- 12. Public Comment** *(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)* **Information**
None.
- 13. Adjourn** **Information**
Mr. McCarty adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.