

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)  
Institutional Advisory Council  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:00 am (PST)**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ONLY

## **Approved MINUTES (approved at 5/12/22 GBC IAC meeting)**

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

GBC IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:03 am and requested a roll call be taken. There was a quorum.

#### **PRESENT:**

Terri Clark  
Billie Crapo  
Caroline McIntosh  
Dave Roden  
Stacy Smith  
John Tierney

#### **ABSENT:**

Barbara Gallagher Kidwell

#### **Others Presents:**

John Albrecht  
William Brown  
Becky Coleman  
Amber Donnelly  
Mardell Dorsa  
Mary Doucette

Joyce Helens  
Cathy McAdoo  
Bret Murphy  
Kevin Seipp  
Sonja Sibert  
Zach Stamp  
Karl Stevens

#### **Guest:**

Wil Moschetti

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

Wil Moschetti former GBC IAC spoke. He stated he received a notice after the last IAC meeting indicating he wasn't allowed to comment during course. He stated the IAC Chair may elect to allow additional public comment anywhere on the agenda and can recognize anyone for any purpose. He encouraged everyone to read the 132-page Open Meeting Law and Attorney

General's manual. Anybody that has something genuine to say should be welcome and willing to say it.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on January 20, 2022. Dave Roden made a MOTION to approve the minutes; MOTION was seconded by Caroline McIntosh; MOTION passed unanimously.

**4. Recognition of former long-term members for their many years of service to the GBC Institutional Advisory Council**

President Joyce Helens presented a plaque to former members of the IAC Wil Moschetti and Don Miller, who was not at the meeting, for their long-term service on the GBC IAC. Mr. Moschetti said that it has been an honor to serve.

**5. GBC IAC Chair Report**

Chair Tierney reported the Chairs of the IAC met with Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba. She has been working on changes to the Community College Institutional Advisory Councils policy, Title 4, Chapter 14, new Section 30 and Chapter 15, Section 1. It is a really streamlined policy. It throws out the term limits and members will serve at the pleasure of the institutional president. Members will serve without compensation. Members shall not take any action which conflicts withing their roles as members of the IAC. It gives the IACs a little more freedom.

President Helens added that people were questioning what the purpose of the IACs were. All the IACs functioned a little differently. The new policy is simplified with an emphasis on workforce development. It will make doing business a little easier.

Dave Roden inquired if GBC was going to be a part of the 10-year strategic plan for workforce development that the NSHE is working on. President Helens said NSHE is working on developing a strategic plan and they have conducted some strategic planning sessions around the state. The sessions have not been well-attended and that is because most of the institutions have completed their strategic planning process and already conducted their own sessions, so there was confusion there. Industry always needs upgraded training and they should be able to get it quickly. They should not have to figure out what campus or college do they have to call. There should be one point of contact in our system so that we are not competing against one another. This is why GBC's collaboration with UNR is working so well. We put the students first and don't think of students as "ours" or "theirs". Bret Murphy added it is easier if we all have the common course numbering.

**6. IAC Member Reports**

Terri Clark reported being thrilled that the hospital is now at serge green which means doors have been opened to visitors again. She made the council aware of a program that Kinross, NNRH, the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, Communities in Schools, and other agencies are developing to bring holistic healthcare resources to children and youth throughout rural Nevada. The initiative, titled Level Up 4 Health, would address medical, vision, oral health, and

behavioral health needs either by connecting families to existing resources or by creating additional venues to access care.

Initially, the program will pilot at Flag View Intermediate School this year and will kick off April 18th. Activities will continue through the week, patterned after the national Every Kid Healthy Week. Each day will focus on a different aspect of health and wellness, including Mindful Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Fitness Friday. On Thursday, April 21st, students, and their families will be invited to a Youth Health and Wellness Carnival from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Building on the pilot, Level Up 4 Health is expected to expand to other schools in the coming year. Flag View's principal, Trevor Monet is enthusiastically supportive. Members of the community are invited to participate in several ways. Ms. Clark asked that they contact her if there is an interest.

Billie Crapo reported the Elko Chamber of Commerce continues to grow. The chambers last ten new members have been home based businesses. The biggest concern with members is the struggle to find employees. The chamber is working on the home and business expo scheduled for Mother's Day weekend. The chamber will be starting the lunch and learns again now that people are meeting in person. In April there will be a three-part series on marketing, branding and customer service.

Caroline McIntosh thanked Regent McAdoo for attending this morning's IAC meeting. She reported that President Helens and Regent McAdoo came to Ely to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ely Film Festival and it was greatly appreciated. The governor and his wife attended so there was some good face time to talk about GBC. She reported that White Pine County School District, Great Basin College, William Bee Ririe Hospital are working together to get information out to the high school students about the workforce opportunities in particular, dual credit.

Dave Roden reported the *Humboldt Sun* had an article on the 20 students who are graduating from Lowry High School with an associate degree, so they will be juniors in college next year. The Winnemucca Ribbon Cutting is on target for June 10, 2022, at 2:30 pm.

Stacy Smith reported on workforce development activities in the Pahrump area. There is a great deal of funding still to be had from the Deter Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, so just trying to find the appropriate people to take advantage of that funding. Ms. Smith agreed that if there was one system so to speak for workforce training in the state that you could go to it would give the students so many more options. Ms. Smith talked about some of the events going on in Pahrump. Ms. Smith said there is a lot of interest from business/industry looking at the area from a solar project to the ironworker's union. If there is any kind of training that is appropriate to partner with GBC, she will reach out, and so will reps from Nye County.

## **7. President's Report**

President Helens reported we are opening again, and it feels good. We are carefully planning for an in-person graduation outdoors. We will have graduations in Elko, Ely, Winnemucca, and Pahrump.

NSHE is conducting their strategic planning session virtually and President Helens encourages the IAC to attend if they can. We have received calls because people are confused because they have already attended one of our GBC's strategic planning sessions.

President Helens talked about what it means to be rural, that is a population density issue of 500 or less people per square mile. And the designation of frontier is real, and that is six people per square mile. GBC covers both which is most of the state of Nevada. We are the only game in town, so our mission is to build and support healthy communities. That is a very big umbrella, or a stool with three legs. The first leg is economic health. The second leg is adequate health care. The third leg is emotional and mental health.

President Helens talked about GBC's graduation rate. It has increased. We are better able to work with student cohorts which leads to more completions.

President Helens mentioned the ribbon cutting in Winnemucca on June 10. She talked about the next big focus will be the Pahrump Campus planning. We'll start with seeing what the community wants. We don't have to recreate the wheel and can use what we have done in Winnemucca as a blueprint. At the same time, we are continuing our consolidations of services with UNR which supports our sustainability.

President Helens reported we have been talking about the Mining Center for Excellence for a very long time. Because of our partnerships with UNR, Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering we were able to get an agreement from the City of Elko to acquire the National Guard Armory Building for the location for the Mining Center for Excellence. There may be some federal dollars available in a second round for campus projects.

President Helens is hopeful to have an outdoor May celebration to honor the many employees who have retired in the past two years. One of those retiring will be Bret Murphy. He has been here for 38 years, and it will be difficult to fill as there is so much knowledge there. GBC is constantly changing, but what is important is what stays the same. And that is our focus on students and community.

## **8. Vice President for Student & Academic Affairs Report**

President Helens called upon the deans to report on their areas.

Bret Murphy reported on the MTC Scholarship deadline for applications was March 15. They currently have 140 applications. The new BAS in Engineering Technology program is progressing. He has obtained five support letters from industry for the new program. GBC has put in for a Perkins grant to help fund an instrumentation program in Winnemucca. We already have the electrical program there and are trying to get a BAS Instrumentation certificate

program started there. We are also applying for Perkins's funding for the Welding Lab expansion.

Bret Murphy said GBC is actively looking to fund the CDL consortium. It was last funded for a three-year period and that is now up, so we need additional support for that.

Amber Donnelly reported on the Sandy Grant which provides money for the C N A students and the EMT students. It makes a huge impact on these students. She reported that GBC has submitted a \$1 million grant request to the Helmsley Charitable Trust for the sonography program to give opportunities to GBC students, UNR school of Med students, Community Techs, and Physicians in Sonography.

Mary Doucette reported another teaching pathway dual credit program has been approved which would allow high school students to complete their first year of teacher ed courses in high school. There will be conferences in April on the math corequisite programs. The new bachelor's degree in early childhood education program has 25 applicants so far

#### **9. Vice Chancellor for Student & Academic Affairs Report**

Vice Chancellor for Student & Academic Affairs Crystal Abba came into the meeting at 8:04 am. She talked about the current version of the *Handbook* Revision, Community College Institutional Advisory Councils and Workforce Advisory Boards. She won't go into the details of the document, but there is one important piece of the history that she wanted to mention. In 2013, the Nevada Legislature was contemplating removing the community colleges from Nevada System of Higher Education. They were contemplating putting the community colleges and under the Nevada Department of Education. As a result, the defense mechanism was the proposal that came forward from the Board of Regents and the system office to propose a study. And that study was outlined in SB 391. The language in SB 391, basically mirrors the language in AB 450. Although the focus today is workforce and community colleges, then the focus was the structure of the community colleges in general. It was through that study that the Legislature began to take a looking at all the advisory committees that existed within the community colleges. The Legislature felt there were duplications, and they were uncertain what the committees did. The recommendation that came out was that the community college presidents, through the system office, review the various advisory boards that existed at each institution and decide as to what is the best way to move forward. And that was the birth of the IACs.

In December of 2014, the Vice Chancellor for community colleges, came forward with the proposal for the procedures and guidelines provisions that are incredibly lengthy, and the charge of which is very broad, to establish institutional advisory committees for the community colleges. And so, the proposal that Ms. Abba has brought to the presidents and to the IAC chairs, puts the presidents in the driver's seat in terms of membership, the specific charge, although the president will be required within a certain time to bring a proposal forward to the Board of Regents for how their IAC would like to be structured. In doing so it does mean that the IACs would continue to be subject to the Open Meeting Law as it would continue to be an

extension of the Board of Regents. It would allow the president to use the IAC in the manner that they see best. The final piece of this requires that the president report regularly bi-annually to the Board of Regent in the form of a written report, not an oral report. However, the Board of Regents at any time, at its discretion may request an in-person presentation. All the community colleges have workforce boards in place now for the purpose of accreditation, and to meet other requirements. We're simply formally codifying that so that the board understands that role occurs independently from the IAC, and so that the Legislature and other groups understand that as well. Ms. Abba will provide a copy of the document to Mardell Dorsa to be submitted to all the members. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Abba directly.

Terri Clark stated at the last IAC meeting a question was asked of President Helens about how the IAC can help. Ms. Clark feels the way the committees are being restructured is going to be a positive because we will have a better understanding of how we can contribute that is meaningful. All the members are involved in many other things and having more direction will allow us to engage in appropriate and meaningful ways that will do some good.

Ms. Abba agreed with Ms. Clark's comments and stated hearing frustration from many members of IACs across the state that they don't have a firm direction on what they are supposed to be doing. With the changes to the policy, the president through the creation of the agendas and the creation of the charge will be required to give you very specific direction.

**10. Superintendents' Report**

No reports.

**11. New Business**

No new business.

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

No public comment.

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am by Chair Tierney.