

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)**  
**Institutional Advisory Council**  
**1500 College Parkway**  
**Elko, Nevada 89801**  
**Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:00 am (PST)**

**MINUTES**

Approved at the May 20, 2021 Meeting

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

GBC IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. and requested that a roll call be taken. There was a quorum.

**PRESENT:**

Delmo Andreozzi  
Caroline McIntosh  
Don Miller  
Wil Moschetti  
Dave Roden  
John Tierney

**ABSENT:**

Andrea Astgarloa  
Billie Crapo (entered at 7:10 am)  
Barbara Gallagher Kidwell  
Chris Melville  
Jolene Supp

**GBC STAFF PRESENT:**

John Albrecht  
Bill Brown  
Amber Donnelly  
Mardell Dorsa  
Mary Doucette  
Joyce Helens  
Bret Murphy  
Jake Rivera  
Sonja Sibert  
Karl Stevens  
Dianne Wrightman  
Brian Zeiszler

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tate Else  
Regent Laura Perkins  
Nate Mackinnon  
Manny Villanueva  
Craig Von Collenberg  
Adam Young

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

- 3. Approval of Minutes** - GBC IAC reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on January 21, 2021. Wil Moschetti made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes; Dave Roden seconded the **MOTION**; the **MOTION** was approved.

### **4. GBC IAC Chair Report**

John Tierney introduced Manny Villanueva. He was invited to attend today's meeting as he is interested in possibly serving on the IAC. He has worked with GBC before regarding the MTC Scholarship program and is familiar with the CTE programs. The IAC needs new members and 50% of current member terms are expiring at the end of the calendar year.

John Tierney reported he has been working with Mary Doucette, Karl Stevens and Tom Cunningham on the virtual *Future Nevada Educators Summit* scheduled for April 27, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. GBC is hosting the virtual summit which will have hands on workshops. The keynote speaker will be Juliana Urtubey who was selected as the 2021 Nevada Teacher of the Year and is a finalist for the 2021 National Teacher of the Year. Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba will open the summit. Mary Doucette added this is teacher recruitment effort. Every institution is now on board to participate in this summit. John Tierney will be running one of the breakout rooms.

John Tierney reported that Nate Mackinnon has taken another position out of state and will be leaving us. He thanked Nate for his leadership and input in all things related to community colleges.

John Tierney mentioned he is a Nevada Promise Scholar Mentor. He will be receiving his assignments next week and looks forward to mentoring some students.

John Tierney thanked the superintendents attending the meeting today – Adam Young from White Pine County and Tate Else from Eureka County. The superintendents have a voice at these meetings, and we want to hear from them.

### **5. IAC Member Reports**

Wil Moschetti announced that the Rotary dictionary program is 20 years old. Every year for the past 20 years Rotary has been giving dictionaries to children with an invitation to attend GBC.

## **6. President's Report**

President Helens reported on the legislative session and the budget. NSHE had a wonderful presentation to the legislature. The Health Sciences Technology building at our Winnemucca campus is moving through permitting and we are now planning a groundbreaking in the spring. The project is funded through the generosity of the Pennington Foundation and private investors.

President Helens will present the GBC Metrics at the next BOR meeting in April and will highlight our close relationship with UNR. She reported collaborations between UNR and GBC will continue for stability and for the success of students. UNR has assisted GBC with business office and human resources operations as well academic and student affairs programs.

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

Jake Rivera reported on very busy month. Enrollment is down 1.6% in FTE. Late starting classes begin on March 26, so we can improve those numbers. Many seminars and workshops have been conducted for student services. GBC hosted a corequisite implementation webinar for GBC staff. There was also an NSHE series on advising for the corequisites. The graduation committee are notifying students that there will be a virtual commencement this year.

There will be an NSHE student success summit on April 23. Student affairs personnel across NSHE will share best practices. Jake will be the emcee and he will be introducing the Chancellor.

Jake Rivera reported that GBC is working with UNR on an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) pathway to UNR. Currently the AAS is not considered a transfer degree and we will be working to change that.

An online Career Fair is schedule for March 31 and April 1. We are identifying employers now and there will be mock interviews.

GBC has hired a new interim Director of the Child Care Center. There was a failed search for the Registrar position, so we have reposted that.

Jake Rivera ask the deans to report on their respective areas:

Bret Murphy welcomed Manny Villanueva to the meeting. The MTC group that Manny was involved with started that program. The deadline for the MTC scholarship application is April 1. The scholarships are approximately \$5,000 each and are funding by area mining companies. This year we have about 94 applicants. This year the interviews will be conducted via ZOOM.

Bret reported the Electrical program in Winnemucca was moved to a different facility because of the groundbreaking for the new building. This was done so there would be no disruption for the students. He reported the HVAC instruction at Elko High School is back to live instruction.

We now have National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core basic construction classes in Winnemucca, Elko and McDermitt and we will have them in Ely and Owhyee soon.

Delmo Andreozzi said he was very happy we are looking at the AAS pathway and asked where the confusion was with the students. Jake said it is explained up front to the students through meeting with their advisor that the AAS is nontransferable. But they forget. The degree is usually started as improving skills for a career and then lead to the student seeking the degree. Creating a transfer option will be an excellent option for student success. President Helens added that it is groundbreaking that UNR is willing to work with us to create the AAS pathway. The number of skill certificates went down while the degrees went up and she will be touching on this in her report to the Regents on our metrics.

Mary Doucette is working on the teaching summit and dual enrollment. GBC introduced the Gen Ed certificate in fall and there are currently 600 students using it as a major. The corequisite model is being implemented in the fall 2021. GBC is ready to go. English has been doing the corequisite model since 2018, so there is no change there. We have been piloting MATH 120 and MATH 126.

Amber Donnelly reported that the nursing students are getting the clinical experience they need so thank you to area hospitals. Nursing.org rated the GBC nursing program #1 because of our 100% pass rates. We now have a skills lab simulation in Ely. It is a SIM capture that can be broadcast to other sites. GBC received a scan simulator in Pahrump and Ely. It is a mannequin equipped to do cardiac and respiratory care. We were also able to get an anatomage table in Pahrump and Elko. You can see in 4D the anatomy of a patient and can change the disease and anatomy on it.

Amber also mentioned the EMT refresher courses are all full and we received a donated ambulance which was a major upgrade. We also have a SIM man for the ambulance for practice.

Amber also touched on the continued work with contact tracing for Lander, Eureka, and Elko counties. Delmo Andreozzi said that working with Amber and her team and serving on the hospital board and having the #1 program is something to celebrate. He will be working with the Elko County Commissioners to present an award of some sort. It would get additional recognition to that section of the college.

Karl Stevens reported he has been working on the new student orientation course that is to be taken by all first-time GBC students, which helps them get started with WebCampus and other aspects of being a new student.

Karl reported the director of IAV is developing a technology plan in connection with GBC's strategic plan. A survey was sent to faculty to learn what they are using and what technology they would like to be using. He also mentioned through the CARES funding we were able to upgrade 2 IAV classrooms – the EMT/Paramedic classroom in Elko and the nursing classroom in Ely. The CARES funding covered more than \$100,000 for these upgrades in new equipment.

#### **8. Faculty Senate Update**

Brian Zeiszler thanked Nate Mackinnon on behalf of the Faculty Senate for his advocacy. He reported that the Phi Theta Kappa club is doing a drive by food drive on April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the GBC Theater parking lot. It will be a no contact drop off. The food drive will benefit the Elko Head Start program and Communities in Schools. Faculty Senate committees have been working on bylaws, workload policy, curricular review, and the gen ed process. The strategic planning committee will be meeting soon. Brian said kudos to the GBC administration for starting the curricular review process sooner rather than later. GBC is far ahead of the other colleges who are only now just starting the process. We are already into the round 2 of the curricular review. Congratulations to the newly tenured faculty: David Ellis, Oscar Sida, and Denise Padilla.

#### **9. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report**

Nate Mackinnon thanked Regent Perkins for attending the meeting today. He also acknowledged Craig Von Collenberg's attendance.

Nate Mackinnon reported the Dual Enrollment Taskforce is currently moving right along. Jake Rivera serves on the taskforce as well as many of the school superintendents. Working on some obstacles like what everyone charges for dual enrollment. We are not consistent across the system and districts so the taskforce will be working to standardize the cost. Also, the taskforce is working on faculty qualifications for high school teachers that teach dual enrollment courses (called concurrent enrollment nationally).

The Governor is looking at moving workforce development to DETR. We anticipate increased funding in workforce development areas. Training for high demand high tech jobs is something that community colleges are already doing.

Nate reported the apprenticeship medial assistant pathway has been approved. The goal is to take the hard work out of registration and administrative stuff so the colleges can concentrate on the training.

On the legislative front, Andrew Clinger is the NSHE legislative director. He is doing virtual connections to find ways that our work is understood and supported, and our efforts protected. An NSHE legislative fact sheet was created and shared with all the IACs with pertinent facts. You are well connected to your community. When talking with your legislative connections please consider bringing up these important facts with them.

Nate asked the IAC members to please consider signing up to be a mentor for the Nevada Promise Scholarship program. Get a friend or colleague to do so as well. The program lost a lot of mentors during the pandemic.

Nate confirmed that he is leaving Nevada after four years. He has accepted the Executive Director of Community Colleges for Massachusetts.

Wil Moschetti thanked Nate for all he has done. He confirmed that the IAC did receive the NSHE fact sheet last week. He still wanted to note for the minutes again his opinion is that IAC terms should not be limited to 2 terms as the members are volunteers and not elected.

**10. New Business**

Delmo Andreozzi had recommended the IAC do something to acknowledge Great Basin College, Amber Donnelly and the contact tracing team, many of whom are student nurses, for their work with the contact tracing and receiving the #1 online nursing program yet again. With further thought he will present this to the County Commissioners and recognize them through the county.

The next GBC IAC meeting is May 20, 2021.

**11. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**12. Adjourn**

John Tierney adjourned the meeting at