

PUBLIC MEETING

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)
Institutional Advisory Council
1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada 89801

Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:00 am (PST)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

GBC IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:00 am and a roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Present:

Billie Crapo
Barbara Gallagher Kidwell
Caroline McIntosh
Wil Moschetti
Dave Roden
John Tierney

Lisa Campbell
Mardell Dorsa
Mary Doucette
Joyce Helens
Chris McAnany
Nate Mackinnon
Bret Murphy
Jake Rivera
Sonja Sibert
Jennifer Sprout
Karl Stevens
Craig Von Collenberg
Adam Young
Brian Zeiszler

Absent:

Delmo Andreozzi
Andrea Astgarloa
Chris Melville
Don Miller
Jolene Supp

Others Present:

John Albrecht

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. GBC IAC Chair Report

John Tierney reported on the last Community College Committee meeting. There is a consensus that the advisory committees need to be more dynamic and to not let the open meeting laws hinder that. He reported that the four community college IAC chairs have been asked to participate on the NSHE budget response committee. Nate Mackinnon confirmed and added that all the college presidents will be on the budget response committee as well.

John Tierney noted the immense stress that K-12 teachers are under because of the pandemic. John is reaching out to school superintendents and would like to eventually meet with them as well as GBC IAC members from Ely and Winnemucca.

4. IAC Member Reports

Billie Crapo reported the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce has been very busy in a different way from the past. Businesses have suffered and there is concern that 2021 will be tougher as far as jobs. The chamber is working on resources for grants and funding. There will be many people reaching out to GBC to continue their education to obtain jobs.

Barbara Gallagher reported from the legal community perspective. Jury trials have recently resumed. There are delays in legal system as criminal cases are taking priority. Injury law is what she does so it has been a challenge to get things moving. Jury trials are currently being conducted at the Convention Center.

Caroline McIntosh expressed gratitude to Adam Young, White Pine County Superintendent as and Bret Murphy on the dual credit program and other workforce development courses. It is a partnership that can be duplicated in the other communities.

Wil Moschetti commented again on the language for the terms for the IAC members and the language not addressing serving more than two terms. John Tierney said that Regent Cathy McAdoo and the IAC chairs are working on that language.

Dave Roden reported the Winnemucca building is progressing.

5. President's Report

President Helens reported that GBC is stable. That is an important thing. Last year was a count year for us and GBC was up 23%. We put a plan in place and followed it and were successful. Our caseload growth would have generated over \$1 million. This was before COVID. GBC was already on-line, and we do on-line well, so we have continued to do well during the pandemic. Students surveyed last semester say they are very satisfied. We did have some challenges with the CTE and technical programs. However, we adjusted, and we were the only college in early May to finish the CTE students and graduate them. It was the same thing with the Nursing students. It is a testament to our wonderful faculty. Some of our nursing students went to New York at the beginning of the pandemic to help. GBC is still growing. We have the new programs in Ely and the new technology building in Winnemucca that the Board of Regents approved at the December meeting.

Due to the pandemic we knew the state would have a terrible shortfall in revenue. GBC was prepared for a 16% cut and now we must do more. We have some salary savings with positions we haven't filled. Additional budget cuts based on after caseload has been counted would be devastating. We need the cuts to be before the caseload growth is counted. We are looking at low yield programs.

President Helens reported she meets remotely two times per week with the GBC leadership group and every other week with all of GBC. GBC does the contact tracing and she is very concerned with their mental health. One thing is consistent; if people would just wear a mask and maintain distance most of this can be avoided. This really brings them down. People curse at them and think it's a hoax. We want everyone safe and healthy here at GBC, so we have strict protocols. The cases GBC has had have been contained. We are going back to limited access to facilities and appointments only.

GBC and Elko county are partnering in a new campaign entitled "I Wear a Mask Because..." Since we are an educational institute we will speak to the science, but it is an economic thing as well.

There is a new president at UNR, former Nevada governor Brian Sandoval. We will be continuing our amazing collaborations with UNR. We have good teams working together and we want to do great things. We are still in discussions with UNR and the Mackay School of Mines to create the Mining Center of Excellence which perhaps could be located in Winnemucca to coincide with the new technology building being erected there.

GBC's virtual accreditation visit in September was successful. Amid difficult times we are still moving forward.

Wil Moschetti asked about enrollments this academic year. President Helens said we were up 6% from last fall and we will be up over last spring.

Sonja Sibert talked more about the caseload growth for GBC. It was negative in the 2019 session for FY20 and FY21 and then cuts the last quarter FY20 and beginning of FY21. Budget reductions were based on FY20 level. The caseload grown is \$1.5 million net for FY22 and FY23. It balances out the negative of the 2019 session. Action of the Board of Regents to take 12% before caseload growth would be \$1.6 million and would save GBC approximately \$200,000. The GBC Foundation offered up to \$900,000 in 2019 to offset the cuts but we did not need to use that money. For FY21 the GBC Foundation has approved to allow us to use up to \$500,000 to maintain level of service to students. If enrollments remain this strong, we may not have to use that Foundation money.

6. Vice President for Student & Academic Affairs Report

Jake Rivera reported we have maintained the enrollment progress into spring with the spring term up 10% in headcount and 7% FTE. Employee schedules have been scaled back and most are working remotely. Starting next week students will be seen by appointment only. Alternative grading is moving forward for students to change grades from "S" or "U" and will be an option for all institutions.

We have implemented Title 9 training for all employees. We received funding from the CARES Act to fund three projects for a total of \$550,000. Additional funding provided for much needed

equipment in the Health Sciences area including medical visualization tables and a SIM profile imaging system.

Bret Murphy reported we are doing the best we can with the hybrid model doing half face to face and half on-line. It has been difficult keeping everyone wearing masks. The HVAC Construction program at Elko High School is entirely online. He is hopeful that sometime in spring we can go live with part of it.

Mary Doucette reported the teachers who graduated last year are teaching this fall. Many of our former students are helping other K-12 teachers with the transition to on-line.

Karl Stevens reported his department has worked extensively with CTE and feels the transition to on-line has gone well. Faculty and student attitudes have been positive and has led to our success.

7. Faculty Senate Update

Brian Zeizler reported Faculty Senate is hard at work within the standing committees. Some highlights are the continued work on updating the faculty workload policy and updating the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Strategic planning is moving forward. Faculty Senate is expanding its partnership with Classified Council to see how best to serve one another.

8. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report

Nate Mackinnon gave thanks to all staff and faculty at GBC for the great work they continue to do during these hard times. All state employees including everyone at NSHE are taking furloughs and the level of work remains or more.

Nate reported on several grants that the NSHE has received and some of this funding will be distributed to the community colleges. NSHE received \$15 million from the Reimagining Grant and some will go to community colleges. NSHE received \$5 million from the Strengthening Community Colleges which will be distributed to all the community colleges. NSHE will also be pursuing more CARES dollars.

Nate Mackinnon discussed the new me3 platform (me3.careers.Nevada) which is a career interest platform. The platform allows you to play an interactive game which will identify your skills. Then you receive personalized career and educational recommendations. The platform is 100% free from the Rogers Foundation. GBC has a lot of great results.

The Nevada Promise Scholarship had approximately 7,000 applicants which is ½ of last year's applications. It has been hard to engage students to apply this year. The program will need a reinvestment from the Legislature to continue.

Nate Mackinnon talked about the meeting with the IAC chairs and the chair and co-chair of the Community College Committee Regents McAdoo and Carvalho. The first hour was focused on

legislative advocacy and how the IACs can help their institutions and the second hour was focused on the IAC chairs talking about ideas. It was an enjoyable meeting. They did also discuss the terms for IAC members.

9. New Business

John Tierney had an interaction with the optometrist at Walmart. She is certified to teach/train for an optometric technician program. It is a field that can pay between \$34,000 to \$40,000 and needs a High School diploma and certification. Jake Rivera will take this information and investigate.

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

No public comment.

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.