

**Great Basin College**  
**FACULTY SENATE 2022-2023**  
**Friday, October 21, 2022**  
**9:00am**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call:**

**Present Voting Representatives:** Sam Lackey, Dean Straight, Glen Tenney, Ryan Hathaway, Tim Beasley, Eleanor O'Donnell (Proxy Tami Potter), Karrie Barrett, Eric Walsh, Ping Wang, Daniel Bergey, Jason Brick, Duncan Morris, Matt Nichols, Konstantinos Travlos, Diane Wrightman, Madison Arbillaga, Kim Noah, Brian Dankowski

**Absent Voting Representatives:** Jamie Wilkerson

**Other Members Present:** Kevin Seipp (Chair), Donald Jones (Secretary), Jonathan Foster, Ethan Hawkley, Trina Castonguay, Deanna Hamilton, David Sexton, Yvonne Naungayan, Xunming Du, Tom Bruns, Karl Stevens, Amber Donnelly, Erica Salazar, Reme Huttman, John Rice, Jamie Wilkerson, Norm Whittaker, Hillary Fruge

**Others Present:** President Helens, Kelli Baker

**2. Call to Order: 9:03 a.m.**

**3. Updates from President Helens** – President Helens reminded everyone of her open house on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. President Helens reported she and Vice President Rivera went to the different campuses for community meetings. President Helens said they are proceeding with the Mining Center of Excellence. She reported that this will put the CTE programs under one umbrella and they will partner with the MacKay School of Mining, but it is still a Great Basin College project. The building will be renovated and NGM has been asked for \$250,000 to help with that. Sam Spearing has been working on the dual enrollment side in mining. We will have to go back to the Board of Regents to call it a “center”.

President Helens reported that we own 300 acres in Pahrump and want to develop a new campus in Pahrump and we are moving forward with building the campus.

A member asked what the Mining Center of Excellence does for GBC right now and we will recruit students for our programs or for theirs. President Helens responded that the Mining Center of Excellence is to give a more comprehensive and focused look on CTE. We want to train workers to work in Nevada and stay here. A member commented that they have been working for years to expand their base around the state and wanted to know will restrict that since this will just be known for mining. President Helens commented this will increase the visibility of our CTE programs not only in the state but around the world.

Chair Seipp followed up and said there is an article in the paper regarding the Mining Center of Excellence with the Elko County School District and Sam Spearing.

**4. Updates from Vice President of AA/SA, Jake Hinton-Rivera** – No report.

**5. Senate Chair Report – Verbal Report** - Chair Seipp reported the search for the chancellor will begin in January. The Board of Regents is revamping rules for new roles of the chancellor. The search for the chancellor will not happen until the new regents are sworn in.

Chair Seipp reported there may be a surplus of 1 billion in the state budget. This is due to gaming revenue, and there may be another surplus in 2023. Salaries for NSHE are viewed as a top tier, so it will be a battle. Governor Sisolak is working on a relief package for classified staff and possibly law enforcement, and there is a potential for restoration of furlough funds being returned to employees as a one-time payment. This is all based on legislative approval.

Chair Seipp asked if you are on Zoom to please state your name.

**6. Approval of September 16, 2022, Minutes and reapproval of the May 20, 2022, Minutes - For Possible Action**

At the September 16, 2022, meeting a motion was made by Dave Sexton to approve the minutes of May 20, 2022. Dave Sexton is no longer a voting member of the Senate, therefore the minutes need to be reapproved.

**A motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2022, was made by Ryan Hathaway, seconded by Konstantinos Travlos, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion to reapprove the minutes of May 20, 2022, was made by Konstantinos Travlos, seconded by Karrie Barrett seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Standing Committee Reports:**

a. Academic Standards & Assessment.....**No Report**

b. Bylaws..... **Written/Verbal Report**

**i. Proposed Changes to Gen Ed Committee – Information Only**

Chair Seipp reported that these are only proposed changes to the Gen Ed Committee, and we cannot take action for 30 days. People who are on the committee would like to see that we have our general education faculty on that committee.

c. Compensation & Benefits.....**Written/Verbal Report**

**i. Oversight of Student Teaching 3(A)1.h. Revisions – For Possible Action**

It was reported that Comp and Benefits have broken into smaller groups to update the workload policy. Revisions to Student Teaching is the first policy to update.

**A motion to approve the revisions to Oversight of Student Teaching 3(A)1.h. was made by Konstantinos Travlos, seconded by Michelle Beecher, motion passed unanimously.**

d. Curriculum Review..... **Written Report**

**i. Report – Information Only**

**ii. Approval to Reactivate the Post Associate Certificate for Sonography – For Possible Action**

Reme Huttman reported that the certificate they had in 2009 was never fully deactivated and they decided to reactive it. The program has been running for four years and found out that NSHE does not have the program on its books. A new program proposal was completed and submitted to curriculum review, as the time had lapsed for deactivation. This will need to be approved by Faculty Senate so it can be submitted to NSHE for the Board of Regents meeting in December. A member asked if a new program proposal was completed and if reactivation is the correct term. Amber Donnelly replied yes, it is just a clean-up, and this is how they were told to word it. Another member asked if it is part of another program or just a standalone certificate. Amber Donnelly answered that it is part of a bachelor's degree in science and a standalone certificate.

**A motion to approve the reactivation of the Post Associate Certificate for Sonography was made by Ryan Hathaway, seconded by Tim Beasley, motion passed unanimously.**

e. Instructional Technology.....**Written Report**

**i. Report – Information Only**

f. Gen Ed Committee..... **Written Report**

**i. Report – Information Only**

g. Personnel..... **No Report**

h. **Kevin, please submit to mike or Eleanor**

i. Strategic Planning, ad hoc..... **Written/Verbal Report**

i. **Strategic Plan – For Possible Action**

**A motion to support the Strategic Plan as submitted was made by Daniel Bergey, seconded by Jamie Wilkerson, motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Seipp said the document is set in stone, if our goals change we will make sure it fits what we need.

A member asked if there will be another vote on this. Chair Seipp responded no unless significant changes are made.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

a. **Senate Vice Chair Nominations – For Possible Action**

A member moved to nominate Dave Sexton. Dave Sexton accepted. Another member moved to nominate Oscar Sida. A member stated she was texting Oscar Sida and he accepted.

Chair Seipp will review the bylaws and send out an email to all the members.

**9. New Business:** No new business.

**10. Information Items:** Chair Seipp reminded everyone that the equipment requests are due next week and right now there are four requests for \$50,000, requests need to meet the overall strategic plan that is on the website.

**11. Announcements:**

Chair Seipp reported that the You Matter drive will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Leonard Center. Lynette McFarlan has sent our flyers and emails.

Chair Seipp reported that the fundraiser for the Skills USA and welding students will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All funds will go to hungry families.

Diane Wrightman reported today is her last day. Amanda Sprayberry will be helping with her position and David Hernandez will take care of building issues.

Ryan Hathaway reported that next Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is the Spooktacular event. Students, staff, and community members are all welcome.

Karl Stevens reported that next week's munch bytes will be highlighting Canva, we would like to make munch bytes more productive and have better attendance. Yvonne Naungayan said it will be a live zoom meeting with a demo of Canva. Ms. Barrett said that if your department is looking to use Canva she can create an account for you.

**12. Good of the Order:** None.

**13. Adjournment.....Action**  
**Ryan Hathaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m.**