

**Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025
Friday, April 18, 2025
9:00 am**

Elko –GTA 130; Ely – GBC 118; Pahrum- PVC 122; Winnemucca – GBC 123/124.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** Tim Esh, Steven Hrdlicka, Robert Cowan, Abigail Loya, Becky Coleman (Proxy for Christopher Salute, Di Li (Proxy for Madison Arbillaga) Dorothy Callander, Jamie Carlson, Merrick Mildrum (Proxy for Eleanor O'Donnell) Tami Potter, Ping Wang, Stephanie Davis, Jason Brick, Kimberly Noah, Roger Quijada

Representatives Absent: Norm Whittaker, Kara Coates, Tiffany Ross, Amber Ogle

Other Members Present: Dave Sexton (Chair), Oscar Sida (Vice-Chair), Donald Jones, John Rice, Dean Straight, George Kleeb, Carrie Meisner, Brian Dankowski, Ethan Hawkley, Jen Stieger, Yvonne Naungayan, Trina Castonguay, Jennifer Puentes, Laura Debenham, Tami Mette, Rita Pujari, Robert Hunton, Kevin Seipp, David Antonini, Bryan May, Rebecca Hawkley, Jonathan Foster, Deanna Hamilton, Cheyenne Stocks, Xunming Du, Gina Johnson, Michelle Beecher, Leslie Maple, Gail Rappa, Erica Salazar, Brandon Stinnett

Others Present: Vice President Sarah Negrete, Dean Mary Doucette, Dean Karl Stevens, Dean Dave Stoddard, Lori Gilbert, Elizabeth Stanely, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers

2. **Call to Order:** 9:02AM
3. **Approval of March 21, 2025 Minutes - For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the March 21, 2025 Minutes was by Dorothy Callander, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Senate Chair Verbal Report:** Chair Sexton would like to extend his gratitude to those who have been more communicative about the items and events of Faculty Senate and Great Basin. He ends his report by mentioning how refreshing the positive atmosphere is amongst everyone on campus, especially regarding change.

5. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **No Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **Action Item**

i. Proposed Changes to the Bylaws – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Proposed Changes to the Bylaws was by Dorothy Callander, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **Report w/ Action**

i. Written Report w/ Professional Development Awards – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Compensation and Benefits Report and the Professional Development Awards was by Steven Hrdlicka, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Curriculum Review..... **Action Items**

i. Proposed Changes to the Curriculum – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Proposed Changes to the Curriculum was by Tim Esh, seconded by Dorothy Callander. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Instructional Technology..... **Verbal/ Written Report**

i. Distance Education Guideline – For Information Only

The committee has been evaluating a couple of new assisted learning platforms for potential adoption at GBC: Glean and Jamworks. The committee will gather more information to summarize and report on later.

The Distance Education Guideline is for information only. It is still undergoing updates.

f. Gen Ed Committee..... **Action Item**

i. Substitution/ Waiver Form – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Substitution/ Waiver Form was by Steven Hrdlicka, seconded by Tim Esh. Motion passed unanimously.

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

h. Equity Review Committee, ad hoc **Action Item**

i. Faculty Salary Equity Review Final Report – For Possible Action

The new policy allows for employees to open salary reviews.

A motion to approve the Faculty Salary Equity Review Final Report was by Tim Esh, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Policy Review Committee, ad hoc **Action Item**

i. GBC Institutional Bylaws – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the GBC Institutional Bylaws was by Dorothy Callander, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business:

i. Proposal for Faculty Evaluation Process Improvements – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Proposal for Faculty Evaluation Process Improvements was by Kimberly Noah, seconded by Dorothy Callander. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Updates to GBC Strategic Plan – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Updates to the Strategic Plan was by Steven Hrdlicka, seconded by Merrick Milldrum. Motion passed unanimously.

Included in this plan, there needs to be something in the infrastructure that applies to the new programs.

iii. Nominations for Faculty Senate Vice-Chair open today!

Dr. R. Dean Straight was nominated for Faculty Senate Vice-Chair and has accepted the nomination.

7. New Business: None.

8. Information Items:

i. ADA Update – Arysta Sweat

Arysta Sweat presented a power point with details of the new ADA compliance. All material needs to be ADA compliant before April 2026. Panorama will go live April 22. There will be training! An email about training will be sent out on Monday. Do not ignore this email from Arysta Sweat. Resources are available, including trained faculty. This is going to seem overwhelming but worry not. Go a little bit at a time. Plan strategically. Work on your classes that are live in Spring 2026 first.

9. Announcements: Popeck BBQ May 1st!

Next Friday – Disaster Drill!

10. Good of the Order: None.

11. Adjournment: 10:00AM