

**Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2025-2026
Friday, October 17, 2025
9:00 am**

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

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** Tim Esh, Steven Hrdlicka, Robert Cowan, Morgan Roberts (Proxy for Norm Whittaker), Madison Arbillaga, Dorothy Callendar, Jamie Carlson, Merrick Mildrum, Jennifer Puentes, Daniel Murphree, Ethan Hawkley (Proxy for Stephanie Davis), Heather Mitchel (Proxy for Olivia Rice), Gail Rappa, Kimberly Noah, Tim Beasley

Members Absent: Travis Macias, Christopher Salute, Fred Nalyanya, Tiffany Ross

Other Members Present: Oscar Sida (Chair), Dean Straight (Vice-Chair), Donald Jones, Ping Wang, George Kleeb, Carrie Meisner, Janelle Lemley, Deanna Hamilton, Eleanor O'Donnell, Yvonne Naungayan, Jennifer Stieger, David Antonini, Sheila Staszak, Sadie Crabb, Erica Salazar, Xunming Du, Jenny Ahlvers, Jim Dahl, Di Li, Gina Johnson, Mike McGhee, Jason Brick, Adrianna Mendez, Gerardo Wence-Munoz, Susanne Bentley, Rita Pujari, Jeff Winrod, James Kendall

Others Present: President Amber Donnelly, Dean Karl Stevens, Dean David Stoddard, Melissa Jacobo, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers

2. **Call to Order:** 9:02am
3. **Approval of September 19, 2025 Minutes - For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the minutes for September 19, 2025 was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Daniel Murphree. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Senate Chair Verbal Report:** Chair Oscar Sida mentioned the meetings with the chancellor once a month. He encouraged members to reach out if anyone had anything they wanted him to bring up in those meetings, as having representation was a great opportunity to share any concerns directly.

Dean Karl Stevens and Melissa Jacobo had the floor to summarize the Professional Faculty and Classified Staff Variable Work Schedule. The document could be found on the Faculty Senate website under Minutes and Packets for October's meeting.

President Amber Donnelly mentioned that Nevada State was the only other school that provided Professional Faculty and Classified Staff with a variable schedule. GBC followed their lead in being ahead of the curve to provide greater service opportunities to students and more flexibility for employees. This will start November 1st.

5. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **No Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **No Report**
- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **No Report**

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

i. New Construction Technology Skills Certificate – For Possible Action

Dean David Stoddard presented the new Construction Technology Skills Certificate for Ely. This certificate will benefit the community, as they have only one builder and a need to expand their workforce. It will also benefit the students who earn the entry level skills certificate while they pursue a trades career if they so choose. Another interested group might be homeowners who would prefer to do the work themselves, instead of hiring someone for basic work.

Miscommunication in the Senate forced this item to be tabled for next meeting.

An email vote for Senate approval was sent out to all present Senators (or their proxies) the afternoon of October 17th.

The New Construction Technology Skills Certificate was approved by majority email vote on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

ii. Changes to the Education Program – For Information Only

e. Instructional Technology..... **No Report**

f. Gen Ed Committee..... **No Report**

g. Personnel..... **Written/Verbal Report**

i. Written Report – For Information Only

Personnel Committee reminded faculty that Sabbatical Applications are due by October 30th.

h. Policy Review Committee, ad hoc **Written Reports**

i. Travel Policy & Academic Program Renewal Policy – For Possible Action

ii. Professional Recruiting Policy – For Information Only

A motion to approve the Travel Policy and the Academic Program Renewal Policy was by Steven Hrdlicka, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business:

i. Chair for Compensation and Benefits Committee

A brief discussion formed about the Compensation and Benefits Committee still needing a chair. One member reminded the Senate that one of the important roles of this committee involves building relevant funds, so without a chair to coordinate and manage those funds, requests are going unanswered.

7. New Business: None.

8. Information Items: None.

9. Announcements: None.

10. Good of the Order: None.

11. Motion to Adjourn by Daniel Murphree: 9:40am.