

Continuing Education Advisory Group Chair Report

The Continuing Education Advisory Group met on Sept. 23, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

Meeting Facilitator: Gail Rappa, Continuing Education Director

Attendees -- Committee members – Dori Andrepont, Tim Beasley, Susanne Bentley, James Braithwaite, Jamie Carlson, Dolly Hix, George Kleeb, Di Li, Joe Micke, Erica Salazar, Jennifer Stieger, and Josh Webster.

Not Present: Brandy Nielsen, Briseyda Thomas, Thomas Tolbert

I. Call to order: 11 a.m.

II. Discussion

Director Rappa opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the Continuing Education Program's objectives. She provided the following updates:

- Summer classes and workshops were successful; the CE program learned what worked and what did not.
- GBC was involved in various community events, including the Mining Expo, Choose GBC, Elko Skyfair, and Art in the Park,
- Enrollment trends: the CDL program is doing fine and looking for a grant; enrollment in live classes is down for the fall semester, and course offerings are dependent on instructor availability; Driver's Ed enrollment is consistent. SGA has contributed money so that GBC students can enroll for free in Fitness Center classes.

Upcoming classes and events:

- Teen Driver Safety and Beats and Bites on Sept. 25, 2025, and GBC Mental Health event on Nov. 13, 2025.

Committee Chair:

Susanne Bentley was named as the chair for the CE Advisory Group on the GBC Faculty Senate Committees list, although Bentley was never informed of this appointment. If no one else volunteers to be chair, Bentley will remain in that role for this academic year.

Program Review of Continuing Education Program:

Director Rappa stated that the CE Program Review is due in the spring of 2026. Several committee members volunteered to work on the program review, including Susanne Bentley, James Braithwaite, Jamie Carlson, George Kleeb, and Josh Webster. The subcommittee will discuss a meeting schedule at the next CE Advisory Group meeting in November.

III. New Business:

Director Rappa would like to let GBC faculty know they can teach CE classes and is working on a plan to inform faculty of what classes are offered.

Jamie Carlson proposed a one-hour "Stop the Bleed" class for the community and a 40-hour First Responder Refresher course.

Josh Webster discussed the need to vet instructors who teach CE classes with academic content.

The committee will discuss these proposals and suggestions at the next meeting and determine how to implement them.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susanne Bentley, Continuing Education Advisory Group Chair