

**Great Basin College**  
**FACULTY SENATE 2022-2023**  
**Friday, February 17, 2023**  
**9:00 am**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call:**

Sam Lackey, Dean Straight, Glen Tenney, Ryan Hathaway, Hillary Fruge (Proxy Karrie Barrett), Eric Walsh, Tami Potter, Daniel Bergey, Duncan Morris, Matt Nichols, Konstantinos Travlos, Madison Arbillaga, Kim Noah, Brian Dankowski, Tami Mette (Proxy Jamie Wilkerson), Meachell Walsh (9:15 a.m.), Ping Wang, Tim Beasley

**Absent Voting Representatives:** Veronica Nelson, Jason Brick

**Other Members Present:** Kevin Seipp (Chair), Dave Sexton, (Vice-Chair), Donald Jones (Secretary), Mike McGee, Xunming Du, Erica Salazar, Oscar Sida, George Wence-Munoz, Laura Debenham, Adriana Mendez, Steven Hrdickla, Daniel Murphree, David Antonini, Dwaine Hiles, Arysta Sweat, Rita Pujari, John Rice, Kim Noah, Roger Quijada, Bill Brown, Krishna Subedi, Eleanor O'Donnell, Deanna Hamilton, Brenda Gonzales, Yvonne Naungayan, Laurie Walsh, Kristin Heath, Ryan Hathaway, Ethan Hawkley, Trina Castonguay, Becky Coleman, Michelle Husbands, David Antonini, Laura Debenham, Di Li, Michelle Beecher, Reme Huttman,

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

**2. Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.**

*Chair Seipp reported there will be an amendment to this agenda to add the physical locations of the meeting as follows: Elko –GTA 130; Ely – GBC 118; Pahrump- PVC 122; Winnemucca – GBC 123/124.*

**3. Updates from President Helens –** President Helens reported that the high schools across Nevada, had reports of an active shooter this week, which led to her locking down the Hi Tech Center and had someone posted at the childcare center. This had turned out to be a hoax. The college will be looking at a better process for the future.

President Helens reported that Jared Keller, Executive Director of Finance and Administration, will be starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and he will have offices both in Reno (where he lives) and in Elko.

President Helens reported the following for the legislative session: Looking at the following projects for funding, which includes the Berg Hall renovation, the hvac system in Winnemucca; and the reroofing of Lundberg. There is also a nursing request to increase the capacity of the nursing program.

President Helens reported there may be a significant collaboration with NGM, if their board approves.

President Helens reported rural population is expected to decrease over the next few years and that the current funding formula and registration fees does not provide enough funding for GBC. We cannot keep up with recruitment and retention. We need to let our new Governor know this. Our focus is on workforce development.

President Helens reported that if we did not do the multi-factor authentication that GBC would not be insurable.

GBC will be collaborating with the Western Folklife Center, which will tie in with our public radio station.

**4. Updates from Vice President of AA/SA, Jake Hinton-Rivera –** Vice President Rivera reported that there is a slight increase in enrollment for spring and a decrease in fte, but there is plenty of room for more opportunities and will look for late starts. There will be a meeting today regarding the implementation of the MFA he will be meeting with computer services and staff for some possible solutions to some concerns, will report back on the outcome of the meeting. He reported that Amber Donnelly will be moving into the

Associate Vice President for Faculty Success role. She will do faculty onboarding, training, and development. She will oversee the Library, ESL, and the Academic Success Center. Karla Solis is the new Director of Enrollment Services; and the Pahrump Center Director and Dual Enrollment positions will be closing soon.

President Helens said with Elko County School District going to a 4-day week that it would be a perfect opportunity for in-person dual enrollment classes.

Vice President Rivera reported that he sits on the Academic Affairs Council, which reviews new and modified curriculum, GBC will have items on the agenda regarding the dual enrollment for the mining center, updates in computer technology, etc.

Chair Seipp asked if there would be a search for the Dean Donnelly's position? Vice President Rivera stated there would be and may be looking at an interim dean in the meantime.

- 5. Senate Chair Report – Verbal Report.** Chair Seipp reported that the Governor would like raises for state employees, getting the funding back to pre-COVID numbers. Chair Seipp reported not many bills regarding higher education have been introduced in the legislative session, but one that has is AB 118 which relates to the Board of Regents structure, and this bill requests a downsize to 9 regents and four-year term instead of six.

Chair Seipp welcomed Jared Keller, Executive Director of Finance, this is made possible through the collaboration of GBC and UNR. Chair Seipp also thanked Vice President Sibert for her years of service.

Chair Seipp asked faculty to refrain from using cell phones during the meeting.

Chair Seipp asked that any communications for the Senate be directed towards him or Dave Sexton.

A member inquired about the time the new Executive Director of Finance will be spending at GBC. President Helens stated that he is a fulltime employee of GBC and location does not matter.

- 6. Approval of December 16, 2022, minutes - For Possible Action**

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

- 7. Standing Committee Reports:**

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

**i. Report – Information Only**

**ii. Redevelopment of Existing Courses 3(A)ii – For Possible Action**

**A motion to approve the Redevelopment of Existing Courses 3(A)ii, was made by Konstantinos Travlos, seconded by Ryan Hathaway.**

After the motion, a member reported that the additional language is vaguely written and in the faculty evaluations it says 25% of the course development and now it's at the dean's discretion, there needs to be more guidelines. A member said there was some discussion to make it more detailed, but it would not work. Another member agreed, but the dean would know more about the redevelopment of the course and how much it should be awarded. If we set a percentage, then it is set, and it could be either a minor or major overhaul and the dean would have to make the call. Every course is different. A member stated there is nothing in the policy right now regarding significant changes or updates to a course and felt the instructor should be compensated for that.

A member pointed out that some departments no longer have a dean, but a director, should the language include: "Redevelopment of Existing Classes for classes that have substantial changes in course content or equipment shall be granted additional workload units with prior approval of the Dean, VPAA, **and Director.**"

A motion to accept the friendly amendment to approve the Redevelopment of Existing Courses 3(A)ii with the adding the title of Director, was made by Konstantinos Travlos, seconded by Ryan Hathaway, motion passed, with Meachell Walsh, Eric Walsh, Tim Beasley, and Kim Noah abstaining.

d. Curriculum Review..... **Written/Verbal Report**

i. **Approval of the following program changes:**

**ARL Secondary – EDUC470 to replace EDU250 – to address licensing requirements – For Possible Action**

**BA Secondary ELAD -GEOG103 to replace GEOG106 to better address licensing exam – For Possible Action**

A motion to approve both sections of d. (i.) program changes, was made by Brian Dankowski, seconded by Konstantinos Travlos, motion passed, with Eric Walsh and Tim Beasley abstained from the vote.

ii. **Approval to inactivate CSCO130 as it has been replaced to keep with industry standards – For Possible Action**

A motion to approved section d. (ii.) was made by Ryan Hathaway, seconded by Ping Wang, motion passed, with Tim Beasley and Eric Walsh abstaining.

iii. **Approval of the following course changes:**

**Change prerequisites for MATH120 – For Possible Action**

**Change prerequisites for MATH126 – For Possible Action**

A motion to approve both sections of d. (iii) was made by Ryan Hathaway, seconded by Konstantinos Travlos, motion passed. with Tim Beasley, Meachell Walsh and Eric Walsh abstaining.

iv. **Report- Information Only**

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

i. **Report – Information Only**

Chair Seipp encouraged everyone to read the report regarding MFA.

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

i. **Report – Information Only**

g. Personnel..... **Written Report**

**Report – Information Only**

h. Strategic Planning, ad hoc..... **No Report**

**8. Unfinished Business:** None.

**9. New Business:** None.

**10. Information Items:** A member asked if the Senate would have to start meeting in person and not over Zoom? Chair Seipp reported he would prefer to meet in person but will not decide at the moment.. Members spoke out in opposition to this idea, i.e., snow, etc. Another member suggested that the voting reps had to be in person or IAV. Other members spoke in favor of the idea, stating it is much easier in person.

**11. Announcements:** Tami Mette announced the nursing students will be starting simulations around all the campuses the first week in March. Please do not asked them what they are listening to, they are simulating a patient.

Ryan Hathaway reported they are working on awards for students and if anyone is interested in helping to let them know. An official announcement will be sent in March.

**12. Good of the Order:**

**13. Adjournment.....Action**

**Konstantinos Travlos moved to adjourn. 9:55 a.m.**