

**Great Basin College**  
**FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025**  
**Friday, September 20, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

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

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order: 9:06**
2. **Roll Call: Tim Esh, Steven Hrdlicka, Robert Cowan, Christopher Salute, Madison Arbillaga, Dorothy Callander, Jamie Carlson, Eleanor O'Donnell (also Proxy for Tami Potter) Ping Wang, Kara Coates, Ethan Hawkley (Proxy for Stephanie Davis), Jason Brick, Kristin Heath, Amber Ogle, Kimberly Noah, Roger Quijada**

**Members Absent: Abigail Loya, Tiffany Ross**

**Other Members Present: Chair Dave Sexton, Vice Chair Oscar Sida, Erica Salazar, Lynette Macfarlan, Liz Armstrong, Donald Jones, Jen Stieger, Trina Castonguay, John Rice, Xunming Du, Krishna Subedi, Jeffery Winrod, Dana Kincaid, Michelle Beecher, Daniel Murphree, Jenny Ahlvers, Becky Coleman, Laura Debenham, Staci Warnert, Tami Mette**

**Others Present: President Amber Donnelly, Elizabeth Stanley, Shay West, Kimberly Myers**

3. **Nominate and Elect the Parliamentarian -**

Don Jones was nominated by Steven Hrdlicka, seconded by Tim Esh.

**The senate elects Don Jones for Faculty Senate Parliamentarian for 2024-2025.**

4. **Welcome New Faculty!**

5. **Approval of May 17, 2024 minutes - For Possible Action**

**A motion to approve the Minutes for May 17, 2024 was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Dodi Callander. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **President Amber Donnelly – President Donnelly will not be attending Faculty Senate, unless the Senate have questions they would like answered, or if there's something the faculty would like to know more about.**

The hiring Committee has made some changes. We no longer will be writing strengths and weaknesses. Instead, you will determine if a candidate qualifies for whatever the position is, and the committee will make a recommendation.

Presidents Council will follow Faculty Senate every two weeks.

President Donnelly will be meeting with some of the professional faculty to determine how they want to move forward with representation at the college.

Arysta Sweat is our new Title IX coordinator, and she will be the Director of Institutional Equity on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. **Senate Chair Report – Verbal Report – Chair Sexton's report was of Boards of Regents meeting updates. The minutes are available on the NSHE Board of Regents website under "Meeting Archive" if anyone is interested in learning more about what was discussed.**

This is a legislative year, so in preparation, NSHE came up with a new formula for budgets. This new formula benefits GBC.

Chair Sexton will be sure to keep us updated with the revisions to the tenure policy governing termination of tenured faculty.

Director of Pahrump, Chris Salute speaks up about the tenure revision, and he encourages GBC to be vocal about this topic.

**8. Standing Committee Reports:**

a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **Verbal Report**

**i. Reminder: Assessment Plans for Gen Ed**

Academic Standards Committee Chair Murphree urges everyone who has a General Education class to put forth their assessment plans, so the committee can compile a report. The General Education Assessment Review is scheduled to review our process this year. Reach out to Chair Murphree if you have any questions.

b. Bylaws..... **No Report**

c. Compensation & Benefits..... **No Report**

d. Curriculum Review..... **Verbal Report**

**i. New Curriculum Review Committee Forms are Live**

Curriculum Review Committee Chair Callander would like everyone to know that most, not all, forms are live now, so make sure to apply through the committee website. The forms ensure that all necessary information is completed.

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

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

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

**9. Unfinished Business:**

The Policy Committee – When there are changes to policies that are brought to the Policy Committee, they are asked to pass them on to Faculty Senate. One of which is under Policies and Procedures: 3.40 Program Reviews - the change is the frequency of when it's scheduled from 5 years to 7 years.

The Policy Committee doesn't make changes, they give recommendations.

Program Review is also working on getting a schedule out that will be a master list of all the programs that need to be reviewed.

**10. Information Items:**

**i. Tenure Policy – Sense of the Senate – Arysta Sweat**

Arysta Sweat gave a presentation of the reasons why this policy was mandated and is now a sense of the senate instead of the usual process of the policies going through the senate during its development.

Reach out to Arysta Sweat for more information.

The new tenure policy was discussed amongst the Senate. There was concern for the faculty who were already gathering all the paperwork for the past three years to apply this year. It's a significant amount of time and work to have everything change.

The Senate meeting was interrupted before an official sense of the senate was taken.

**11. Announcements:**

**i. "Love Letters" October 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – John Rice**

**12. New Business: None.**

**13. Public Comment: None.**

**14. Adjournment: 10:00am**