

**Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025
Friday, February 21, 2025
9:00 am**

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

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** Tim Esh, Steven Hrdlicka, Robert Cowan, Abigail Loya, Norm Whittaker, Christopher Salute, Madison Arbillaga, Dorothy Callander, Jamie Carlson, Eleanor O'Donnell, Tami Potter, Daniel Murphree (Proxy for Ping Wang), Kara Coates, Ethan Hawkley (Proxy for Stephanie Davis), Jason Brick, Kristin Heath, Kimberly Noah, Roger Quijada

Voting Representatives Absent: Tiffany Ross, Amber Ogle

Other members present: David Sexton (Chair), Oscar Sida (Vice-Chair), Donald Jones, Erica Salazar, Sheila Staszak, Sheree Beard, Carrie Meisner, Yvonne Naungayan, Earl Owen, Tom Bruns, Laura Debenham, Mardell Dorsa, Xunming Du, David Antonini, Mike McGhee, Kevin Seipp, Morgan Roberts, James Kendall, Becky Coleman, Shemayne Pitts, Daniel Murphree, Anna Freistroffer, Leah Johnson, Michelle Beecher, Sonika Soni, Nicole Maher, John Rice, Adriana Mendez, Gina Johnson, Amy Smith, Tawny Crum, Cheyenne Stocks, Krishna Subedi, Sarah Massie, Jeff Winrod

Others present: Dean Karl Stevens, Catherine Cole, Lori Gilbert, Elizabeth Stanley, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers

2. **Call to Order:** 9:01
3. **Approval of January 24, 2025 minutes - For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the January 24, 2025 minutes was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Kara Coates. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Senate Chair Report:** Chair Sexton mentions the Board of Regents meeting in March that will discuss budgets and approving Honorary Degrees. Nominations for Faculty Senate Vice Chair open in April. The new website launches in Summer and will be in full swing in Fall 2025.

Chair Sexton invites Facilities Director Jeff Winrod to comment on a few changes that will be happening on Elko campus. Large numbers will be added to better locate the buildings for students and first responders. Areas in need of repairs are getting concrete. Berg Hall will undergo a big project that will require the staff to temporarily relocate to other buildings for the summer. Lastly, Director Winrod encourages everyone to download the GBC Safety App. It is the primary source for alerts.

Chair Sexton is pleased that the Student Awards are back to the programs instead of the departments and wants to thank Lynette Macfarlan and everyone else who was a part of making it happen.

5. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **Written Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **Written Report**
- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **Verbal Report**

Professional Development applications are due March 31st. Keep in mind that they are funds for reimbursement.

Salary Equity Chair John Rice expresses that the salary equity review is *not* a salary study. There may be a few faculty members who might have inequities, but the results of the equity study are essentially addressing and repairing compression. NSHE requires an equity review every two years, and this is the first time since 2013 that this has been addressed.

Chair Rice spoke with President Donnelly about a salary study for those faculty members who are concerned about their salaries, but details of that particular study won't be discussed until perhaps the next fiscal year.

- d. Curriculum Review..... **Written Report**
Report recommends to approve a new ANTH course and a program change to the Physical Science Pattern of Study program, making it a 2+2 program with UNR.
- e. Instructional Technology..... **No Report**
- f. Gen Ed Committee..... **No Report**
- g. Personnel..... **Written Report**
- h. Policy Review Committee..... **Report w/ Action Items**

i. GBC Institutional Bylaws – For Possible Action in March

The document doesn't have substantial changes, but it is reworded in a language accessible by the audience.

ii. Program Review Policy – For Possible Action in March

Changing reviews from 5 to 7 to put us in line with accreditation.

iii. Mission Fulfillment/ Institutional Effectiveness Assessment – For Possible Action March

The changes in the document gives depth to the original description and makes more aligned with policy.

6. Special Guests: None.

7. Unfinished Business: None.

8. New Business:

i. GBC Mascot – SGA Vice President Catherine Cole

Faculty Senate was visited by SGA Vice President Catherine Cole to gather a general sense of the Senate about creating a mascot for GBC. A discussion ensued. Here are the highlights:

- Total cost of mascot costume will be paid for by SGA.
- There will be one costume to be shared between campuses.
- The mascot will be on the GBC Events Calendar to rent for events on all campuses.
- SGA will send out a vote for the appearance of the mascot and hold a competition for its name.

The Senate approves the idea but did not care for the design shown at the meeting. The Senate was assured by SGA Vice President Cole that the design was only a prototype and not the final product.

9. Information Items:

i. Assessment Plans Due – Daniel Murphree

Strongly asking for your department's Gen Ed assessments soon. They are needing those reports for the visit in April.

10. Announcements: None.

11. Good of the Order:

i. Cizek Associates (CAI) – Listening Session

The listening session was moved to 10:00am and did not take place during Faculty Senate.

12. Adjournment: 9:47AM