

**Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025
Friday, May 16, 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, Madison Arbillaga, Dorothy Callander, Jamie Carlson, Tami Potter, Ping Wang, Kara Coates, Ethan Hawkley (Proxy for Stephanie Davis), Jason Brick, Kimberly Noah, Time Beasley (Proxy for Roger Quijada)

Representatives Absent: Christopher Salute, Eleanor O'Donnell, Tiffany Ross, Amber Ogle

Other Members Present: Dave Sexton (Chair), Oscar Sida (Vice-Chair), Donald Jones, Dean Straight, Brian Dankowski, Yvonne Naungayan, Gina Johnson, Erica Salazar, Jeffrey Winrod, Deanna Hamilton, Jennifer Puentes, Rita Pujari, Laura Debenham, Sheila Staszak, Xunming Du, Mardell Dorsa, Morgan Roberts, Brandy Stinnett, Anna Freistroffer, Gerardo Wence-Munoz, Michelle Beecher, David Antonini, Krishna Subedi, Daniel Murphree, Jonathan Foster, Jennifer Stieger, Michelle Husbands, Amber Cannon, Arysta Sweat

Others Present: President Amber Donnelly, Elizabeth Stanley, Shay West, Sandy Cortes, Sharon Butterfield, Kimberly Myers

2. **Call to Order: 9:00AM**
3. **Approval of April 18, 2025 Minutes - For Possible Action**

A motion to approve the April 18, 2025 Minutes was by Jamie Carlson, seconded by Dean Straight. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Senate Chair Verbal Report:** Chair Sexton introduces the new VP of Finance and Operations, John Evans. Chair Sexton then gives the floor to President Donnelly.

President Amber Donnelly – President Donnelly welcomes VP Evans and mentions that he is a great fit for GBC. She explains that the intended future at GBC includes being able to pick up a phone and feel comfortable to ask any questions, and VP Evans fits into that future.

Due to the weather, graduation has been moved to the Elko Convention Center. It has been split into two separate groups to accommodate the amount of graduates and guests. The first at 9:00AM for CTE and the second at 11:00AM with all other graduates. Faculty are encouraged to attend both. President Donnelly would like to extend her gratitude to everyone who has helped with the move.

Ely and Pahrump have already celebrated their graduations, and both were well attended and beautiful.

To try and conserve energy, GBC will undergo a trial period where buildings will be shut down either entirely throughout the summer or only on Fridays. President Donnelly asks our Facilities and Operations Director Jeff Winrod to read off the list.

Director Winrod – The buildings to shut down just on Fridays are: DCIT, Health Science Building, Community Outreach Center/ GBC Foundation, and Winnemucca's new building. The buildings that will be shut down for the entire summer include: the Welding Shop, the Adult Learning Center, GTA, and the Mining Center.

This is only a trial phase to see how much we save during the summer. This will take place on June 6th to August 1st.

An alternate schedule is in progress for the administrative faculty and the classified staff. Summer schedules will be the same as last year, but on August 1st, a different schedule can be discussed with their supervisors.

5. Standing Committee Reports:

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

i. Report – Information Only

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

i. Proposed Changes to the Curriculum – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Proposed Changes to the Curriculum was by Dean Straight, seconded by Ethan Hawkley. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Instructional Technology..... **No Report**
- f. Gen Ed Committee..... **No Report**
- g. Personnel..... **Written Report**

i. Report – Information Only

- h. Policy Review Committee, ad hoc **Action Item**

i. Updates to Excused Withdrawal Policy – For Possible Action

A motion to approve the Updates to the Excused Withdrawal Policy was by Dorothy Callander, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business:

i. Letter of Recommendation

The letter recommends Dr. Amber Donnelly as GBC's permanent president. Chair Sexton asks the members of the Senate if they would like to add that the letter be from the Faculty Senate, as well.

A motion to approve the Letter of Recommendation to include the Faculty Senate was by Ethan Hawkley, seconded by Jamie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Results of Vice-Chair Election

The Faculty Senate has elected Dr. R. Dean Straight as the new Faculty Senate Vice-Chair for the 2025-2026 year.

iii. Peaceful Transfer of Power

Chair Sexton passes the gavel to the new Faculty Senate Chair: Oscar Sida. Chair Sida accepts.

7. New Business: None.

8. Information Items:

i. ADA Information: DRC Canvas Course – Arysta Sweat

Director of Accessibility Arysta Sweat spoke about the new Disability Resource Training Center, which is a supplement to Panorama. Panorama is still the best option, but if you need additional resources, the DRC has more training videos. Director Sweat will be sending another email on Monday that will include a shorter training video. She encourages everyone to work on their classes little by little but as much as possible. Dodi Callander, Robert Cowan, and Ping Wang will be points of contact during the summer.

9. Announcements: None.

10. Good of the Order: None.

11. Adjournment: 9:50AM