

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)
Institutional Advisory Council
1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada 89801
Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:00 am (PST)

MEETING MINUTES – (Approved at March 18, 2021 Meeting)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

GBC IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:02 am and a roll call was taken.

Present:

Delmo Andreozzi
Barbara Gallagher Kidwell
Caroline McIntosh
Wil Moschetti
Dave Roden
John Tierney

Absent:

Andrea Astgarloa
Billie Crapo
Chris Melville
Don Miller
Jolene Supp

GBC Staff Present:

Bill Brown
Mardell Dorsa
Mary Doucette
Joyce Helens
Bret Murphy

Jake Rivera
Sonja Sibert
Jennifer Sprout
Karl Stevens
Brian Zeiszler

Others Present:

John Albrecht
Russ Klein
Nate Mackinnon
Cathy McAdoo
Chris McAnany

Michele Robinson
William Schillingburg
Craig Von Collenberg
Adam Young

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

The GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meetings on September 17, 2020 and November 19, 2020. Dave Roden made a **MOTION** to approve both meeting minutes; Wil Moschetti seconded the **MOTION**. The MOTION was amended to change John Tierney's title from acting chair to chair in the November 19, 2020 minutes. The amended **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

4. **GBC IAC Chair Report**

The GBC IAC Chair John Tierney welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged the many school superintendents present as well as NSHE staff and regents in attendance.

Chair Tierney reported on the meeting of the IAC chairs and Nate Mackinnon. It is a good avenue for the chairs to communicate with the system and to get important information. The last meeting of the Chairs touched on the status of the funding of the Nevada Promise Scholarship and possibly getting private funding for the program.

Chair Tierney asked the superintendents present if they wanted to report on anything:

Michele Robinson is the new superintendent for the Elko County School District. She indicated she is new and still learning. She is seeing evidence of the great partnerships that exist between GBC and ECSD and looks forward to more.

Adam Young is superintendent for the White Pine County School District. He acknowledged the tough time economically that the State is going through. With that said the good partnerships with GBC continue. He appreciates the work GBC does with the Dual Credit programs in Ely and the workforce development programs continue to evolve.

Warren Shillingburg is the new superintendent for Nye County School District. He is still getting his feet wet as well and looks forward to increasing partnerships.

Russ Klein is the superintendent for Lander County School District and was present for the meeting.

5. **IAC Member Reports**

Wil Moschetti voiced his appreciation of the many representatives of the school districts in the GBC service area attending the meeting today. It is a trying time for all of us. It is his hope that progress has been made on the bylaws wording that members can serve more than two terms as we struggle to get new members. Regent McAdoo indicated that regents have term limits. Vice Chancellor Nate MacKinnon thanked everyone for their service on the committee. Since GBC's advisory board existed before the implementation of the statewide IACs the terms for the existing members were reset and service prior to implementation of the IACs was not counted. Nate stated the importance of getting fresh new perspectives and new voices from new members. He reiterated that the State of Nevada has many elected positions, and all have term

limits. After two terms the GBC IAC will have to look new members. Wil reiterated that this is easier said than done.

Barbara Gallagher represents the legal community. She said little progress has been made since the last meeting. There have been a few criminal jury trials which are following social distancing. She is serving as a mentor for the Nevada Promise Scholarship program and is happy to do so. Her mentees are doing well and getting good grades.

Caroline McIntosh said she is also grateful for the partnership with GBC and White Pine County School District and the focus on workforce development in Ely. So many good things are happening with programming – nursing, diesel program and teacher prep. GBC is always there to provide what the community needs.

Dave Roden reported the electrical program in Winnemucca has moved to another facility in anticipation for the start of construction in June of the new technology building. The dual credit programs are continuing. There was a new political science class offered in Lovelock with fifteen students.

Delmo Andreozzi reported it has been a long ten months. Obviously there have been tremendous challenges for the health care community and people have risen to the occasion. This disease is uncertain. Active rates are starting to drop. People in the hospital are stable. Rolling out the vaccines now. The whole vaccination process is clunky and difficult to get out. There are so many layers from federal to state to counties. The process is complicated. We do have pods scheduled for tomorrow for the senior community where they hope to vaccinate three hundred senior citizens. NSHE and K-12 are also scheduled to be vaccinated at the hospital. There have been forty-one deaths in Elko county and twelve came from the Manor. The economy in Elko has remained stable, but the economic issues that the state is facing will be shifted eventually to the local areas. Room tax is down, but other taxes are stable. The Nevada legislative session starts soon. The legislature will be debating gross taxes on mines versus net taxes which would decimate the mines. There are seven thousand mine jobs in the county so it would be a significant impact if the mining tax (no matter the percentage) is on gross revenues. The Governor is speaking about the importance of diversification of the economy which is a better solution.

6. President's Report

President Joyce Helens reported the start of the spring semester is similar to the fall semester. Most classes are online. We are using the same protocols. The CTE classes started on January 19th and regular classes start on January 25th.

GBC had a meeting with Northwest Association of College and Universities regarding the recent GBC Accreditation site visit. It was a very positive meeting. We will be working on our strategic planning and assessment and better documentation.

The Board of Regents approved the Winnemucca building project at their meeting in December. Plans are being reviewed by the Fire Marshall and public works and we will break ground this summer and tentatively complete the project by June 2022.

The governor released his proposed budget and it includes a cut to all agencies. Our \$1.4 million cut can be offset by our caseload growth. Based on the formula funding our caseload growth would bring in \$1.5 million. There is an NSHE pre-budget hearing tomorrow.

Jennifer Sprout mentioned Mask Up campaign that GBC has partnered with the county to produce. It will transition to include vaccine information.

7. Vice President for Student & Academic Affairs Report

Jake Rivera welcomed the school district superintendents attending the meeting today. GBC enrollments are down by 1.5% compared to last year. We are doing well compared with our sister community colleges who are down between 7 and 15%. This spring has been our toughest registration cycle due to COVID. We still have four days to the start of semester. This Saturday GBC's enrollment offices and career center will be open from 10:00 to 2:00 pm for students who need assistance.

GBC was recently awarded another round of CARES ACT funding by the US Department of Education in the amount of \$235,000 which goes directly to the students. Funding will go to high need students first and will cover books.

We have hired a new transfer coordinator. We will soon be filling the assistant registrar position and the administrative assistant III in admissions and records. The GBC May commencement will most likely be a virtual commencement.

As you may recall last year GBC established a curricular review committee to look at opportunities to review programs and courses for modifications. We are following up on the important work of the committee. There are four meetings to go before concluding and submitting final recommendations to the president. The committee is being co-chaired by Faculty Senate chair Brian Zeiszler.

Progress is being made on diversity, equity and inclusion goals. GBC has a webpage to promote work that is already being done and future committees. GBC has conducted diversity workshops and have a diverse guest speaker who will be speaking at our Lunch with a Leader program. GBC has new courses focused on diversity coming in the fall. One course, Humanities 210 Communicating Diversity will familiarize students with the fundamentals of diversity and how those are expressed through communication.

The deans were given an opportunity to report.

Mary Doucette, Dean of Arts and Science, reiterated the meeting with the accreditors went well. She thanked superintendent and district employee Adam Young and Chris McAnany for

showing up for the community meeting with the accreditors. Mary reported that work continues on the general education certificate for dual enrollment.

Karl Stevens, Dean on Online Education, is continuing to work with helping faculty transition their classes to online distance education.

Bret Murphy, Dean of Business and Technology, reported the CDL program is back up and running with the hiring of a new instructor. We now also have a CDL simulator that was purchased using CARES funding. CTE classes started January 19th, a delay of two weeks. Through the Build Nevada Program, we have an eighty hour beginning construction skills program in Ely, McDermitt and Winnemucca. We have the HVAC program going with Elko County School District and are trying to work through the COVID restrictions. This spring there will be two program reviews for CTE and Business.

8. Faculty Senate Update

Brian Zeiszler reported that diversity is the theme throughout the semester. Faculty Senate Chairs will be working on faculty issues for the legislative session. The curricular review proved to be beneficial with the budget situation. Standing committee will continue their work. A new faculty senate committee for strategic planning has been created.

9. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report

Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon thanked Regent McAdoo and Craig Von Collenberg, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges, for attending the meeting this morning. He reported the Chancellor is looking to form statewide taskforce on what we need to get people back to work. Some jobs are not going to be there when we get on the other side of the pandemic. The Nevada Promise Scholarship needs a large appropriation to continue. Applications were down significantly possibly due to COVID.

The system wide taskforce on dual enrollment meets every other week. The meetings are helpful in trying to solve problems with dual enrollment issues, faculty qualifications/pay and access to students. Committee recommendations will come out at the end of spring.

The Nevada Reimagining Grant provided significant funding to community colleges for intake centers or one-stop centers to help citizens to quickly get enrolled and get a counselor if they are unemployed.

The system is moving along with the apprenticeship program and registering pathways for apprenticeship. It is a lot of work and staff heavy, so instead of having each college do that work our apprenticeship team will register pathways.

There have been two IAC Chairs meeting so far and we will continue these meetings.

Caroline McIntosh thanked the Vice Chancellor for his report and asked him about the Governor's comments on taking the community colleges away from NSHE so that they can focus on workforce development. GBC is already doing workforce training and hopefully the good work that GBC is already doing for their communities is not hindered. Vice Chancellor MacKinnon stated the focus is students first and read a statement from the Chancellor into the record:

“Nevada’s community colleges and NSHE’s workforce development programs offer vital contributions to our state. We look forward to learning more details about Gov. Sisolak’s proposal and we intend on working in collaboration and partnership with policy makers to move Nevada’s public higher education system forward to best meet the needs of our students and state.”

Nate added that we look forward to learning more about what the Governor’s proposal is, but the focus will be the students and the needs of our communities.

10. New Business

Regent McAdoo commented that she is thrilled to see all the superintendents here today. She wanted to note that she is the Regent representative on the K-12 Nevada State Board of Education. If there is anything that she can do for you at the state level, please contact her.

The next GBC IAC meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.

11. Public Comment *(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)*

No public comment.

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.