

**Institutional Advisory Council**  
**1500 College Parkway**  
**Elko, Nevada 89801**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:00 am (PST)**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Approved at the 5/18/23 IAC Meeting

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:01 am and called for the roll to be taken.

**GBC IAC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terri Clark, Billie Crapo, Barbara Gallagher Kidwell, Caroline McIntosh, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, John Tierney. There was a quorum.

**GBC STAFF AND NSHE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Karrie Barrett

Natalie Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges

William Brown

Renee Davis, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges

Amber Donnelly

Mardell Dorsa

Mary Doucette

Jared Keller

Lizette Lyon

Veronica Nelson

Jake Rivera

Kevin Seipp

Sam Spearing

Karl Stevens

**SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENT:** CJ Anderson, Elko County School District, Adam Young, White Pine County School District

**2. Public Comment**

Chair Tierney called for public comment; there was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on November 17, 2022. Dave Roden made a MOTION to approve the minutes; Billie Crapo seconded the motion; MOTION WAS APPROVED.

**4.**

Chair Tierney called upon Jake Rivera to give an update for President Helens who was unable to attend.

**President's Report** – Mr. Rivera reported the following:

GBC has experienced a 3% decline in full time equivalent enrollment and an increase in part time enrollment, however...The GBC overall graduation rates continue to rise and we are now at 48%. This is an increase of 4% from previous year reporting. We are catching up to UNR who has the highest grad rate in the state at 67%.

Minority student graduation rate is now reported at 53% and (Fall 2022) minority student enrollment is 41% of total enrollment. (Increased 2%) with Hispanic student enrollment now 25% of total enrollment, tipping GBC into being a “Hispanic serving institution”, something we have been preparing for.

The GBC Mining Center, a collaboration with UNR, is moving forward with the hire of Dr. Sam Spearing and the acquisition of the former National Guard Armory in Elko. Dr. Spearing is Executive Director of the Mining Center and Workforce Development at GBC. He supervises all the GBC CTE programs. There will also be a “center of excellence” within the Mining Center, which is an academic structure to house cutting edge instruction to high school/college students and incumbent workforce. Already approved are a 17 and 33 credit dual high school certificate with a geology, mining and metallurgy focus. The Mining Center concept is getting very positive attention not only in Nevada but in the US and internationally.

GBC is launching an Instrumentation program to start this year in Winnemucca and we will be working with Lithium Nevada to help train their workforce.

The MAPE Medical Assisting/Phlebotomy/EKG certificate program has started open advisement and applications with larger than planned numbers of students. We are seeing increases in all of the health care program open advisements and applications are being filled at a greater rate than last year.

We hired a new Respiratory Therapy director to lead us through the accreditation process and start of this program. Locations include Renown in Reno, Elko, Winnemucca, and Pahrump.

GBC created a 30-credit dual enrollment general education certificate with two guided pathways in education and AA general studies. We are now adding two more in engineering and physical science (new) and criminal justice (new).

PTK honor society and community sponsors hosted the famous Pete the Cat author and singer Eric Litwin for a children's concert at the Elko Conference Center last Saturday. There were 740 in attendance, and they gave away 200 children's books. The singer/author signed each one. Thanks to Professor Lynette Macfarlan for leading this successful student cohort.

Teach NV Scholarship is a program created during the (2015) 78th legislative session to provide scholarships to new students pursuing initial teacher licensure programs. Awards are granted by

the state board of education. 34 GBC students in ECE, Elementary, Secondary, and ARL programs received the Cohort 23 (22- 23 AY) scholarship for a total of \$718,000.

GBC Geology Professor Carrie Meisner was accepted for a NSF-funded 2023 Virtual Fellows Institute. The program will focus on creating curriculum for conservation, natural resources and environmental education. The 20 fellows will work to create instructional materials that will eventually become open educational resources for colleagues in higher education.

In January, the GBC Humanities Center in collaboration with the Western Folklife Center in Elko hosted Joy Harjo, who was the keynote speaker at the 38th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering held in Elko. Ms. Harjo served as the 23rd US Poet Laureate, and the first Native American to hold that honor. It was standing room only event. Thank you to GBC Humanities Coordinator Gail Rappa for her leadership. GBC is also considering a new degree in Western American Folklore with two tracks. Oral history and Visual arts. This will be further collaboration with the Western Folklife Center and our native tribes.

Lastly, thanks to our close collaborations with UNR, The Reynolds School of Journalism is assisting in bringing back our public radio station to GBC. We are providing office space and our studio for UNR journalism folks and look forwards to connecting this also with the Folklife center's new recording studio as well. We hope to eventually house the vast Folklife Center archives.

Mr. Rivera welcomed Jared Keller the GBC Executive Director of Finance and Administration who replaced Sonja Sibert.

#### **5. Chair Tierney moved to the Superintendents Report**

CJ Anderson, Elko County Superintendent reported on come of the activities of the school district. At the forefront is the district is moving to a four-day week school model. It would not be finalized until August. The Battle Born Youth Academy would be the only school that would remain on the five-day week.

The district has just had the annual STEM Fair. Mr. Anderson didn't have official numbers, but there were over 460 projects submitted.

The district has solidified another partnership with the Nevada Department of Wildlife for the Ag students to grow sagebrush seedlings and then the NDW purchases them back. They plant them in the high desert to replenish the sage. It gives the Ag students real world experiences.

The CTE programs are healthy and a popular choice for the students. It helps that the coordinator Heather Steele is an expert in promoting and coordinating the programs. The school board has approved three more CTE programs for the upcoming year that will focus on agriculture.

The district is challenged by many vacancies. They must be creative in how they fill the vacancies. This is a local, statewide and nation-wide problem as you know. The methods the district uses are career fairs, virtual fairs, international recruiting and alternate route to licensure programs.

The district has just completed the strategic planning process. The new strategic plan has four pillars: 1. Students Prepared for the Future; 2. Teaching and Learning Excellence; 3. Family and Community Engagement; and 4. Student and Staff Wellness. The strategic plan is prominently posted on their website, and they are seeking input. They would love to have GBC's perspective.

Adam Young, White Pine County Superintendent, really appreciates the interactions with GBC and the facilitation of all the dual enrollment programs which is very important to his district. It sounds like there is a good probability that a diesel instructor is in line to be hired. They are excited for that because the diesel program is very popular.

A future teacher's program has started. It is a collaboration between the Nevada Department of Education CTE office and GBC. An instructor has been hired and is funded through a grant.

Mr. Young talked about the success of the dual math program doing well, so well in fact that they have created a position for next year. They are looking at offering some Psychology and humanities and English courses that come with the GBC seal of approval and taught by the HS teachers.

#### **6. Chair Tierney moved to his GBC IAC Chair Report**

Chair Tierney discussed the new charge for the institutional IACs. The process is more streamlined and gives the president the ability to take charge more. The number of members should be minimum ten and maximum fifteen, so that will be a challenge.

Chair Tierney reported the 2023 New Teachers Conference will be online again this year and will be held September 22 and 23. There will be a \$250 stipend to attend with some strings attached. The details are being hashed out.

#### **7. Chair Tierney moved to the IAC Member's Reports**

Ms. Terri Clark reported on the health and wellness fair that occurred last month. Hundreds of people came through for labs and blood work. In April and May the hospital will be conducting a weeklong program for fifth and sixth graders. Each day of that week will focus on something such as Mindful Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Fitness Friday. The program is to engage the students to take charge of their own health. Community partners for this outreach are Elko County School District, Elko Chamber of Commerce, Communities in Schools of Northeastern Nevada, Ruby Mountain Recovery and Kinross Gold.

Ms. Billie Crapo reported it been a pleasure working with Terri Clark and the other organizations on the Level Up for Health Committee. The Elko Clean Up Green up is scheduled for April 22. Spring Creek will be apart of the clean up this year as well. The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show is scheduled for May 13 and 14 at the Convention Center. The Chamber is also knee deep in monitoring the legislative process. If there is a bill out that you would like for the Chamber to track just let her know.

Ms. Barbara Gallagher said there was not much to report from the legal community other than the restoration of the old Bank of America building for Department 3 of the Elko Justice Court. The contractors have done a beautiful job. It is a wonderful addition for the legal community to have that new courtroom. Ms. Gallagher said that she has been a mentor for the Nevada Promise scholarship program and encourages everyone to be a mentor. It is a highly rewarding experience.

Ms. Caroline McIntosh reported from White Pine County. Housing, broadband access, childcare and workforce development are the four important issues the county continues to work on. GBC continues to be of great help with the workforce development of the region. The State of Nevada, Office of Science, Innovation and Technology will be visiting each of the counties in the next couple of months because they are rolling out programs for how the broadband money will be spent. It's import for all of us to work together to get some of the regulations through NDOT. There is hope in Ely of an apartment complex coming in that would provide 300 apartments.

Ms. McIntosh reported on a tourism grant they recently received from Travel Nevada. There were 16 applicants and they selected six. Consultants will help Ely to become a destination spot for tourists. Also, a grant from the Nevada Park Service where they came out and did an inventory map or asset mapping. With the only national park that is fully in Nevada it is expected that this work will produce and explosion of tourists from 160,000 visitors a year to who knows how many.

Ms. McIntosh said the partnership with GBC is most important. They need more flexibility for attracting and retaining teachers. Lastly, Ms. McIntosh reported she in on the NSHE Chancellor's Search Committee.

Mr. Dave Roden reported seeing a tremendous amount of growth in the Winnemucca area. They just broke ground for the new lithium mine and that will bring more growth. The dual credit programs with GBC continue to be successful and important to continue with hopefully more dual programs added as needed.

Ms. Stacy Smith reported from Nye County. Her organization conducted a remote area medical event in Tonopah serving 179 patients. They had UNLV dental students and professors involved. The Tonopah High School was utilized for the event where there was also women's health care, medical care and optometry care.

Ms. Smith reported that she has hired a licensed clinical social worker through a grant that will provide clinical supervision to other social workers. On Friday, March 17 Pahrump will have a Homeless WrapAround event. There will be 15-18 agencies come and help the homeless with everything from Social Security applications to applying for veteran's benefits. In Lincoln County the Boys and Girls Club will be offering before and after school programs.

Ms. Smith said the Brownsfield training started this week.

**8. Chair Tierney called upon VP Jake Rivera for his report on Student and Academic Affairs.**

VP Jake Rivera reported on the 2023 GBC Career Fair schedule on April 19. He then called upon the deans for a report from their areas.

Karl Stevens reported that the Business and Computer Technologies departments have been added to his responsibilities and he is excited to be working with those faculty. For the Business department they are close to hiring an instructor for management and marketing.

Mr. Stevens reported that his department has been able to offer professional development opportunities every month throughout the academic year for online instructors. In addition, every Thursday at noon, they have a Lunchbyte learning opportunity where there is a high-quality video presentation and then discussion after.

Mr. Sam Spearing who began working for GBC at the beginning of January is very impressed with the CT instructors and staff. He plans to travel to Ely next week to discuss further with Mr. Young restarting the diesel program and other issues and challenges that we need to overcome to get this program going. The Mining Center of Excellence has now two programs that have been approved. We now need to raise the money to make remodel armory building. We may have found a diesel instructor for Elko.

Ms. Amber Donnelly reported that they have received a grant to remodel a room in the HTC for the Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy and EKG lab. The radiology program has an accreditation site visit schedule on May 15 and 16 from JCERT. The Hemsley Foundation had given us over a million dollars to help train nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and physicians. We have 12 sonography students right now and most of them have fully funded tuition through Hemsley.

Ms. Donnelly reported on the new instructor for the respiratory therapy program. We will be hearing a lot about community groups and open meetings about respiratory therapy in each one of our locations. We do that so we can garner community support and as part of the accreditation process. The Sandi Grant pays for 100% of our CNAs. The CNA program costs \$1,000 plus the scrubs and the blood pressure cuffs and the test. We have seen a sharp increase in students because of the Sandi funding. We are in the process of getting MAPE approved to also provide funding through Sandi and then we were just given a little over \$400,000 to support that programming. continue it on.

Ms. Mary Doucette reported the strategic plan was approved by the Board of Regents in December. GBC will have a mid-cycle review in April to follow up on the recommendations from the September 2020 virtual visit.

Ms. Lizette Lyon reported on the community outreach programs. She talked about the CDL programs and the funding. She talked about the driver's license program. This summer there will be a nursing camp, and arts and crafts type of camp, a basketball camp and some other things that they are working on.

**9. Chair Tierney called upon Renee Davis**

Ms. Davis reported on the hiring of Natalie Brown, the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges. She will now be the person attending the IAC meetings. Ms. Natalie Brown then said that she looks forward to working with everyone. She feels this IAC plays an integral part in developing workforce initiatives.

**10. New Business**

No new business.

**11. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**12. Adjourn**

Chair Tierney adjourned the meeting at 8:00 am.