Great Basin College Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee

Public Committee Report – Meeting of 6 December 2013 1:00 pm; HTC 137 (Elko); GBC 109 (Winnemucca); GBC PVC 122 (Pahrump)

Present: Dr. Scott A. Gavorsky [Chair]; Mike Elbert; Jan King; Diane Wrightman Absent: Doug Hogan; Scott Nielsen; Earl Owen

The Academic Standards Committee met in quorum on Friday, 3 May 2013 to hear a written request for a grade appeal case from a student received 27 November 2013. The grade appeal hearing was the third step in the process outlined in the *GBC General Catalog 2013-2014*, pages 51-52.

Due to FERPA regulations, the students cannot be identified in this public report.

Due to GBC personnel regulations, the identity of the instructor has also been withheld from the public report.

The committee interviewed both the instructor of record (in person) and the student (via phone conference). In addition, e-mail correspondence related to the case and the course syllabus were distributed prior to the meeting for review and were discussed as part of the evidence.

Following the interviews and a review of the written materials in question, the Academic Standards Committee made the following recommendations:

The Committee found no basis for overturning the original grade. The grade for the student issued by the instructor stands.

A written notice of this decision has been sent to the student per GBC policy.

ADDENDUM: Although not directly germane to this case, it is the sense of the Academic Standards Committee that GBC may need to review policies for the proctoring of exams for web-based courses in the near future. Of particular concern is the relationship with Western Nevada College and whether GBC students can have exams proctored through WNC.