

Great Basin College
Institutional Advisory Report
November 19, 2025

Dr. Sarah Negrete, VPAA

Academic Affairs

- New programs
 - Paramedic Skills Certificate
 - BAS Project Management
 - (coming soon) BAS in Behavioral Health & Microcredential

John Evans, VPFO

Finance and Operations

- Budget
 - Strategic Resources Committee - \$300K from hiring underlap
 - Painting and flooring for Ely
 - Painting and flooring for Pahrum
 - Hiring academic and administrative staff
- Facility Upgrades
 - Berg Hall
 - Bathrooms complete
 - Front lobby demo'd
 - Painting almost complete
 - Flooring going in
 - Landscaping happening this month
 - Winnemucca Industrial Tech Building
 - Electrical upgrades happening
 - New Sign on order
 - New equipment arriving
 - Pahrum
 - Fixing windows
 - Access Control for all buildings
 - Sidewalks/ parking lot resurfacing surveys happening now
 - HVAC planning started for Lundberg/McMullen
- Information Technology Update
 - 1st round of Zoom upgrade complete and submitting for the 2nd round soon
 - Installing new back-up servers
 - Ordered wireless access points for all campus'

Matt Aschenbrener, VPSS

Student Services

- CRM Element451
 - In process for implementation in the spring
- Enrollment
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Dr. Mary Doucette, Dean of Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences |
Accreditation Liaison
Officer

Accreditation

- The October 22nd, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Accreditation Ad-Hoc visit to review the recommendation received during the seven year site visit in 2020 was very successful. The evaluation team was very impressed with our progress to satisfy the standards listed. The report will now be reviewed by the Commissioners at their next meeting and we will receive a final letter of results in February. The faculty and staff were amazing.
- The six year NWCCU Policy, Regulations and Finance Report (PRFR) is due March 1 and the draft has been started. There is not a visit associated with this report.
- The year seven reaffirmation of Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE) is scheduled for Spring of 2027. This will be the self-study report along with a site visit.

Arts and Sciences

- The Arts and Letters Department has hired a new English instructor who started October 15th. His name is Dr. Peter Craft.
- The School of Arts and Sciences has hired a new Science Lab Coordinator, Jennifer Butt, who started October 27th. She has already jumped in and started to organize the labs!
- The Social Science Department is currently conducting interviews for a Political Science instructor to start the spring semester and the Science Department has posted a Biology Instructor position for the Winnemucca campus.
- Education is working on developing four courses for a proposed trauma informed endorsement with the SB165 funding for a microcredential in this important area. We did meet with the Nevada Department of Education. We did meet with the Nevada Department of Education and they are starting a draft for this to become an endorsement. Thank you to Denise Padilla who has been working on this important pathway for teachers in the classroom.
- The Education Department is working on program accreditation through the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). The site visit will be in Fall of 2027.
- The contracts have been signed for the Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS) and the Incentivizing Pathway for Teachers (IPT). GBC will receive \$544,464 for IPT and \$718,474 for the TNS. IPT is given as a stipend and the students qualify for \$2,000 in the third year of the education program and \$9,600 during student teaching. The TNS is available for students who declared an education program as their major. It covers 75% of the tuition and 100% of the books. Thank you to Brian Zeisler for continuing to make sure GBC students receive this much needed funding.
- Humanities Center Events:
November Book Club and Author Talk with CMarie Fuhrman, *Salmon Weather*. November 21, 1-2 p.m., McMullen 102.
December Book Club is December 12 from 1-2 p.m., *More Than Shepherders: The American Basques of Elko County*.

Dr. Staci Warnert, Dean of Health Sciences and Behavioral Health

Health Sciences and Behavioral Health

- We had an accreditation site visit on October 2-3 for the MAPE program with two representatives from the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). The site visitors praised our MAPE director, faculty, and administration and were impressed overall with the program. They found zero deficiencies and did not have any recommendations for us. Their report will be reviewed in November by the MAERB and then approved for official accreditation by CAAHEP in the spring.
- We are continuing to work toward offering CNA and MAPE education in Native American tribal communities as supported by the FIPSE grant. We recently visited the Duck Valley Sho-Pai tribe in Owyhee and are working on purchasing equipment to set up the laboratory space. We hope to offer CNA courses in Owyhee the second eight weeks of the Spring 2025 semester and MAPE starting Fall 2026. We are working with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone to discuss next steps.
- SB165 – We are in the process of submitting our proposal to obtain funding under this bill to establish a new BAS in Human Services with a Behavioral Health Wellness Emphasis as well as a Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Credential for P-12 teachers.
- Eight Bachelor of Science Sonography students are on track to graduate December, 2025. Students are allowed to start taking their licensing exams when they are within 60 days of graduation, and two students have already taken and passed their exams, meaning they will be licensed immediately upon graduation. The pinning ceremony for these students is scheduled for December 14, 2025 on the Elko campus.

Dr. Karl Stevens, Dean of Business, Computer Technologies, and Online Education

Business and Computer Technologies Academic Departments, Online Education Support

- BAS in Project Management proposal is being submitted for NSHE approval
- BAS in Management & Supervision proposal is being submitted for approval to revise the program to include more business courses and offer more flexibility for electives. Proposal includes a name change to BAS in Business Administration to make the degree more recognizable and attractive
- Faculty searches for both Project Management and general Business instructors are under way.
- Computer Technologies is preparing a proposal for a certificate in AI in Business Technology

Dr. David Stoddard, Dean of Industrial Technology and Workforce Development

Career and Technical Education, Workforce Contract Training

- All trade programs have initiated a curriculum review.
 - This helps us identify potential areas of curriculum improvement
 - Innovation and modernization
 - Student focused
 - Helps programs align with industry trends
 - Remove outdated or unneeded training and add new curriculum
 - Helps our programs remain competitive
 - Helps programs align with statewide CPL initiatives
 - Helps our programs be more attractive for incoming freshmen and transfer students
 - This initiative will also mean some credit alignment and reduction
 - Comparable programs are 60 credits (in and out of state) - 60 credits is the norm for associate degrees
 - Bachelor degree standards are 120 - we have 1 trade BAS and it will align closer to the 120 after the review
 - We will reduce where we can to remain competitive and attractive - also to make us more transfer friendly
 - Process includes faculty review for first waive and industry review for second waive
 - We want all voices to be heard and contribute, and we will ultimately do what is right for GBC
 - Input is important to help us continue to produce great graduates
 - Goal is to have curriculum ready for fall 2026
- [America 250](#) project was awarded to GBC - Welding faculty and students will play a big role in creating a sculpture for the community of Elko
- We are starting a 10 credit skills certificate in Construction Technology in Ely. Students will learn job place safety (OSHA 10), blueprint reading, and materials and methods of construction. This will qualify students for entry level construction labor jobs, mine construction work, or transfer to another NSHe institution for further education in construction related fields. Program launches in January.
- SkillsUSA Nevada State Leadership Conference Will be at GBC November 20th-22nd.

Leslie Maple, Executive Director of GBC Foundation and Communications

Foundation

- GBCF Events Calendar
 - March - Skilled Trades Event
 - April Seasonal Appeal
 - June Sip & Stroll/Date Night
 - July Golf Classic
 - August Beats & Bites Welcome Back
 - October Gala
 - November Seasonal Appeal
- Annual Report and Scholarship Brochure updates in process

	• Marketing materials for Year End and Planned Giving • New Gifts: ◦ \$50k endowed scholarship w/Jarbridge Community Association ◦ \$100k donation from Orla Mining • Pending Gifts: ◦ Funding to add EV curriculum - application due Nov 17 ◦ GBIA funding discussions in progress ◦ Expansion of Child and Family Center ◦ Capital Campaign planning for Winnemucca Expansion - pending design and project estimates
Communications	• Positions filled: ◦ Communications Manager, Ray de Mesa started Nov 1 ◦ Creative Services Specialist, offer pending with start of Nov 15/Dec1 • Spring Enrollment campaign ◦ Paid social running ◦ Radio in Elko running ◦ Meeting with Deans Advisors for email/print campaign planning • Town Halls: ◦ Invitations sent and posted to FB ◦ Presentation Preparation • MTC Scholarship Marketing and Recruiting • Branding guidelines policies and procedures • Website launch late January ◦ Team is completing training week of Nov 10 ◦ Content Prep starts week of Nov 18
Gail Rappa, Director of Continuing Education	
Continuing Education	GBC-CE is working on the Spring 2026 print and digital course catalog to go live in early December. CDL and Driver Education • The final CDL-A cohort of 2025 began 11/10; next cohort starts 1/5/26 • CDL-B classes are being developed for 2026 • The final Drivers Education Class begins 11/12: next class 1/7/26. Art and Creativity • Upcoming Workshops: ◦ Ceramics: Date Night and Night Out (11/14 & 11/15) ◦ Bob Ross Painting: Chickadees Christmas Basket (12/13) ◦ New: Custom Necktie Vest Workshop (12/29-12/30) GBC Fitness Center Classes and Memberships • Open Picklball Play on 3 nets is keeping the gym floor busy! • Music and Movements for Toddlers (11/15-12/20/25) • Youth Introduction to Rock Climbing (11/18-12/23/25) • New Meditation class starting on 1/8/26

	New Online Class: - AI for Business Course: ChatGPT & Copilot (rolling start date) Community/Campus Events: - GBC-CE will lead a free penny-charm activity during the <i>Power of Connection</i> event at the GBC-Elko campus (11/13/25) - GBC Ceramics Studio will participate in Elko's Snowflake Festival (12/13/25) selling ceramics; proceeds for scholarships for seniors 65+
Carrie Meisner, Director of the Learning Commons	
Engagement	10/03/2025 Booked - A Learning Commons Pot-Luck (Elko) 10/07/2025 Health Sciences Recruiting Event, 160 students from Spring Creek, Elko, Battle Mountain, Jackpot (Elko) - Upcoming - Tony Furtado Concert (Elko) 11/14/2025 - Upcoming - Friendsgiving (ONE GBC) 11/19/2025 - Upcoming - GBC participating in Elko's Snowflake Festival (12/13/2025) - Upcoming - GBC Holiday parties at each campus - Spring New Student Orientation (1/9/2026)
Learning Commons	- Positions Filled: - Janelle Lemley (Reference and Instruction Librarian) - Toni Milano (Testing and Tutoring Coordinator) - Search Committee for Southern Dual Credit Coordinator - Pahrump - Representing GBC on the ECSD Learner Profile Committee, School Board Presentation on November 18, 2025. - Piloted an online scheduling system for testing and tutoring early this semester for Elko area residents. Incorporating all campuses by the end of the semester. Goal - to increase access to services and gain a better understanding of tutor and proctor utilization. - Installing checkin-kiosks in the Learning Commons to track facility usage and gain understanding of how students are using the space. - Launching inaugural Career Center Workshops (Workplace Communication and Professional Etiquette) at all campuses Fall 2025 - Initiated peer-tutoring for the Electrical program (November 2025)