

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)
Institutional Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES (approved at 11/16/24 meeting)
Thursday, September 21, 2023 7:00 am (PST)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Chair John Tierney called the meeting of the GBC IAC to order at 7:02 am and asked for the roll to be taken.

GBC IAC Members Present: Terri Clark, Billie Crapo, Barbara Gallagher, Caroline McIntosh, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, John Tierney. There was a quorum.

Others Present: CJ Anderson, ECSD Superintendent

NSHE and GBC Staff Present: Amber Donnelly, Mardell Dorsa, Joyce Helens, Sam Spearing, Lizette Lyons, Mary Doucette, Natalie Brown, Mary Dugan

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Dave Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on May 21, 2023; Caroline McIntosh seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

GBC IAC Chair Report: Chair Tierney reported the Nevada Teachers Early Career Education Leadership conference to be held online this Friday and Saturday. The theme of the conference is theme is reinvigorating, reflecting and relationship jumps. There will be 143 participants with sixty from Clark County. This may be the last year that it will be online. Chair Tierney then went on to announce the passing of Wil Moschetti, long-time former member of the GBC IAC.

Academic and Student Affairs Update: Associate VP Amber Donnelly reported on behalf of VP Jake Rivera who was attending a conference. She first reported that enrollment is down about 2.9%. All the deans are really pushing enrollments to get that number up. There are a lot of student activities happening on campus and we are really seeing an increase of students wandering around campus. GBC has recently tapped into Good Jobs Northern Nevada which is funding in the amount of \$400,000 only for northern Nevada to be used for testing. The funding will pay for us to create testing pods in our library. This funding will help in upgrading our library to be more in line with the times. We will also be receiving another \$500,000 to go towards tuition. There is a big conglomerate that we are working with for strengthening community colleges. The focus on that is going to be cybersecurity and data analytics, which we know is an important thing right now. Next fall the respiratory therapy program is starting and we have our \$2 million wrapped up in that program. But we are going to lean on a new idea of doing simulation pods and creating a certificate and pathway to a degree for emergency dispatching.

Other wonderful things happening, GBC continues to have 100% pass rates in the nursing program and radiology program. There was a full site accreditation visit in spring for the

radiology program and GBC met every single standard. The paramedic program is thriving, and we will be adding a community paramedic program which will allow the paramedics to work within the community for instance to check on patients who have recently been discharged from the hospital. We received \$100,000 for Nevada Gold Mines for the social work program. The social work program has doubled because of the funding that we receive from grants as private sources.

The Deans asked to give updates on their areas. Dean Sam Spearing reported on the restarting of the diesel program in Ely after a two-year hiatus. The new instructor is doing an outstanding job. He said for the first time ever we can offer a machinist's program for Beatty High School. We are getting close to offering training to Tesla and Southwest Gas. We are particularly excited about offering training to Empire Cat. They will be needing 25-30 diesel mechanics and welders in the Elko area. Finally, with the high schools going to a four-day week there is potential for doing something on that Friday.

Dean Mary Doucette reported the Early Childhood Education program is excelling. The program started in August, and we have about 175 students declaring it as a major. Ms. Doucette reported on the First Gen Network grant of \$75,000 for competition math. We are offering and ENG 100 class for the first time as a dual enrollment. She also reported on receiving a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for making STEM transfer to universities smoother.

GBC IAC Member Report: Ms. Terri Clark reported the hospital is hosting a flu shot clinic on October 14. She thanked GBC and the GBC student nurses for their continued participation of this community outreach event. She reiterated that she would like to see a charge of some sort from President Helens as to what this group can and should be doing to and what do you need from us.

Ms. Billie Crapo reported attending an economic development forum. GBC is most definitely a community asset that small and large businesses look at when looking to move to Elko. Businesses are also looking for a labor force and skilled workers.

Ms. Carline McIntosh reported Ely is celebrating the ring of fire eclipse on October 14 with a Great American Eclipse festival. There will be people from NASA, the San Francisco Exploratorium, and the Weather Channel to name a few. There will be fun run mountain bike trail rides, train rides, Renaissance Fair mural tours, a robotic competition, a UFO party, and drum circles. Ms. McIntosh reiterated what Ms. Crapo said about needing trained workforce for businesses. Employee retention is also a challenge.

Mr. Dave Roden reported Winnemucca will have a drive through flu shot clinic at the convention center on October 11. They will also be hosting some events for the upcoming eclipse but not many as Ely.

Ms. Stacy Smith reported on a remote area medical event in Pahrump on October 6, 7 and 8. They anticipate serving over 250 people with dental and optical services. Ms. Smith also

reported the Nevada Rural Partners Network has been meeting with us here in Pahrump and Tonopah to identify key projects that will be presented for the White House infrastructure grants. We have a couple of projects identified for that. One of the things that we brought up during the meeting with them was the need for the GBC campus in Pahrump. As far as community training needs and employment needs Pahrump needs diesel mechanics, plumbers, machinists, and nurses. President Helens said that GBC did receive enhancement funding of \$500,000 to allow us to add additional nursing faculty in Pahrump which will allow us to double our nursing students in Pahrump. Pahrump also has the biggest group of radiology students.

Ms. Barbara Gallagher reported the 82nd Nevada legislative session ended in June. She stated she serves on the board of the Nevada Justice Association, which is the Nevada trial lawyers. They had several bills in the legislature this year that they had been working on for several years. They primarily focus on bills that benefit consumers throughout the state. Ms. Gallagher stated that they felt they had a very successful legislative session this year, especially as it relates to medical malpractice and medical malpractice reform. I would like to echo Billie's comments about attracting and retaining employees. As a small business owner, it has been very challenging. The legal community is small in Elko, and I know that we have many times hired through Great Basin college people who have gone through the paralegal training, which has been wonderful. But we are constantly faced with people who think they want to work in the legal profession, until they get into it and determine it is not for them.

Finally, Ms. Gallagher stated she would welcome a charge from President Helens as to how we can be more involved, and she looks forward to working towards that goal.

President's Report: President Helens talked about the GBC Metrics presentation that she did at the June Board of Regents meeting. She did it a little differently than what was requested to more accurately show where we are. We could not do what we do without supplemental funding and grants. GBC has accomplished many important things with limited resources, and we should all be proud. We have limitations that other institutions do not have. Even though there are needs in some areas, if we can get a person hired, we cannot offer a program. With our CTE instructors they can make a lot more money in the private industry, so we must continually compete with that. We have created Memos of Understanding with UNR to help pick up in areas where we do not have the staff anymore. President Helens stated that we must continue to sustain the legacy of access to higher education in rural Nevada.

President Helens talked about the Foundation and the important work that they do.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development & Community Colleges Update:

Ms. Natalie Brown started her report with the announcement that the Board of Regents had appointed an Interim Chancellor last month – Patty Charlton. Recruitments are underway to fill the CFO and Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs. Ms. Brown currently oversees the SB 375, which is the nursing expansion grant for undergraduate and graduate nursing programs within NSHE, with the \$500,000 going to GBC. She was also incredibly happy when \$442,000 in funding was approved in June by the Board of Regents for

the GBC Winnemucca instrumentation technology program. Other initiatives include working with Nevada Department of Education to increase professionals in the teaching field. We will be presenting to the interim Joint Committee on Education in the spring. She will be reaching out to our community college education experts as they start the planning process and working with our community colleges to advance now EMT programs, which is the education and training component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and that is to provide students on SNAP with education and supportive Services. There is an individual here at the system that is going to play a more active role in helping to coordinate that and get those programs off the ground with our community colleges. Additionally, the apprenticeship and pre apprenticeship programs are being revamped. She will also be reaching out to institutions to identify high need areas and leverage the relationships between our community colleges, and businesses and industry. She wants to make sure that we are meeting the business and industry needs. And one key element of the model will be ensuring the rural areas are a priority in that. And then one final item, the Workforce Committee meeting at the next quarterly board of regents meeting, which will be November 30, will focus on an overview of legislative investments, institutional updates and workforce development initiatives that are moving forward on each of our institutions.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

New Business: There was no new business.

Chair Tierney adjourned the meeting at 8:16 am.