

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)

Institutional Advisory Council

1500 College Parkway

Elko, Nevada 89801

Thursday, November 17, 2022 7:00 am (PST)

MEETING MINUTES

Approved at the 3/18/23 IAC meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call – *John Tierney*

GBC IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:02 am and asked that the roll be taken.

GBC IAC members present were Terri Clark, Billie Crapo, Caroline McIntosh, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, and John Tierney. **GBC IAC members absent:** Barbara Gallagher Kidwell. There was a quorum.

Others present:

Terina Caserto, NSHE Sr. Analyst

Becky Coleman

Colby Corbitt, Humboldt Co. School District

Amber Donnelly

Mardell Dorsa

Mary Doucette

Joyce Helens

Jake Hinton-Rivera

Veronica Nielsen

Karl Stevens

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

GBC Institutional Advisory Council reviewed the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on September 15, 2022. Mr. Dave Roden moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Terri Clark seconded the motion. **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

GBC IAC Chair Report

Chair John Tierney recognized Mr. Colby Corbitt representing Humboldt County School District. Mr. Corbitt is a passive observer at today's meeting and will be prepared to give a report at the next

meeting. There were no superintendents at the meeting.

Chair Tierney announce the 2023 Nevada Teacher of the Year has been selected. It is Connie Hall, a kindergarten teacher from Sparks. Michelle Mikayla, an elementary teacher from McGill was a finalist.

Chair Tierney stated the virtual New Teachers Conference that the Department of Education and GBC put on was again quite successful. Next year's event will be a hybrid with live meetings as well as virtual. Mr. Tierney stated he attended the dedication of the GTA 130 classroom in honor of Catherine Chilton and it was a wonderful event.

IAC Member Reports

GBC IAC members were able to give an update on important matters and/or community needs.

Ms. Terri Clark that the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital (NNRH) is hosting a Santa event for children who have sensory sensitivities on December 3 at 1:00 pm. They ensure the environment is very quiet and no bright lights. She reported the recent flu vaccination event they hosted had about 1/3 less vaccinations than the year before. That could be that people are getting their flu shots from the pharmacies.

Ms. Billie Crapo apologized for missing that last couple of meetings, but they conflict with the Chamber's Board meetings. The Chamber has just finished the candidate forums and their own Board of Directors' elections. On December 1st the Chamber is hosting their very own first Christmas Tree Lighting Event at the Sherman Station. On December 15 is the annual Chamber Christmas Party at the Elko Museum. The Chamber celebrated 20 years of the Chamber Check Program in 2022. The Chamber Program has been responsible for keeping a little over \$11 million dollars in our community. She stated she just filled a \$300,000 Chamber Check order from a local mine.

Ms. Caroline McIntosh welcomed Mr. Corbitt to the meeting and told him from White Pine's perspective how important the partnership with GBC and the School District is with the dual enrollment programs. It really makes all the difference for the students as far as rigor and opportunity. Ms. McIntosh congratulated Susan Jensen, Nevada Association of School Boards Secondary Principal of the Year and Catalina Jones, district employee for making a difference. She just loves it when the local folks in K-12 and higher ed win awards for various reasons and we just need to give them all the praise possible.

Mr. Dave Roden reported that Winnemucca has 85 students enrolled in the dual credit program. Work continues to try and improved that with the School District. He hopes that the new governor can do something to help.

Ms. Stacy Smith reported on some things coming up in their community. The Chocolate Buffet is on December 21 at 3:00 pm. The event recognizes partners of Nye County Coalition. They are working on the Brownfields training program and recruiting for it now. There will be provided whatever training is needed whether it be CDL or OSHA training. They have also been participating in the statewide Healthcare Workforce and Pipeline Development committee. The committee does bring up

GBC occasionally and Ms. Smith tries to be a cheerleader for the nursing and the CNA programs.

Ms. Smith reported her organization has just received a temperature-controlled storage unit and they are working with a local food provider to help set them up as a food hub to continue to be able to push the food out to Nye and Esmeralda Counties.

Finally, Ms. Smith said she hopes that President Helens addresses the vacant director's position in Pahrump and if there is anything that she can assist locally in promoting and recruiting for that position.

President's Report

President Helens addressed Ms. Smith's comments about the director of the Pahrump campus vacancy. We have been having challenges recruiting positions since the pandemic. We have had to rethink things and sometimes change position descriptions. We are working on that vacancy.

President Helens announced the GBC Winter Festival is to be on December 7 at 5:30 pm with the official program beginning at 6:00 pm. The theme will be Christmas Around the World. GBC also hosted a wonderful event for Veterans Day. President Helens met an interesting gentleman who was an officer in the National Guard for 32 years. He's an engineer. He is interested in locomotives and ships, anything floating really that takes passengers and must be inspected by the Coast Guard. So, he's been around the world inspected ships. And so, he is a student here, enrolled for yet another degree. He is interested in water rights and making sure that Nevada has water. He has expressed an interest in being on the GBC IAC. Nevada Gold Mines also has expressed an interest in having someone on the GBC IAC. It is all good news.

President Helens also mentioned the room dedication of GTA 130 honoring Kathy Chilton. Regent Cathy McAdoo spoke from the heart. Mark and Kathy Chilton were founders of the college and when you hear of the selflessness and caring for the community and their generosity to the college continues to this day. It truly is so heartwarming.

President Helens announced that Vice President Sonja Sibert has taken a position with Nevada State College. Nevada State College can offer more money. It is one of the challenges we face in our 3-tiered system. We have the universities and research institute, the state college, and the community colleges and each has a different pay scale. Of course, the community colleges pay the least which creates an environment where our employees are going to the universities because they pay better. We will still be utilizing here on retainer until June 2023.

President Helens talked about the relationship between GBC and UNR as being very successful in saving GBC money and resources. The Mining Center of Excellence had been something that President Helens has been planning for five years and with the partnership of UNR it is coming to fruition. She reported that GBC has requested \$500,000 from Nevada Gold Mines for the remodel of the building that will house the Mining Center of Excellence and it is likely that we will receive that funding.

President Helens recently met with UNR's School of Journalism Dean, and we will be partnering with them to get our public radio station back online. We have the great studio that can be converted back.

So, we will have our own Elko news programing.

President Helens is working on partnering with the Western Folklife Center to reestablish GBC as a venue for the event for the Cowboy Poetry. Many years ago, GBC played host to a few of the events, and it is important to do that again.

President Helens is working on the new charge/bylaws for the GBC IAC. As you know the Presidents were given the authority to create their own charge for their IACs which is due in December.

At the end of the President's report, Ms. Clark commented on the presentation that GBC did to Nevada Gold Mines for the \$500,000 for the Mining Center of Excellence. He did a superb job.

Vice President for Student & Academic Affairs Report

Vice President Rivera reported the GBC spring registration started two weeks ago. Currently for spring we are up 23% in both FTE and headcount. That is a good start, and we want to keep moving in that direction. We are currently celebrating International Education Week. Among other things we will be screening a Brazilian movie, having an international coffee tasting event, a talk on the explosion of Korean pop culture, and a discussion on the war between Ukraine and Russia.

VP Rivera reported that GBC is currently recruiting for a Director of Enrollment Services, a Director of the Childcare Center, and Director of the Pahrump Campus. The Director of Continuing Education has been filled and the candidate will start at the first of the year.

VP Rivera asked the Deans to report on their areas.

Karl Stevens, Dean of Online Education, reported on the continued ongoing professional development opportunities and monthly trainings that are tied directly to three pillars within the strategic plan. His department also has weekly Lunch Bytes training. They are also exploring the outcomes feature within our learning management system.

Mary Doucette, Dean of Arts and Sciences, reported on the Second Chance Pell Grant, that is helping with prison education. We have been working with the Ely prison and they deal with different things compared the Lovelock prison, so it has been a challenge. Ms. Doucette reported that she and VP Rivera attended a Northwest Association of Colleges and Universities conference, and a big focus was on prison education. GBC also has an accreditation visit on April 24 and 25, 2023.

Ms. Doucette reported that President Helens will present the GBC Strategic Plan to the Board of Regents for their approval. We are working on the assessment part of the Strategic Plan. Thanks to Mr. Stevens for all the professional development opportunities his department is creating and recording so that all faculty and staff can access anything if they cannot attend in person.

Ms. Doucette has been working with Sam Spearing with the Mining Center of Excellence in creating the dual enrollment certificates. We are also working on revamping our Engineering and Physical Sciences Associate degree which will be dual enrollment as well.

Amber Donnelly, Dean of Health Science and Human Services, stated GBC has been very fortunate to receive funding from several different grants and things that were put in place last year. We have grant funding which is paying for two sections of a new program called Medical Assisting Phlebotomy and EKG students complete that in two semesters. It is also on Ms. Donnelly's radar to figure out how we can do some things like this in Battle Mountain and Ely. She reported on the \$1 million dollar grant funding from Hemsley that will help fund the Sonography program. We have hired an instructor for the program. There were 18 applicants to the program and 12 were admitted and awarded scholarships. They also provided all the handheld devices that they can practice ultrasound, so they can scan family and friends for practice. The fact that GBC has been able to purchase those types of technology with the grant funding from the Hemsley Charitable Trust Foundation has been fantastic. We also were awarded \$800,000 towards our Respiratory Therapy Program and to support at three-year instructor position.

Vice Chancellor for Student & Academic Affairs and Community Colleges Report

Terina Caserto was representing the Vice Chancellor for Student & Academic Affairs and Community Colleges. She reported on the redesigning of the institutional IACs to better support the president and the institution and the communities they serve. She reported the Workforce Incentive Grant (WIG) was approved by the Interim Finance Committee in August. Their office has been working with the community colleges financial aid directors to prepare for spring 2023 launch. Depending on the use of the funds the program funds could still be available spring 2024. The WIG program is designed to support students who don't meet eligibility requirements for the Millennium Scholarship program.

Ms. Caserto reported the search for an Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges is still underway.

Chair Tierney commented that he would love to see the IAC Chairs meeting start up again going forward.

New Business

No new business.

Public Comment

Wil Moschetti reported on Rotary's dictionary program that has been ongoing for 20 years. They distributed 900 dictionaries this year with a postcard inside from GBC. They have one more school left to get the dictionaries out to. Mr. Moschetti also mentioned he hopes the term limits are changed with the new IAC charge as he would hate to see Dave Roden off the IAC as his term ends next year.

Adjourn

Chair Tierney adjourned the meeting at 8:12 am.