

Great Basin College
Institutional Advisory Report
April 30, 2026

Dr. Sarah Negrete, VPAA

Academic Affairs |
Accreditation Liaison
Officer

- Credit for Prior Learning
- OER

John Evans, VPFO

Finance and Operations

- Budget
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- Facility Upgrades
 - Berg Hall
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 - Winnemucca Industrial Tech Building
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 - Ely Professor Offices -
 - Access Control for all buildings
 - Design happening now
 - CIP - Sidewalks/ parking lot resurfacing
 - Design company selected and in process
 - CIP - HVAC planning started for Lundberg/McMullen
 - Design company selected and in process
- Information Technology Update
- Strategic Resources Committee

Matt Aschenbrener, VPSS

Student Services

- CRM Element451 - new application live
- Enrollment update
- Recruitment plan
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Dr. R. Dean Straight, Dean of Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences |

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- Social Science Department — completed search and hired Political Science instructor for Fall 2026
- Science Department — completed search and hired Biology Instructor for Winnemucca campus with a Fall 2026 start
- Arts and Letters — preparing professional writing workshop focused on introductory professional communications for students and community
- Arts and Letters (English) — early-stage revision of BA program, developing two pathways: Literature and Professional/Composition
- Social Sciences — continued expansion of Wellness Warrior initiative,

	supporting student mental health and community-building across campuses • Criminal Justice Program — program coordinator initiated partnership discussions with Southern Nevada warden • Criminal Justice Program — early development of correctional professional-focused stackable workforce credential aligned with industry needs
Dr. Staci Warnert, Dean of Health Sciences and Behavioral Health	
Health Sciences and Behavioral Health	Accreditation • The Paramedic Program has an accreditation site visit, scheduled for July 16-17, 2026. This is a 7-year required visit for continuing accreditation with CAAHEP and CoEMSP. • The Sonography program is awaiting confirmation for a scheduled site visit that will occur sometime during the next academic year. This is part of the standard policies for continuing accreditation with CAAHEP and JRC-DMS. • The Nursing program has submitted a request for a scheduled site visit as part of the continuing accreditation process for the ACEN. This is a 8-year required visit that will occur in Fall 2027 with a written self-study due four months prior. Grants/Programming • We are continuing to work toward offering CNA and MAPE education in Native American tribal communities as supported by the FIPSE grant. Lab equipment has been purchased for Owyhee. The Lab has been set up in Owyhee at the Owyhee tribal clinic and the State Board of Nursing has conducted their site visit for CNA education. We are planning to offer CNA education this fall. We are working with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone and the Humboldt County School District to discuss next steps in McDermitt. • SB165: We are in the development and planning stages to offer a Bachelor's in Human Services with a Behavioral Health Wellness Emphasis as well as a Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Credential for PK-12 teachers. We are working with the Psych licensing board to ensure we are meeting new regulations for the new Behavioral Health Wellness profession and the Nevada Department of Education to recognize the Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Credential as an Endorsement for teachers. • We are in the process of submitting grant applications for the Rural Transformation Program to support projects related to strengthening rural healthcare education and growing the rural workforce as well as potential new programming in social work, echo (cardiac)/vascular sonography, healthcare administration, and basic dental assisting.

	Events - The GBC Health Sciences Disaster Day Drill is scheduled for April 24th in partnership with multiple Elko/ Elko County agencies. The drill aims to practice community emergency response while also providing valuable learning opportunities for our paramedic, nursing, and MAPE students. <u>Graduation Pinning Ceremonies:</u> <table><tr><td>Reno - Renown Regional Medical Center, Mack Auditorium</td><td>Respiratory Therapy</td><td>May 5th @ 4:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Pahrump - Valley Electric Conference Room</td><td>Nursing & Radiology</td><td>May 8th @ 4:30pm</td></tr><tr><td>GBC - Elko, Winnemucca, & Pahrump Campuses (Zoom Rooms)</td><td>MAPE</td><td>May 13th @ 1:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Elko - GBC Theatre</td><td>Nursing & Radiology</td><td>May 14th @ 5:30pm</td></tr><tr><td>Winnemucca - Boys & Girls Club of Winnemucca</td><td>Nursing</td><td>May 15th @ 1:00pm</td></tr></table>	Reno - Renown Regional Medical Center, Mack Auditorium	Respiratory Therapy	May 5th @ 4:00pm	Pahrump - Valley Electric Conference Room	Nursing & Radiology	May 8th @ 4:30pm	GBC - Elko, Winnemucca, & Pahrump Campuses (Zoom Rooms)	MAPE	May 13th @ 1:00pm	Elko - GBC Theatre	Nursing & Radiology	May 14th @ 5:30pm	Winnemucca - Boys & Girls Club of Winnemucca	Nursing	May 15th @ 1:00pm
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Dr. Karl Stevens, Dean of Business, Computer Technologies, and Online Education																
Business and Computer Technologies Academic Departments, Online Education Support	- Computer Technologies had its certificate in AI in Business Technology approved by the Faculty Senate. It has been submitted to NSHE for approval. - Lovelock Correctional Center inmate enrollments remain strong with 87 students in Spring 2026, with 28 inmates scheduled to graduate in May with certificates and AAS degrees in Business. - By the end of Spring semester, Online Education will have offered 28 professional development sessions for faculty.															
Dr. David Stoddard, Dean of Industrial Technology and Workforce Development																
Career and Technical Education, Workforce Contract Training	- Maintenance Training Cooperative Scholarship 190 applications 120 qualified for interviews 106 scholarships were offered															

	■ Changes are still being made, but we anticipate a number at or near where we are now ○ MTC Draft Day Celebrations ■ Winnemucca - 4/21 ■ Elko - 4/23 ● Machining program in Pahrump qualified for Project MFG, Clash of Trades that will air on YouTube TV ○ Competition and filming was March 11-13th ■ Update: Our team did not advance to the finals, but they had a great showing. They completed as much as any other team did, and they showed great improvement from last year. ■ No YouTube showing date set yet. ● SkillsUSA State Competition ○ Gold Medal Winners, qualified for Nationals: ■ Braden Bender - Diesel ■ Landon Kalaveras, Guadalupe Montalvo Avendano, Aiden Adams - Welding Fabrication ■ Pahrump Team - Did not need to compete at state level ○ Silver Winners: ■ Ethan Elliot - Diesel ■ Oswaldo Nunez - Welding Sculpture ○ Bronze Winners: ■ Aiden Montero - Diesel ● Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education ○ VP Negrete, Dean Stoddard, and Instrumentation Instructor Abby Loya attended the conference to present on our first year experiences with hybrid learning models for workforce programs. The feedback we received is that it was the best presentation of the conference. Many schools are interested in how we did it, and why we are doing it. GBC is helping to lead academic innovation. ● The Stan Popeck Memorial BBQ Fundraiser is coming up on May 13th. Tickets are still available for purchase. A silent auction will also take place at the event. ● New positions being filled ○ Winnemucca Lab Aide (interviews 4/21/26) ○ Industrial Maintenance Faculty (interviews 4/22/26) ○ Land Survey Faculty (interviews 4/28/26) ○ Diesel Faculty (actively recruiting)
Leslie Maple, Executive Director of GBC Foundation and Communications	
Foundation	● GBCF Events Calendar ○ Support for Popeck Memorial BBQ ○ April 21 & 23 MTC Draft Day Events in Elko and Winn ○ August 1 Golf Classic ○ September 12 Ely 30th ○ September 26 Elko Dinner Dance (tentative) ○ November Seasonal Appeal

	• Annual Report and Scholarship Brochure updates in process • New Gifts: ◦ \$100k from General Motors to advance EV curriculum with our Diesel program ◦ \$53k in funding for Ely Center ◦ \$10k in scholarships from i80 Gold ◦ \$20k private scholarship • Pending Fundraising Initiatives: ◦ Capital Campaign planning for Winnemucca Expansion
Communications	• Website launch ◦ New site has been well received by faculty and students ◦ Better functionality to make website our main marketing platform ◦ Next steps include integration with CRM for lead generation and more efficient marketing campaigns and ROI tracking • Open Position: ◦ Web and CRM Manager • Ongoing campaigns: ◦ Spring enrollment - wrapping up March 16 ◦ Fall Nursing running now - focus on attracting students to Pahrump program ◦ Fall enrollment - running now, will be launching lead generation in the next two weeks once CRM is fully implemented • • MTC Scholarship Marketing and Recruiting ◦ 50 applications last year at this time 33
Gail Rappa, Director of Continuing Education	
Continuing Education	Spring 2026 Catalogue Summer Classes are on the CE Website CDL and Driver Education • CDL Award: Great Basin College Awarded \$630,962 to Expand CDL Training CDL Vehicles/trailers are in the process of being purchased. CDL Instructors will be interviewed on 4/27/26. Once hired, the new CDL Instructor will help plan the CDL classes at our GBC center locations. • CDL Challenges: Limited CDL testing dates at the Elko and Winnemucca DMV creating completion bottle-necks for students to get their CDL licences and get employed. • CDL-A: 4/6/26 class well underway with the maximum 5 students. The 5/18/26 class is full with 5 students, and the next class starting 7/13/26 has 2 enrolled so far. • CDL B for Diversified: To date we have trained 19 students. We're in the middle of our 5th cohort; the next one starts 6/1/26. • Drivers Education Enrollment: 3/4/26 class: 60; 4/8/26 class: 47; June 10/26 class 10 so far. Art and Creativity

	● Upcoming Workshops: ○ Summer Youth classes and camps: clay, tech, chess, etc. ○ Painting on Location (En Plein Air) (5/2-5/3/2026) ○ Blues Guitar Improvisation with Ned Evett (5/6 - 5/20/2026) ○ Bob Ross Technique for Oil Painting: Indian Summer (5/9/2026) ○ Lampworking Fundamentals: Bead Shapes (5/9-5/10/26) GBC Fitness Center Classes and Memberships ● Classes are winding down for the semester, but we have Rock climbing camps, Pickleball and Volleyball planned for the summer. ● Three Session Meditation class starting on 5/12/26
Carrie Bruno Meisner, Director of the Learning Commons	
Engagement	● Teamed with the Humanities Center to Host the NV Poet Laureate (4/20/26) ● Student Awards Ceremony (4/30/26 at 5:30pm) ○ In the theater and available on Zoom ○ New this year - President's Award recipients at each campus ○ Dinner reception to follow ● Graduation ○ Ely (5/7/26) ○ Pahrump (5/9/26) ○ Winnemucca (5/15/26) ○ Elko, 2 ceremonies 9:00am and noon (5/16/26) ● End of Year BBQ in Elko (5/16/26) - following the second ceremony
Learning Commons	● Library: ○ Citations Workshop II by Janelle Lemley (4/14/26) ○ To promote on-campus engagement and student success, anatomic Models (skeleton and leg) and posters arrived for Biology and radiology students students. Study space on the main floor will be established for students to use the models. Students and faculty are thrilled with this addition. More models will be added this summer. ○ The new Mobile Zoom unit is ready for use and can be reserved by faculty and staff for meetings, seminars, workshops, and study groups. The Humanities Center is using the unit for their monthly bookclub. ○ Initiated a new Popular Literature collection in hopes to increase circulation, community memberships, and campus engagement. ○ Teamed with Wellness Warriors for a St. Patrick's Day Potluck ○ Teaming with Strategic Resources Committee to replace carpet on main floor of Learning Commons and in the upstairs Reading Room. Furniture will be refreshed in both spaces. The Reading Room will be a multi-use space for workshops, seminars and conferences.

	● Dual Credit ○ Presented to 8th grade parents at EHS (3/11/26) ○ Presented Counselor Refresher Training for NSHS (3/26/26) ○ Presented to 9th, 10th and 11th graders at EHS (4/13/26) ○ Tabled at Spring Creek High School Success Summit (3/18/26) ○ Presented at 9-11th Grade Parents Night at EHS (4/8/26) ○ Enrollment/Recruiting Event at SCHS (4/22/26) ○ Mass Enrollment Event at EHS (4/28/26) ● Career Center ○ Investigating Career Management Platforms - Handshake, Wheel, LinkedIn Learning ○ Meeting with EmployNV (4/24/26) to discuss partnership opportunities and CMPs
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