

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Board of Trustee Meeting
1500 College Parkway, Elko, Nevada 89801
GBC Berg Hall Conference Room
BlueJeans Dial-in: (888) 240-2560 Meeting ID: 704 647 748

Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 12:15 pm

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GBC – Battle Mt. Center
835 N. 2nd Street
GBC BM 2
Battle Mt., NV 89820

GBC – Ely Center
2115 Bobcat Dr.
GBC 118
Ely, NV

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GBC PVC 115
Pahrump, NV 89048

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Agenda

Call to Order of the Great Basin College Foundation Board of Trustees

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present

Tana Gallagher
Kaley Chapin
Dr. Robert Colon
Zachary Gerber
Danny Gillins
James Glennon
Chris Johnson
Mark Laffoon
Caroline McIntosh
Holly Wilson

Call-in

John Pryor
Dave Roden

Absent

Gregory Hafen
Angela Prindle
John Pryor
Melissa Schultz

Guests

Cami Gerber
Joyce Helens
Jinho Jung
George Kleebe
Matt McCarty
Kevin Seipp

3. Public Comment (*see notation regarding public comment*)

4. Approval of proposed Development Committee Members

5. Athletics

- a. Recommendation from the GBC Development Committee for a request for the GBC Foundation to commit up to a \$50,000 contribution from the Board Designated Endowment for New Programs Fund to match other donor funding sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the Fall 2020 women's volleyball program and start-up costs, and which is contingent on full start-up funding of the program by November 30, 2019 and approval by the Board of Regents for GBC to join the Scenic West Athletic Conference (SWAC).

Information

Action

Possible Action

Discussion followed the Recommendation: The proposed budget was revised to only include volleyball; after successful implementation of volleyball, the Athletics Program (GBCAP) would expand to include other sports.

Mr. Kevin Seipp was available for questions about the GBCAP proposal and reviewed the content made available to attendees. GBC has already approved the \$3.00/credit fee for Athletics, which, by the time

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volleyball is implemented (now Fall 2020), will have built to about a \$200,000.00 financial safety net for GBC AP. The College will be presenting the GBC AP proposal to the Board of Regents in June and will ask for approval to enter the SWAC.

Mr. Zach Gerber, speaking as the Development Committee chair, was confident in recommending to the Board of Trustees to support this proposal.

Mr. Mark Laffoon agreed that this would be “nothing but good” for this area.

Ms. Caroline McIntosh was concerned that an Athletics Program will not meet the most immediate needs of GBC students or investors in the GBC service area.

President Joyce Helens spoke about the Bighorn athletics logo competition. GBC has had the bighorn as a mascot for a long time. President Helens reminded the Trustees that filling the budget deficit is not a linear process. It is a comprehensive process that will take the implementation of many different strategies to increase stability.

Mr. Laffoon asked if GBC would charge admission to the volleyball games, and Mr. Seipp said definitely, and this would generate more funding and supplement the budget for running volleyball. Mr. McCarty stated the Foundation would work with GBCAP to create a booster club that would be charged for regular annual sponsorship and/or membership, as well as involve the Alumni Association in this endeavor.

Mr. Seipp stated that if GBC is unable to raise the deficit, “Plan B” would be to suspend the Athletics Program.

Ms. McIntosh wanted to make sure this proposal was keen to the workforce and if the local industries and employers could have a vote in this proposal. She stated that the GBC Foundation should fulfill our Mission by exploring other avenues for student enhancements. Ms. McIntosh asked, “Are all of our student’s needs being met and could they be better met funneling funds toward another avenue” such as student housing, a Nursing Program in Ely, etc.? Mr. Matt McCarty said a Nursing Program was not feasible at this moment. Further discussion on this matter was not taken.

Mr. Gerber stated that one facet of the Foundation Strategic Plan is to support the College, to help it grow, and to implement new programs. Matching \$50,000 toward the College (with all the contingencies of the proposed recommendation from the Development Committee is a minor amount of money to invest in comparison to what the Foundation has already pledged to the College to help fill its budget deficit. Athletics is exciting, it builds comradery and competition and will help the College grow. The point is not to take away funds from other programs, but to supplement and build other programs at the College.

Mr. Laffoon stated that as a representative from the mining industry, and as a father of a former collegiate athlete, he is in support of an Athletics Program.

Mr. Seipp stated that student-athletes have higher grades, higher graduation rates, and graduate on time, as compared to traditional students. SWAC is a high-profile conference and this will bring quality coaches and administrators to GBC. It will encourage student success and workforce development.

Mr. Chris Johnson stated that he did not have enough information to make a decision to support GBCAP and that he would like more information provided.

The Administrative Assistant Ms. Gerber stated that a packet of information had been sent to all trustees in advance of this meeting (trustees were to get back to Mr. McCarty and/or Mr. Seipp if they had concerns before this meeting).

Mr. Chris Johnson followed up to say that any of the Trustee dissenters’ concerns should be considered and responses should be formulated, because Mr. Seipp would have to be prepared to answer the questions of the Board of Regents.

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Mr. Gerber stated that he had enough information to vote in favor of the proposal.

Ms. Chapin said people frequently ask her if GBC has an agricultural program. She has to tell them GBC does not. However, as a representative from her industry, ranch families are very involved in sports and that would be a GBC selling point for her as she meets people in the community.

Ms. Holly Wilson stated she lives in Ely and does not suffer a complex from the Elko campus; that GBC Elko is the mothership, and if the Elko campus is not successful, then the other campuses cannot be. Ms. Wilson wanted to know that there would be a failsafe if the Athletics Program became too unwieldy—that the College would have an exit strategy. She stated that athletics in general pulls the community together and that she believed the community will back an athletics program.

Ms. McIntosh reiterated that she wanted all the industries polled to see if Athletics was something they wanted to invest in.

Mr. Gerber stated that the Foundation Board needed to get the ball rolling on the decision in order for the Foundation to get started on Athletics fundraising.

Mr. Laffoon said he would absolutely vote for Athletics. That it does function within the mission of the Foundation.

Mr. Chris Johnson suggested that the Trustees slow down on this vote. That he would vote no, if Athletics was put to a vote today, but that he would support the majority vote.

Mr. James Glennon commented that Great Basin College was created through a grassroots movement. That he has hired in his office graduates of GBC. He does not doubt their technical ability, but he also wants employees, for example, with problem solving skills—students who have been involved in arts, athletics, etc., and that employers need to shift their view. Voting in favor of this match grant will provide an opportunity for the Director to raise funds for Athletics.

MSP Mr. Gerber, Ms. Chapin. Opposed: Ms. Wilson, Ms. McIntosh, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Colon

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| 6. Items from Board Members
None. | Information |
| 7. Public Comment (<i>see notation regarding public comment</i>)
None. | Information |
| 8. Adjourn
1:00pm | |

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- The Nevada Public Notice website pursuant to NRS 232.2175 (<https://notice.nv.gov/>)
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- Meeting location: Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
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- Great Basin College Winnemucca Center, 5490 Kluncky Canyon Road, Winnemucca, NV 89445

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