

Great Basin College
FACULTY SENATE 2021-2022
Friday, November 19, 2021
9:00am

MINUTES

1. Roll Call-Call to Order

Present Voting Representatives: Dave Sexton; Thomas Bruns; Oscar Sida (Proxy); Matt Nichols; Alex Kiehn; Jessica Lynch; Justine Stout; Eleanor O'Donnell; Jinho Jung; Daniel Bergey; Nicholas Cooley; Brandy Nielsen; Ryan Hathaway; Jennifer Steiger; Lynette McFarlan; Oscar Sida (Proxy); Eric Walsh; Philip Medina (Proxy); Eric Walsh; Diane Wrightman; Jason Brick; Madison Arbillaga

Absent Voting Representatives: Emily Bailey; Tami Potter; Tim Beasley; Jessica Lynch

Other Members Present: Kevin Seipp (Senate Chair); Angie De Braga; Susanne Bentley; Jason Brick; Jennifer Brown; Sidnie Creamer; Laura Debenham; Dwaine Hiles; Donald Jones; Roger Quijada; Lynne Owens; Glen Tenney; Milinda Wasala; Dean Straight; Xunming Du; Jennifer Sprout; Gerardo Wence Munoz; Laurie Walsh; Earl Owen; Norm Whittaker; Chantel Garcia; Mardell Dorsa

Others Present: President Helens; Gaye Terras; Kelli Baker

2. Update from President Helens – President Helens reported the Winnemucca building is ahead of schedule, will be a June ribbon cutting. Met with CEO from Nevada Gold Mines and toured the Armory and would like to turn it in to a technical center. Welding Lab is fully funded. December 8th or earlier we will have a light up the campus and it will be open to the community. We will have the choiraliers and Basque dancers. We have a vendor for food service, which will be announced soon.

Angie De Braga mentioned the ceramic event will be back along with that event.

Lynette McFarlan said Phi Beta Kappa would be willing to help.

Sidnie Creamer said the revitalization committee teamed up with welding students and made dog paw print ornaments and proceeds will go to the Animal Shelter.

3. Update from Vice President of BA, Sonja Sibert – NO REPORT

4. Update from Vice President of AA/SA, Jake Hinton-Rivera - NO REPORT

5. Senate Chair Report – WRITTEN/VERBAL REPORT

The Board of Regents held a special meeting where they elected Carol Del Carlo as Chair Pro Tempore and Amy Carvalho as Vice Chair Pro Tempore, where they will remain until allegations against Chair and Vice Chair have been completed.

As a reminder December 1st is the date for vaccines, please turn in vaccination card. Enrollment opened November 1st and enrollment is down. Please encourage students to get vaccinated or turn in their vaccination exemption paperwork.

Thank you to all of the veterans.

6. Approval of October 15, 2021 Minutes - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A Motion to approve the October 15, 2021 minutes was made by Brandy Nielsen, seconded by Ryan Hathaway, motion passed unanimously.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment.....**WRITTEN REPORT**
- b. Bylaws.....**WRITTEN REPORT/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Kevin stated the item pertaining to chair duties and meeting will not be considered at today's meeting.

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY AND FUNCTION OF THE SENATE; 2.1 Authority
The proposed change deals with personal conduct and ethics.

Discussion revolved around why the paragraph needs to be included; if it is located in the correct section of the Bylaws; and to change some wording.

A motion to approve the amended language, as discussed during the meeting, and to move the language under to Article 2.2. Function of Faculty Senate was made by Ryan Hathaway and seconded by Daniel Bergey. Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP; subparagraphs 4 and 8

Changes in language relating to voting representative responsibilities.

Discussion revolved around adding a sentence or modifying the suggested language. It was suggested to modify that senators vote with consideration of the departmental consensus.

A motion to retain the provisions, as discussed during the meeting, was made by Daniel Bergey and seconded by Dave Sexton. Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE VII. SENATE COMMITTEES; 7.1 Function subparagraph D; and items pertaining to 7.5
Senate Standing Committees

Changes and additions are relating to subcommittee formation and their hierarchy.

It was suggested to change the language for the subcommittee may be formed by the committee chair with the approval by the committee.

A motion to accept the proposed changes, with the revisions as discussed during the meeting, was made by Dave Sexton and seconded by Brandy Nielsen. Motion passed unanimously.

(PLEASE REFER TO THE UPDATED BYLAWS FOR EXACT WORDING THAT WAS APPROVED)

- c. Compensation & Benefits.....**NO REPORT**
- f. Curriculum Review.....**WRITTEN REPORT**
- g. Distance Education.....**NO REPORT**
- h. Gen Ed Committee.....**WRITTEN REPORT**
- i. Personnel.....**WRITTEN REPORT**

- j. Strategic Planning, ad hoc.....**NO REPORT**

(This item was taken out of order and a verbal report was given.)

Evi reported they have completed the survey and swot analysis and next will be forum sessions to get feedback, ideas, and direction.

This will make sure we remain our ontology on our future is largely centered on values (who we are) mission (what we do) and vision (where we are going). NSHE reporting requirements fall under strategic planning metrics, which will be expanded from five to six. Mission is are we doing what we say we are doing, building a simplified mission statement with a more expansive mission philosophy statement. Vision goals and future are being taken from the existing strategic enrollment management plan the technology plans and the ideas task force.

December 9 or 10th will be the faculty and staff forum, there will also be forums for students, classified staff, the community, and for advisory boards.

8. Unfinished Business - INFORMATION ONLY

9. New Business:

- a. Equipment Request Approval – **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A motion to approve the Equipment Request as presented was made by Matt Nichols, seconded by Justine Stout. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Information Items:

- a. Chancellor Rose complaint – investigation ongoing, no news
Chair and Vice Chair Pro Tempore voted on November 12, 2021.

11. Announcements:

- a. Board of Regents Meeting – December 2-3 in Las Vegas, NV
Kevin Seipp and Vice President Rivera will be traveling to Las Vegas and will be doing a presentation.

12. Good of the Order: Donald Jones announced the network services won't be working on Thanksgiving Day and possibly into Friday. Please save everything and log out.

Laurie Walsh inquired about food drives. Lynette McFarlan responded April 15, 2022 and there will be a book drive. Unaware of any for the holidays.

13. Adjournment: ACTION

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Bergey 10:20 a.m.