

**Great Basin College**  
**FACULTY SENATE 2021-2022**  
**Friday, February 18, 2022**  
**9:00am**

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Present Voting Representatives: Madison Arbillaga; Alex Kiehn; Jessica Lynch; Tami Potter; Jinho Jung; Daniel Bergey; Dave Sexton; Jason Brick; Ryan Hathaway; Jennifer Stieger; Emily Bailey; Lynette Macfarlan; Nicholas Cooley; Stephen Theriault (Proxy Brandy Nielsen); Michael Whitehead;**
3. **Absent Voting Representatives: Eric Walsh; Justine Stout; Norm Whittaker; Tim Beasley; Diane Wrightman**
4. **Other Members Present: Kevin Seipp (Chair); Donald Jones (Secretary); Mardell Dorsa; Eleanor O'Donnell; John Rice; Dean Straight; Brittney Maynard; Kim Noah; Laura Debenham; Xu Duming; Sidnie Creamer; Jamie Wilkerson; Brian Zeiszler; Michelle Husbands; Brian Danwoski; Glen Tenney; Susanne Bentley; Michelle Beecher; Angie de Braga; Laurie Walsh; Di Li**
5. **Others Present: President Helens; Vice President Rivera; Bret Murphy; Kelli Baker**
6. **Call to Order – 9:06 am**
7. **Updates from President Helens – Verbal Report**

President Helens reported that she is in favor of supporting the 1% increase for faculty.
8. **Update from Vice President of BA, Sonja Sibert – No Report**

Chair Seipp reported that Vice President Sibert will not be able to attend this semester. He will update with any information.
9. **Updates from Vice President of AA/SA, Jake Hinton-Rivera – Verbal Report**

Vice President Rivera hopes reported enrollment is down 6.8% and in the interim we are working on late start classes that start March 28<sup>th</sup>. The focus on faculty and staff is to make sure we have best practices summer and fall enrollment. If you have any strategies or ideas on increasing enrollment, let your center or Deans know. Courtney Rohleder has been hired as a Student Recruiter for the south and working on finding a northern recruiter.

Live outdoor graduation in Elko on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Pahrump's will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Ely's will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the Northern Nevada Diversity Summit which will address work/study/life/family balances and care. It is free and if you have any information you would like to report, let me know.
10. **Senate Chair Report – Verbal Report**

Chair Seipp reported that the mask mandate has been lifted by the Governor. No items on Board of Regents meeting related to COVID. Sessions for the NSHE Strategic Plan will be held on March 24 and March 16<sup>th</sup>. An email will be forthcoming with information.
11. **Approval of December 17, 2021 Minutes - For Possible Action**

**A Motion to approve the December 17, 2021, minutes was made by Daniel Bergey, seconded by Stephen Theriault, motion passed unanimously.**

**12. Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Academic Standards & Assessment..... **No Report**
- b. Bylaws..... **No Report**
- c. Compensation & Benefits..... **Written/Verbal Report**  
Comp and Benefits - Three informational items were brought forth last spring, all related to Workload Policy. Removal of telecourses, they are no longer offered; a written workload policy for oversight of student teaching, which has already been implemented; and a written workload policy to compensate substitute instructors, which has already been implemented.  
Discussion took place about what role does the Faculty Senate has if they have been implemented by Administration.
- d. Curriculum Review..... **Written Report**
- e. Instructional Technology..... **No Report**
- f. Gen Ed Committee..... **Written Report**
- g. Personnel..... **Written Report**
- h. Strategic Planning, ad hoc..... **No Report**

**13. Unfinished Business - Information Only None.**

**14. New Business:**

Suggestion to add to the next agenda for discussion on shared governance between faculty and administration.

Bret Murphy gave an update on the new Bachelor of Engineering Technology program. It will go to the Board of Regents for approval in June.

**15. Information Items:**

- a. Chancellor Rose Complaint – Investigation Complete  
Investigation into the Complaint has been completed by a third party. Not sufficient evidence for the allegations. The Board of Regents voted to reinstate Chair and Vice-Chair after they had stepped down.
- b. Performance Pay Pool – 1% pool  
No funding for this. Possibility of position's being eliminated.
- c. Instructional Tech Committee.  
Chair Seipp stated this committee was fought for and someone needs to step up or the committee will be dismissed. this committee was fought for several members fought for it please step up or we will dismiss this.

**16. Announcements:**

- a. Board of Regents Special Meeting – February 17, 2022.  
Chair Seipp reported the only item on the agenda was to reinstate the Chair and Vice-Chair. Ethics code may have been violated at the meeting.

**17. Good of the Order:**

Lynette Macfarlan reported there will be a Bounty Food Drive on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 in the parking lot by the Theater. Contact Laurie Walsh if you would like to participate.

**18. Adjournment..... Action**

Dave Sexton motioned to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.