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PRESENT:

William Brown

Katie Dempsey

Angie DeBraga

Amber Do nnelli

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Mary Do ucette

Jo yce Helens

Geo rge Kleeb

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Bret M urphy

Sonja Sibert

Jennifer S prout

Karl Stevens

Jake R iv era

Kevin Seipp

Sarah W ilkey

Brian Zeiszler

1) P resident’s Update – President Helens has been attending so me legislative meetings and budget

hearings. Yesterday’s legislative sessio n was interesting. There is an expected 12% cut , an amo unt

that certainly wo uld hurt all o f the gains that we’ve had in the past sev en or eight y ears. The

fo rm ula funding was discussed at length. The institution al presidents were allowed to ex plain the

po tential im pacts of a 12% cut. Amo ng the budget c uts faculty are till lobbying for merit pay

increases. A second hearing will be scheduled in early to mid-March. We will be monitoring other

bills as they go through the session. President Helens reported the unive rsities desperately w ant to

go back to face to face as so on as possible. The universities are losing a lot o f mo ney when the

students are not there in person. We still have to follo w the governo r’s m andF1 11.72 147e4e as so o still

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4) Classified Council Update - Sarah Wilkey stated she will be stepping down. Her last day will be on
March 10.
5) Student and Academic Affairs Update
Karl Stevens has been working on the technology survey. The survey had 110 responses. It will be
used for strategic planning.
Bret Murphy talked about the curricular review process and that all areas are following through on
the recommendations of the Curricular review committee. He has been working on an
apprenticeship program with NSHE. There have been concerns with the tuition cost of the
Machining program based at the Pahrump high school and the NSHE apprentice program could help
with the costs.
6) Business Affairs Update – Sonja Sibert reported it has been challenging tracking the vaccinations of
employees and students. We are moving forward, however.
7) Communications Update ʹ Jennifer Sprout reported on the graduation committee plans for a live
virtual event on May 22. They are looking at vendors with the right technology to do that. There
will be a virtual career fair through the GBC website on March 31 and April 1.