NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE)(GBC Institutional Advisory Council 1500 College Parkway Elko, Nevada89801 Thursday,



President Helens talked about

relationship with UNR. We already offer degrees with them and collaborate with them on back-office services, construction services, and some academic services. What suits GBC best in the long-term is being under a bigger tent, always maintaining our individuality and autonomy as Great Basin College.

There was a question about the vaccine mandate status at GBC. President Helens stated we have complied with the mandate, but now the student vaccine mandate has been eliminated. And this was a state of Nevada thing and had nothing to do with us so that created some friction. Our employees must be vaccinated and so now some faculty have shown concern about being in the classroom with unvaccinated students.

7. Vice President for Student & Academ Affairs Report

Vice President Jake Rivera reported GBC enrollments are down 7%. The student services staff have been working very hard and moving the needle as much as we can, especially due to some of those concerns that President Helens discussed. Many people are uncertain about returning to class. The co-requisites that President Helens mentioned is something that is being looked at, but we do see some improvement. We have opened some of our face-to-face courses with CTE. Vice President Rivera handed it over to the Deans for a report from their areas.

Bret Murphy reported the CTE programs started a week later than usual giving the students time to get through the surge of COVID that came from the holiday gatherings. The CTE classes are face to face now. It's still a struggle to keep everybody wearing masks. We have students that don't want to wear their masks. We had a ceremony awarding certificates to students from the National Center for Construction Education Research. GBC does a lot of their curriculum. It is a nationally recognized organization that awards credentials for our industrial maintenance training program. So, these students attain a couple of levels of training and certification. Dean Murphy talked about the Battle Born Youth Academy. There were four students who made it through this fall and graduated. Out of the four we have one that's coming to GBC this spring semester. GBC will have a new section starting at the academy in spring. The Battle Born Academy had fifty students in fall and will have two hundred potentially next fall. It's a very nice program for at risk students and it's all voluntary. They do not have to attend if they don't want to, but it is military based.

We are currently recruiting for the MTC scholarship program. The maintenance training cooperative funds the scholarship. It is a partnership of the mining industry and support vendors. This year, we had sixty-six scholars who get a \$5,000 scholarship and it comes with a job. On December 16 we got the By MTC group together and talked about what we're doing there and about recruiting students.

Dean Murphy said the Welding Lab Expansion should be completed in March 2023.

Mary Doucette discussed some personnel changes within her area. She talked about the Teach Nevada Scholarships that are available.

Dean Doucette reported the Bachelor of Art in Early Childhood Education was implemented this fall and already has thirty-five declared majors.

Amber Donnelli reported on the contact tracing. There are more cases than ever before, and Humboldt County is also surging. Dean Donnelli appreciated the support that President Helens has for this endeavor, and she is certain the state of Nevada appreciates it as well.

Dean Donnelli reported on the partnership with the Battle Born Youth Academy. The students there will have an opportunity to register for the CNA and get licensed. The tuition would be covered by the Sandy Grant. It is a good fit as the minimum age requirement is 16. GBC received approximately \$500,000 from the Sandy Grant and some of the funding will support the EMS and CNA program. She reported on the Nursing program in Ely where there will be four graduating in Spring. There are many partnerships in the Ely area that made this happen.

Dean Donnelli reported on partnerships with Humboldt General Hospital and Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital to develop a respiratory therapist program.

Dean Donnelli reported that an employee at the Pahrump campus suggested marketing the EMS and CNA programs in the movie theaters and created some adsthat played in 65 theaters in Las Vegas to start and then we continued with airing them in the Elko theater. New ideas like this are appreciated and they work.

Karl Stevens reported his area is helping faculty get their content ready to go and answering questions. The instructional designer position is vacant and an important position to fill. Professional development workshops started this week for faculty returning from the break.

- 8. Vice Chancellor foStudent & Academic AffairReport No report.
- 9 Superintendents' Report
- 10. New Business

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