



Brianne Clark read the public comment statement and asked for any public comment at any of the locations. There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

For Possible Action

Motion: GBC Institutional Advisory Council (IAC) member Dave Roden moved to approve the minutes of the GBC IAC meeting on February 4, 2015; Council member

are in place that are preventing us from fulfilling our mission. President Curtis will be travelling to Las Vegas to attend the meeting in person. He has identified two or three policies that are punishing GBC and causing us a lot of difficulty fulfilling our mission. The presidents are asked

to give us a chance to actually report on and possibly change the policies that interfere with us fulfilling our mission. The Board of Regents know there are problems and they are now demanding that we speak directly to those problems that are part of the policy manual. President Curtis plans to report on the labyrinth of policies we must go through to offer a new degree which is why many institutions are not even trying to get a new degree approved because the policy is cumbersome. VP Mike McFarlane says the policy that requires Board of Regents approval for an emphasis in a BAS is the only degree that requires Board of Regents approval for an emphasis to a degree. Dr. McFarlane feels that it is directed at GBC to prevent us from offering too many bachelor degrees. The Bachelor of Applied Science degree is only about 7-8 classes or 21-24 credits difference between these. Dr. McFarlane said the model that GBC follows from Arizona state is to have emphasis so as to add and delete an emphasis according to workforce response. Having the Board of Regents approve an emphasis severely limits us to respond to workforce needs in a timely manner. President Curtis will work with the VPs and deans to ensure that any policy that he is not aware of that is hindering us be communicated to him so as to include in his report to the Regents.

Dr. Collett relayed a comment that Dr. Collett said to him during a recent interview that GBC is a difficult and GBC has survived and thrived despite that because of a lot of good people particularly around this table.

President Curtis reported that another policy that hinders us in starting a new bachelor program is that the new programs must first be reviewed by the presidents of the two universities and the president of the state college. They can stop it in its tracks right there. Other policy requirements are that the new degree program has to go to the Academic Affairs Council which are the Vice Presidents and the Provost of the institutions. They can say no. And finally, even if all these groups give their approval we still have to take it to the Board of Regents for formal approval. President Curtis noted there is nothing wrong with having checks and balances when launching a new program, however the ability for these other groups to say no seems somewhat self-serving and stifles competition. If it were quality and advice that were given to us to make the program better than we would take that advice gladly.

Dr. Collett questioned President Curtis if he will be asked for a plan and President Curtis affirmed that we are on the agenda and he will be asking for language change on some of these policies. He will also be providing documents that were presented today (2001 Rand Study and the NCHEMS letter to the Chancellor) as backup information for the request of language change in policy and to take the handcuffs off and allow us to have a more liberal interpretation on what we are allowed to offer at the bachelors level. President Curtis added the presidents and



Council member Don Miller reported he was speaking with a local doctor and the topic was the shortage of nurses in the Elko area. Mr. Miller said the nurses go to school here in Elko, but leave Elko to find jobs because the wages for nurses here are lower than in other places. Also, doctors know that the nursing program is excellent here in Elko. Dr. Amber Donnelly, Dean, Health Science & Human Services, addressed the Council. She confirmed that nurses in Elko make \$5 to \$6 less than nurses in Reno and Carson City. One reason she feels there is a shortage of nurses

activities that affect GBC going forward. President Curtis responded that the bridge funding is being pushed back with other things that require additional funds that were not in the Governo u proposal will win the day. Until they settle on taxes that will bring in enough money they are

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