

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)**  
**Institutional Advisory Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES (approved at 11/16/24 meeting)**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023 7:00 am (PST)**

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair John Tierney called the meeting of the GBC IAC to order at 7:02 am and asked for the roll to be taken.

**GBC IAC Members Present:** Terri Clark, Billie Crapo, Barbara Gallagher, Caroline McIntosh, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, John Tierney. There was a quorum.

**Others Present:** CJ Anderson, ECSD Superintendent

**NSHE and GBC Staff Present:** Amber Donnelly, Mardell Dorsa, Joyce Helens, Sam Spearing, Lizette Lyons, Mary Doucette, Natalie Brown, Mary Dugan

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

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**Academic and Student Affairs Update:** Associate VP Amber Donnelly reported Jake Rivera who was attending a conference. She first reported that enrollment 2.9%. All the deans are really pushing enrollments to get that number up. The student activities happening on campus and we are really seeing an increase wandering around campus.

radiology program and GBC met every single standard. The paramedic program is thriving, and we will be adding a community paramedic program which will allow the paramedics to work within the community for instance to check on patients who have recently been discharged from the hospital. We received \$100,000 for Nevada Gold Mines for the social work program. The social work program has doubled because of the funding that we receive from grants as private sources.

The Deans asked to give updates on their areas. Dean Sam Spearing reported on the restarting of the diesel program in Ely after a two-year hiatus. The new instructor is doing an outstanding job. He said for the first time ever we can offer a machinist's program for Beatty High School. We are getting close to offering training to Tesla and Southwest Gas. We are particularly excited about offering training to Empire Cat. They will be needing 25-30 diesel mechanics and welders in the Elko area. Finally, with the high schools going to a four-day week there is potential for doing something on that Friday.

Dean Mary Doucette reported the Early Childhood Education program is excelling. The program started in August, and we have about 175 students declaring it as a major. Ms. Doucette reported on the First Gen Network grant of \$75,000 for competition math. We are offering and ENG 100 class for the first time as a dual enrollment. She also reported on receiving a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for making STEM transfer to universities smoother.

**GBC IAC Member Report:** Ms. Terri Clark reported the hospital is hosting a flu shot clinic on October 14. She thanked GBC and the GBC student nurses for their continued participation of this community outreach event. She reiterated that she would like to see a charge of some sort from President Helens as to what this group can and should be doing to and what do you need from us.

Ms. Billie Crapo reported attending an economic development forum. GBC is most definitely a community asset that small and large businesses look at when looking to move to Elko. Businesses are also looking for a labor force and skilled workers.

Ms. Carline McIntosh reported Ely is celebrating the ring of fire eclipse on October 14 with a Great American Eclipse festival. There will be people from NASA, the San Francisco Exploratorium, and the Weather Channel to name a few. There will be fun run mountain bike trail rides, train rides, Renaissance Fair mural tours, a robotic competition, a UFO party, and drum circles. Ms. McIntosh reiterated what Ms. Crapo said about needing trained workforce for businesses. Employee retention is also a challenge.

Mr. Dave Roden reported Winnemucca will have a drive through flu shot clinic at the convention center on October 11. They will also be hosting some events for the upcoming eclipse but not many as Ely.

Ms. Stacy Smith reported on a remote area medical event in Pahrump on October 6, 7 and 8. They anticipate serving over 250 people with dental and optical services. Ms. Smith also

reported the Nevada Rural Partners Network has been meeting with us here in Pahrump and Tonopah to identify key projects that will be presented for the White House infrastructure grants. We have a couple of projects identified for that. One of the things that we brought up during the meeting with them was the need for the GBC campus in Pahrump. As far as community training needs and employment needs Pahrump needs diesel mechanics, plumbers, machinists, and nurses. President Helens said that GBC did receive enhancement funding of \$500,000 to allow us to add additional nursing faculty in Pahrump which will allow us to double our nursing students in Pahrump. Pahrump also has the biggest group of radiology students.

Ms. Barbara Gallagher reported the 82<sup>nd</sup> Nevada legislative session ended in June. She stated she serves on the board of the Nevada Justice Association, which is the Nevada trial lawyers. They had several bills in the legislature this year that they had been working on for several years. They primarily focus on bills that benefit consumers throughout the state. Ms. Gallagher stated that they felt they had a very successful legislative session this year, especially as it relates to medical malpractice and medical malpractice reform. I would like to echo Billie's comments about attracting and retaining employees. As a small business owner, it has been very challenging. The legal community is small in Elko, and I know that we have many times hired through Great Basin college people who have gone through the paralegal training, which has been wonderful. But we are constantly faced with people who think they want to work in the legal profession, until they get into it and determine it is not for them.

Finally, Ms. Gallagher stated she would welcome a charge from President Helens as to how we can be more involved, and she looks forward to working towards that goal.

**President's Report:** President Helens talked about the GBC Metrics presentation that she did at the June Board of Regents meeting. She did it a little differently than what was requested to more accurately show w

the GBC Winnemucca instrumentation