



**WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

**Dini Library, Room 201**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Tina Picetti                      Barbara D'Anneo  
Rick Kohler                                              Amanda Jacobson  
Maria Denzler                                          Brook Sweeting  
Stacy Woodbury                                      Michelle Ketten  
Sandy Foley                                             Miranda Hoover  
Lupe Ramirez                                          Sean Davison  
Rochelle Tisdale                                      Michelle Hale  
Anthony Dowling                                      Nick Rowe  
Kevin Maillet                                           Rick Kohler

**WNC Staff Present:** Niki Gladys                                      Kyle Dalpe  
Coral Lopez                                             Ron Belbin  
Carol McIntosh                                        Nicole Rossi

**Board Members Absent:** Matt Hock                                              Scott Fields  
Bryce Clutts                                           Tyler Smith  
Christie Asis                                           Ronele Dotson

**Proposed Board Members:**

**Guests:** JW Lazarri

**Public Members Present:** N/A

**A. Introductions and Welcome**

WNC Foundation Chair, Ms. Tina Picetti called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

**B. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**C. January 25, 2024 Board Minutes Approval**

Ms. Picetti presented the January 25, 2024 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Sean Davison motioned to approve, Ms. Brook Sweeting seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

**D. 2024-2025 FAFSA Application**

Mr. JW Lazarri, Executive Director of Student Services, provided an overview of FAFSA updates.

- The FAFSA Simplification Act, consolidated and amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and 2022, introduced various changes to the FAFSA application.
- The FAFSA application was transitioned from Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to Student Aid Index (SAI). Federal Tax Information (FTI) was incorporated into the revised Need Analysis Formula. Adjustments were made to Pell Grant guidelines, including changes to the maximum and minimum Pell amounts and the calculation of Pell grants based on the SAI.
- Next steps include: (May 6-10) Test PeopleSoft with new security, load FAFSA files, rebuild queries, load to-do list items to student myWNC accounts, and email students. (May 13-17) Build student cost of attendance in PeopleSoft, and send verification files. (June) Test the PeopleSoft awarding Patch for Pell, award Pell, award other state/institutional grants, and post foundation scholarships. (July) Award SSOG and Nevada Promise. (August) Disburse aid before the semester starts.

**E. College Initiatives and Goals**

WNC President, Dr. Kyle Dalpe, provided an update of the State of the College.

- President Dalpe thanked WNC Foundation Board Members for attending events, serving on the Board, and acquiring donations.
- Enrollment in the fall of 2023 increased 17% from 2022.
- Investments continue to be made to campus infrastructure, with a current emphasis on safety. Blue poles with cameras for the parking lots and other external parts of campus, automatic lockdown for exterior doors.
- WNC employs 165 full time employees with an emphasis on funding for positions.

**F. Finance Committee Update**

Mr. Rick Kohler gave a detailed review of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement up to the third quarter of fiscal year 2024. He highlighted total assets have gone up by almost

15% since the beginning of the year. The year-to-date Income Statement reflects Net Income has increased nearly 62% year-over-year. Mr. Kohler expressed confidence in the robust state of the assets as evidenced by the financial statements., and highlighted the impact of the performance of the investment portfolio and events on the financial statements.

#### **G. 2023 Event Update**

Ms. Carol McIntosh, Assistant Director, Development, presented the dates for upcoming events:

- Cinderella May 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Commencement May 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marv Teixeira Pavilion
- Commencement May 23rd, 2024 at Fallon Campus
- Reach for the Stars August 10, 2024
- ROADS and ASWN Career and Club Fair September 11, 2024
- Golf for Education September 27, 2024

#### **H. Grant Update**

Ms. Niki Gladys, Executive Director, Advancement, presented the WNC Foundation Grant update:

- \$1 million grant requested from WNPF for the Fallon Nursing Program.
- \$4.3 million appropriation request written to HRSA for the Douglas Nursing Program.
- \$200,000 grant sought from EDA and OFA for a college opportunity study.
- \$50,000 grant requested from NV Energy Foundation for the Construction Management Program.
- \$20,000 grant requested from Union Pacific for the Fallon Nursing Program.
- \$10,000 grant submitted to Bank of America for the ROADS program.
- \$1.9 million appropriation request submitted for the Jack C. Davis Observatory.
- \$20,000 grant request submitted to CSSG for Wildcat Reserve Food Pantry at Western Nevada College.
- \$20,000 grant from the E.L. Cord Foundation being written for the Fallon Nursing Program.
- \$25,000 grant awarded to the Career Center from Redfield.
- \$20,000 grant awarded to the Career Center from NV Energy.
- \$10,000 grant awarded to the ROADS Program from Greater Nevada Credit Union.
- \$10,000 unrestricted funds awarded from Wells Fargo.

The following grants still have funds available:

- \$100,000 Lumina Grant for Digital Engagement
- \$50,000 for Skill Up Workforce
- \$10,000 for CSSG Food Pantry
- \$2.3 million for HRSA Fallon
- WNPF CTE & Nursing Scholarships

#### **I. New Business**

There was no new business.

**J. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**K. Adjourn Meeting**

Ms. Picetti adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is  
Thursday July 25th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.