

MINUTES

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE
Institutional Advisory Council
2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 3:00 p.m. (PST)

THIS MEETING WAS HELD via Zoom and at Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV, 89703, The Link, Aspen Building and via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Cary Richardson

WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

1. Michelle Joy - Present
2. Alan Jurkonis - Not present
3. Wendy Loomis - Not present
4. Jim Peckham - Present
5. Mary Pierczynski - Not present
6. Cary Richardson, Chair - Present
7. Sean Rowe - Present

Others present:

Tracy Mendibles, Recorder

Kyle Dalpe, President

Natalie Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges

Niki Gladys, Chief Advancement Officer

2. Public Comment

Information Only

Chair Richardson asked for public comment and none were offered.

3. Approval of Minutes

Information/For Possible Action

Chair Richardson asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 7, 2025 IAC meeting. None were offered. Jim Peckham motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle Joy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. College Updates by President Dalpe & Niki Gladys

Information Only

Kyle -

This meeting is being conducted in the Link, WNC's career and employer center, formally the bookstore.

Legislative budget closing last week for the college but it's not over until it's over. It's not horrible but it's also not great. We were funded for a lot of the things we were hoping for such as caseload growth and small institution factor but they still haven't funded a number of things yet. They have not funded any capitol works projects.

We did have our accreditation visit since the last IAC meeting. Several commendations and recommendations from the committee. The actual accreditation report, nothing drastic there, is not official until we meet with the commission in July. In the fall we begin the process again.

Presentation shared on accreditation. Many commendations such as well-developed faculty lead course assessment, annual planning process, mission, specific pathways for students, clear and meaningful tenure process, student centeredness, and investment in student leadership.

Recommendations are things that we need to address such as develop clear and consistent data definitions, affective faculty run systems to assess the quality of our program learning outcomes, licensure and certification and how we share that with students, website and catalog, and a system approach to a conflict of interest policy. These are the things that we need to look at and work on.

An all-campus meeting is scheduled toward the end of the spring semester to review the items that we want to focus on when everyone is back on campus in the fall.

Our strategic plan expires in 2025 and we are requesting help from the IAC to develop a new plan. WNC will probably contract this out to have an unbiased approach to the development.

Enrollment is up 22% in the last five years. The big spike was in FY24 when enrollment increased by 17% and a lot of that is high school students.

Updating the campus from Google campus to Microsoft campus as recommended by computing services for campus security.

WNC cafe was mentioned and asked if Carson Tahoe could possibly help with developing offerings. Michelle said she would reach out to Kyle and share how they structured their small cafe.

WNC's CNA program has been reinstated!

Niki -

The Grand Opening of the Link is scheduled for May 8 from 4 to 6:30pm. Donations for the Link were received from the Pennington Foundation, Redfield Foundation and the NV Energy Foundation.

Opening weekend for Performing Arts production of the Sound of Music.

The Carson campus commencement is Monday, May 19 and Fallon is Wednesday, May 21.

Reach for the Stars fundraiser is scheduled for August 2, 2025.

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| 5. | Discussion regarding non-high school population enrollment
Comments included in item 4. | Information Only |
| 6. | Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson
Glad to have the accreditation visit completed. | Information Only |
| 7. | Remarks from WNC IAC Members
Michelle Joy – Kyle thank you for your visibility in the community. | Information Only |
| 8. | New Business
Kyle mentioned that if the council wanted something added to the agenda to please reach out. | Information Only |
| 9. | Public Comment
No public comment. | Information Only |
| 10. | Adjourn
Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 3:48 pm. | Information Only |