

MINUTES

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 2:00 p.m. (PST)

THIS MEETING WAS HELD via Zoom and at Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV, 89703, Bristlecone 135

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Cary Richardson

WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

1. Michelle Joy - not present
2. Alan Jurkonis - not present
3. Wendy Loomis - present
4. Jim Peckham - present
5. Mary Pierczynski - 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

Melody Duley, Chief HR Officer & Chief of Staff

Coral Lopez, CFO

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 June 3, 2024 IAC meeting. None were offered. Mary Pierczynski motioned to approve the minutes. Wendy Loomis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. College Updates by President Dalpe

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President Dalpe gave an overview of WNC. Fall of 2024 WNC had 4226 students, the number will be finalized this month. Enrollment has been the highest it has been in the last 12 years. The average age has gone down due to dual enrollment high school students. This is a bit concerning as the high school population is forecasted to diminish in the coming years.

There is a 70/30 split between part-time and full-time students.

There are classes all over, in-person and online. We have a number of students throughout the state and three charter high schools in Clark County. We are not taking on more charter schools but we are adding more classes.

Mission, vision and values will be updated in the coming year. WNC's 7 year accreditation visit will happen April 2-4 of this year. After this is completed we will begin to look at the mission, vision and values.

Updates were given on expectations of the new federal administration.

State legislative session begins on February 3 and the governor's State of the State address is on January 15.

Goals and strategies were introduced to the campus in August of last year. These were derived by conversations with the campus especially with the enrollment management group. We wanted to focus on the non-high school enrollment (working adults) and part-time student persistence.

Renovation of the Fallon nursing location and expansion of the Douglas nursing program and also adding a BSN degree program.

Adding an Artificial Intelligence ad hoc task force. This group will work on how to make AI work to our advantage.

WNC is an accredited institution. Accreditation must be maintained to receive federal funding. The accreditation process was reviewed.

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| 5. | Discussion regarding non-high school population enrollment
We are looking to find new ways to attract non-high school students to enroll at Western Nevada College. Possibly sending advisers to FISH could help. | Information Only |
| 6. | Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson
Chair Richardson commented that it will be nice to get the accreditation completed. | Information Only |
| 7. | Remarks from WNC IAC Members
Chair Richardson invited remarks from members. No comments. | Information Only |
| 8. | New Business
Chair Richardson asked for new business. No new business. | Information Only |
| 9. | Public Comment
Chair Richardson asked for public comment. No public comment. | Information Only |

10. Adjourn

Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

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