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WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Quarterly Meeting Summary

Western Nevada College

Carson City, Nevada

Thursday, May 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Amy Clemens Carol McIntosh
Laura Carrion Barbara D'Anneo
Michelle Ketten Larry Goodnight
Daphne DeLeon Rochelle Tisdale
Darcy Houghton Jamie De Vega
Jeff Brigger Kathy Halbardier

Board Members Present Via Phone: Tonya Champa
Tara Alto

WNC Staff Present: Niki Gladys, Executive Director
April Flynt, Development Specialist
Mark Ghan, Acting WNC President
David Riske, WNC Instructor

Board Members Absent: Kerstin Plemel Sean Davison
Lisa Granahan Robert Ramsdell

1. Introductions and Welcome

Carol McIntosh called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m..

2. Public Comment

April Flynt reminded the committee that the meeting will be recorded and may be posted for public consumption.

3. February 8, 2018 Board Minutes Approval

Ms. McIntosh presented the February 8, 2018 WNC Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Michelle Ketten motioned to approve the minutes as written; Larry Goodnight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Finance Committee Report

Jamie De Vega addressed the Board to provide the Finance Committee Report. Ms. De Vega advised the Board that, due to Amy Clemens's recent move from Waddell & Reed to Ameriprise, the Waddell & Reed investment account is now being managed by James Lewis, and Greg Raleigh with Waddell & Reed.

Ms. De Vega reminded the Board that the fiscal year end is June 30th, and that the financial audit, performed by Pangborn Inc., will begin in July. Ms. De Vega, also, reminded the Board that the accounting methodology was changed in FY18 to better align with the non-profit accounting standards; as a result, there is an expectation that the audit will be more extensive.

Ms. De Vega reviewed the Balance Sheet, and Profit and Loss Statement through March 31, 2018 with the Board.

5. College Update

Mark Ghan, Acting President for Western Nevada College (WNC), provided an all college update to the Board, which included announcing that Dr. Vincent Solis has been named the next president of WNC – effective July 1, 2018. Acting President Ghan, also, reminded the Board that WNC just completed an accreditation visit, and he summarized the commendation, as well as recommendations. Acting President Ghan provided an update on the current projects that are currently underway at WNC. In addition, he summarized the enrollment, and stated that it is up over 7%.

Mr. Goodnight asked about plans for the dormitory residency; Acting President Ghan confirmed that the project is on hold, due to an updated demand study.

6. Overview of WNC Cyber Security Program

Dave Riske presented the new WNC cyber security program that will begin in the fall of 2018. Mr. Riske gave an overview of the new program, including the process, the need, and the benefits to the community. Mr. Riske answered questions from the Board.

7. Events Update

Ms. McIntosh provided an update on the upcoming “Reach for the Stars” event, on August 11, 2018, and announced that sponsors are still needed. Ms. Gladys requested that Board members take posters to hang in the community. In addition, Ms. McIntosh asked everyone to ‘Like’ the Facebook page, and share updates as they are provided.

Mr. Goodnight announced that the 19th annual Golf for Education tournament will be held at Toiyabe Golf Club, in Washoe Valley, on September 28, 2018. Ms. Gladys requested that committee members volunteer for the tournament; Kathy Halbardier volunteered for the committee.

Ms. Gladys discussed the Bonafede Ranch event that was held on May 5, 2018. Ms. Gladys, also, announced that there is another dinner that is available to be planned. Ms. Gladys requested feedback on when to hold the next dinner. The Board agreed that holding another event in the fall may be too soon, and it should be discussed further.

8. Grants Update

Ms. Gladys provided an update on the different grant requests that are in progress for the library project that will begin on May 21, 2018. Ms. Gladys advised the Board that the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant is still in process. In addition, a grant request has been submitted to NV Energy, and Barbara D'Anneo is leading a grant request from Rotary Club International. With all the grant requests, approximately \$25,000 will still be needed to complete the project. Ms. Gladys requested ideas on how to raise additional funds.

Ms. Gladys advised the Board that she is in the process of completing the accountability report for the William N. Pennington science lab grant, and she is also submitting a project description to William N. Pennington Foundation in hopes they will consider reviewing a formal grant request to renovate the biology science lab on campus. In addition, William N. Pennington Foundation has agreed to provide Career and Technology Education (CTE) scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. Ms. Gladys requested continued support to help spread the message, in order to obtain more qualified applicants for the CTE scholarships.

9. Scholarship Update

Ms. Flynt provided an update on the scholarship application process. Ms. Flynt announced that the Foundation has received over 500 applications, and requested the assistance of the Board to continue to recruit additional qualified applicants.

10. Strategic Planning/Board Retreat

Ms. Gladys announced that, typically, the strategic planning process, and Board retreat are held in July, and requested Board input on meeting in June, instead. Ms. Gladys agreed to choose dates, and send out an email to get feedback.

11. New Business

No new business was presented.

12. Board Member Recognition

Ms. Flynt acknowledged Board members celebrating birthdays.