

**WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Western Nevada College – Carson City Campus
2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
President’s Board Room

Interactive video hook-up from the meeting site to:
Fallon Campus - Virgil Getto Hall – Room 309

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Bob Crowell, Mayor, Carson City
- Tim Dyhr, Vice President, Nevada Copper (arrived at 11:10 a.m.)
- Rob Hooper, Executive Director, NNDA/IAC Chair
- Laura Ijames, Secretary, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe (Fallon)
- Mike Jackson, CEO, Micromanipulator Company
- Michelle Joy, VP/COO, Carson Tahoe Health
- Alan Jurkonis, President, American AVK (arrived at 11:20 a.m.)
- Ricky Medina, Director, Assessment/Accountability, Carson City School District
- Mary Pierczynski, Educator
- Cary Richardson, COO, Miles Construction
- Rupert Ruiz, CPLC, Inc., Nevada President (arrived 11:15 a.m.)
- Richard Stokes, Superintendent, Carson City School (arrived at 10:15 a.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Bus Scharmann, Commissioner, Churchill (Fallon)
- Theresa White, Superintendent, Douglas County School District

WNC STAFF PRESENT:

- Deb Conrad, Assistant to the President, (Recorder)
- Mark Ghan, Vice President of Special Projects and General Counsel
- Scott Morrison, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

NSHE STAFF PRESENT:

- Nate Mackinnon, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges

GUESTS PRESENT:

- Shelly Aldean, Circles Initiative
- Sheri Woodsgreen, WISE Ventures
- Tony Green, CPLC, Nevada

Call to Order

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Rob Hooper called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and asked for roll call. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
2. Public Comment: Chair Hooper asked that the IAC members each introduce themselves for the benefit of President Solis and Mayor Crowell, both of whom are new to the IAC. Members introduced themselves.
3. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2018: Chair Hooper asked all members to review the minutes from May 9, 2018. (Handout can be found online at: <http://www.wnc.edu/president/institutional-advisory-council/>). Chair Hooper asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. **Michelle Joy motioned to approve the minutes. Tim Dyhr seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
4. Introduction of new IAC Member, Bob Crowell: Chair Hooper introduced Bob Crowell, Mayor, Carson City, as the new member of the IAC, approved by the chancellor and chair of the Board of Regents. Mayor Crowell said he was happy to be a part of this council.
5. Remarks from WNC President Vincent Solis: Chair Hooper introduced President Solis. President Solis said the college and community has been very welcoming since his

arrival. President Solis reviewed a few noteworthy accomplishments of the college including the success of the Foundation's Reach for the Stars fundraiser and awards recently received (ACT Educational Champion Award, EC-Council Educational Innovator of the Year Award). President Solis shared some information about the six broad areas of focus for the college: Enrollment, student success, engagement, data-driven decision-making, and branding and marketing.

6. Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Rob Hooper: Chair Hooper kept his remarks brief saying that now that President Solis is here there should be come good, strong forward movement forward.
7. Remarks from WNC IAC Members: Chair Hooper asked for comments from IAC members. Rupert Ruiz apologized for being late as well as missing the last meeting due to a family illness. Bob Crowell said he had a nice meeting with President Solis and was tremendously impressed with his vision. Laura Ijames said she was proud of the IAC and the direction the college is heading. Tim Dyhr announced that Nevada Copper made a \$197 million investment in Yerington and Nevada Copper will need 400 people by December 2019. Michelle Joy announced the hospital is in a year of transition: the CEO of 20 years for Carson Tahoe Hospital (CTH) is retiring, a national search is being conducted for his replacement to start in early October, a search for a new CFO will begin at the end of the year, a new platform for records is being rolled out and a \$40 million investment in the CTH campus is being made next year.
8. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Update: Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Nate Mackinnon provided an update on the Chancellor's Workforce Advisory Group, of which Rob Hooper is a member, which has been formed to bring together partners from industry to ensure the NSHE institutions are preparing students with valid skills sets to match the needs of employers. Mackinnon said the group will investigate the unmet demand for nurses and educators and look for innovative solutions. Mackinnon said the community colleges recently participated in a retreat to develop a collective set of goals for the NSHE community colleges to work on collaboratively.
9. Report on the last Board of Regents Community College Committee Meeting: Chair Hooper reported on the last Community College Committee meeting, briefly covering the main points of each institution's IAC report.
10. Member Introduction and Feedback Session: Chair Hooper asked each IAC member to spend a few minutes introducing themselves their company and/or industry, and provide feedback on what each member feels WNC is doing well and areas that could use attention. Each member did so. A few key comments were:

- Cary Richardson said Miles Construction works with the construction program in terms of permanent positions and internships and recognizes the lack of the next generation of construction employees.
- Tim Dyhr said Nevada Copper and others in the mining industry are in need of employees with electronic skills, because every aspect of the industry has that component. Dyhr said there may be a need for the community colleges to develop programs in this area.
- Richard Stokes said the Carson City School District is full and the school district is struggling with the way the State funds K-12 capital projects.
- Mike Jackson expressed that Micromanipulator and others in the industry need mid-level technical employees and those employees are difficult to find. Jackson said he is interested in understanding the validity of the credentials and certifications offered at WNC.
- Laura Ijames said the tribe is re-organizing its education department and promoting higher education as well as GEDs. Ijames said the connection with the college is a positive one.
- Al Jurkonis explained his interest in the college and the IAC is that the base level employees at American AVK have more and more difficulty achieving a better quality of life and Jurkonis sees the gap of people either doing very well or very poorly and wonders how to increase the ability of all to earn a living wage.
- Michelle Joy from CTH expressed that the demand for nurses is high while the waiting list to get into a Nursing program is also high.
- Rupert Ruiz said CPLC is working on providing affordable housing, among many other things, but the employment has to go hand in hand with that.
- Ricky Medina said the focus of K-12 is shifting from graduating students, to ensuring K-12 is just one component of the pathway in preparing for their future and higher education needs to be part of that pathway.
- Bob Crowell said he is particularly concerned with the gap between the haves and the have nots and the city is looking at ways to address the issues.

11. Report on June, July and August 2018 Meetings of the Legislative Committee on Education: Mary Pierczynski said the chancellor gave an update on the NSHE goals to the committee at the August 9 meeting. Pierczynski said the committee has been focused on access for minority students.

12. ROADS Work Group Update: Shelly Aldean and Sherri Woodsgreen provided an update on the progress of the ROADS work group. The group wants to ensure services aren't being duplicated and that other models of the program are being investigated so as not to reinvent the wheel. ROADS is focused on the country's "missing middle" – those who

are employed with two or three jobs and are unable to make strides in improving their life circumstances. ROADS is focused on employment that provides a living wage. Aldean emphasized the need for public, private and social sectors to work together and that the efforts must be industry-led. The group is working on a bill draft resolution that would provide matching dollars to help fund the program. The program is still in the formative stages.

12:45 – Richard Stokes and Rupert Ruiz left the meeting. A quorum was still present.

13. Fallon Campus and Rural Outreach Update: Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Scott Morrison provided a brief update on the Fallon campus and rural outreach. Morrison said the college is seeking to raise the image of service in Fallon and other rural areas by meeting the needs of students in rural communities, providing an excellent educational and work environment and making WNC the rural access point in all of communities.
14. Discussion regarding creating of Rural Education Work Group: President Solis said there has been interest in forming a group that would help provide outreach and access to higher education in the rural areas. Chair Hooper said he would entertain a motion to approve a work group, on which one member of the IAC would serve. **Tim Dyhr motioned to approve moving forward with the defining and creating as Rural Education work group. Michelle Joy seconded the motion.** Chair Hooper asked if there was any further discussion and there was none. **The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**
15. New Business: Chair Hooper asked if there was any new business and there was none.
16. Public Comment: Chair Hooper asked if there was public comment and there was none in Fallon or Carson City.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.