**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Institutional Advisory Council

Nevada System of Higher Education

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Call to Order of the WNC Institutional Advisory Council

**1. Call to Order and Roll Cal**l – Rob Hooper called the meeting to order and roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**WNC IAC Members Present**

Tim Dyhr, Vice President of External/Government Relations, Nevada Copper

Rob Hooper, Chair, President/CEO, NNDA

Mike Jackson, President, Micromanipulator

Michelle Joy, Vice President/COO, Carson Tahoe Health

Alan Jurkonis, President, American AVK

Ricky Medina, Director of Accountability, Carson City School District

Jim Peckham, Executive Director, F.I.S.H.

Mary Pierczynski, Lobbyist for Nevada Association of School Superintendents

Cary Richardson, Vice President, Miles Construction

Bus Scharmann, Past County Commissioner, Churchill County

**WNC IAC Members Absent**

Rupert Ruiz, Nevada Area President, CLPC Nevada, Inc.

Richard Stokes , Superintendent, Carson City School District

**WNC Faculty or Staff Present**

Kyle Dalpe, Provost & VP of Finance

Jeff Downs, Interim VP of Student Success and Support Services

Cathy Fulkerson, Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

Mark Ghan, former VP for Special Projects/General Counsel

Niki Gladys, Executive Director for Advancement

Piper McCarthy, Director of Counseling Department

Vince Solis, President

**Guests**

Amy Carvalho, Regent

Carol Del Carlo, Regent/Vice Chair

Mindy Elliott, Capital Partners

Lynn O’Mara, Director of Communications, NNDA

Cathy McAdoo, Regent

Laura Perkins, Regent

Nick Vanderpool, Capital Partners

Craig von Collenberg, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Community Colleges

**2. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Update Information Only**

Nate Mackinnon, NSHE’s Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, provided an update on topics pertaining to WNC and the community colleges within the Nevada System of Higher Education. Mackinnon recognized the following for attending the meeting: Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair of the Board of Regents, Cathy McAdoo, Chair of the Community College Committee, Amy Carvalho, Vice Chair of Community College Committee, Laura Perkins, member of Community College Committee. Nevada Promise had a cut last summer and the regents took action so that colleges could maintain the scholarships for the rest of the year. Mackinnon provided updates on various initiatives including dual enrollment, workforce education, apprenticeships and joint IAC chairs meetings. Craig von Collenberg answered Bus Scharmann’s question about what apprenticeships are in place explaining that the two main fields are healthcare and manufacturing fields.

**3. Legislative Session Preview Information Only**

President Solis said NSHE Chief Financial Officer/Interim Government Affairs Officer Andrew Clinger was unable to make it. This agenda item was tabled.

*Prior to asking for public comment Chair Hooper asked for introductions and all in attendance on the zoom meeting did so.*

**4. Public Comment Information Only**

Chair Hooper asked for public comment. There was none.

**5. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2020 Meeting For Possible Action**

Chair Hooper asked for changes or corrections to the minutes and there were none. Chair Hooper asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2020 meeting. Bus Scharmann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Piercynski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**6. Remarks from WNC President Vincent Solis Information Only**

WNC President Vincent Solis provided welcoming remarks. President Solis announced the four new regents, Joseph Arrascada, Patrick Boylan, Byron Brooks and Dr. Lois Tarkanian. President Solis also provided updates on the strategic plan process that started at the beginning of January, the recent successes of the Foundation and announced an upcoming Higher Education in Prison Program event as well an overview of how the college has been operating during the pandemic.

**7. Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Rob Hooper Information Only**

Chair Rob Hooper discussed changes to the meetings of the IAC chairs that have created more momentum for making progress on initiatives. Chair Hooper shared that his push is for the work of the IAC chairs to include an improved system of information being shared between NSHE and the IACs, so the IACs can be more effective in the community and during the legislative sessions.

**8. Remarks from WNC IAC Members Information Only**

Chair Hooper made a request for remarks from IAC members and there were none.

**9. Presentation on Enrollment, Recruitment & Marketing at WNC Information Only**

President Vincent Solis, Vice President of Student Success and Support Services Jeff Downs, Counseling Director Piper McCarthy, and Executive Director of Advancement Niki Gladys gave a presentation on enrollment, recruitment and marketing efforts at Western Nevada College. Bus Scharmann asked about high school instructors teaching college classes inquired whether they are qualified to teach transfer classes. Vince Solis, Jeff Downs and Kyle Dalpe replied that high school instructors must have a Master’s Degree to qualify to teach college transfer courses, but that for remedial classes (not transferable) that is not required, but the students will get college credit, and for PAT courses, experience in the industry may make the instructors qualified to teach. Discussion occurred regarding enrollment challenges during this time that impact WNC and colleges across the country, use of social media that is relevant to specific age groups etc. Jim Peckham asked about what the college can do to help reduce the angst of students who have not been on a college campus in many, many years. Vince Solis made a commitment that at the next one or two IACs to come back with a plan for improved signage. Jim Peckham also asked to be connected to the person in charge of the prison education program to discuss some potential housing opportunities for returning citizens. Bus Scharmann asked about counseling on the Fallon campus and Piper McCarthy let him know that they are doing it remotely, but still have drop in options via zoom or can schedule a meeting for another time. Bus Scharmann reminded the group that many in rural areas do not have access to internet and that it needs to be considered when reaching those students, so listen to those communities to know what they need and how to reach them.

**10. New Business Information Only**

Chair Hooper requested new business items and there were none.

**11. Public Comment**

Chair Hooper asked for public comment. Regent Carol Del Carlo thanked all the IAC members for their work, announced that she has been appointed to the board of Association of Community College Trustees, explained what the organization does, and encouraged members to investigate their resources. Chair Hooper announced the February 5 online forum for economic recovery and resiliency and encouraged attendance and input. Mindy Elliott commented on the Governor’s recent announcement about the governance structure of the colleges suggested that she and President Solis meet at some point to discuss.