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**WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, July 22, 2021**

**Dini Library and Video Conference via Zoom**

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Meeting ID: 863 2772 5397 and Passcode: WNCF20

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Sean Davison Michelle Ketten Amanda Jacobson Darcy Houghton Tina Holland Maria Denzler Robert Ramsdell Lane Mills	Larry Goodnight Ronele Dotson Jeff Brigger Rick Kohler Scott Fields Devin Sizemore Barbara D'Anneo
<b>Board Members Via Zoom:</b>	Julie Wood Kathy Halbardier Stacy Woodbury	Sena Loyd Rochelle Tisdale
<b>WNC Staff Present:</b>	Niki Gladys President Vincent Solis Jeff Downs Steve Yingling	Carol McIntosh Dr. Kyle Dalpe JW Lazzari
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Doug Raftery	Miranda Hoover
<b>Proposed Board Members:</b>	Christie Asis	
<b>Public Members Present:</b>	N/A	

## **1. Introductions and Welcome**

WNC Foundation Board Chair, Sean Davison, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

## **2. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

## **3. April 2021 Board Minutes Approval**

Mr. Sean Davison presented the April 22, 2021 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Barbara D'Anneo motioned to approve, Darcy Houghton seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

## **4. WNC Foundation Board Membership**

Mr. Davison introduced new Board Member Candidate Christie Asis. Ms. Asis introduced herself and described her professional work history, participation in the community and her passion for education. Ms. Asis was asked to step out of the meeting. Mr. Davison called for a motion to approve. Amanda Jacobson motioned to approve, and Barbara D'Anneo seconded. The motion passed.

## **5. State of the College**

Dr. Solis gave an update on the State of the College.

- Incoming freshmen are down 10% year over year.
- Dr. Solis shared the changes that have been made in the Executive Leadership team at WNC. Dr. Kyle Dalpe has assumed the role of Senior Vice President and Coral Lopez has assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer. Positions will be added to the Foundation Office.
- Scholarship applications have increased 50% year over year.
- Jessica Rowe is the new Interim Director of Fallon. There will be a formal reception in September.
- WNC will be adding a Women's Leadership Council led by Ms. Angela Holt, Director, ACCEL College and Career Readiness Program and Ms. Rowe, Interim Director of Fallon. We have the challenge of insuring we advocate on behalf of our student body.
- Enrollment for men continues to be down. 85% of students that are dropping out of college nationally are male.
- The Diversity Center will be open in the fall and is being supported by a grant from NV Energy.
- Western Nevada College received \$1.5mm from the State of Nevada Legislature for the remodel of Marlette Hall.
- Western Nevada College received \$400,000 for Prison Education and we are expecting this program to continue to grow.
- A virtual tour of Western Nevada College will be rolling out shortly.

- The truck and Mobile Manufacturing Lab will be in Incline Village on August 3, 2021. Dr. Dalpe will be presenting how Western Nevada College impacts the local economy and workforce.
- The bookstore will be going virtual to support professors moving to a digital platform. The existing space in the middle of campus will be converted.
- A 70/30 split is anticipated for students returning to campus. 70% of courses will be on campus in person and 30% online.
- The question we need to ask ourselves is ‘How do we provide a high-quality education to a student candidate that is ready to grow?’
- The best colleges in the country have a graduation rate of 41% for full time students. WNC just surpassed a graduation rate of 37% for full time students.

## **6. Legislative Update**

Dr. Dalpe provided the following update.

- The budget was the primary point of discussion during the most recent Legislative session. WNC and the rest of the Nevada System of Higher Education was asked to reduce their budgets by 12.5%. This represents \$3.1 million to WNC.
- WNC received \$680 million from Cares 1. A significant portion of the funds was spent on PPE and the filtration system was replaced in many of the buildings. \$2.1 million was received in round two and \$2.5 million was received in round three. The funds are required to be spent by May of 2022.
- Students will be receiving funds on a tiered system based on the number of credits they are enrolled in and will be split over the fall and spring semesters.
- We need to maintain our current enrollment figures. We are not down as far as other schools. This will impact our funding formula in 2023.
- WNC has applied for \$45 million from the American Rescue Plan for current and future expenditures.

## **7. Financial Aid Update (JW Lazzari, Director of Financial Assistance)**

Mr. JW Lazzari, Director of Financial Assistance, presented an update on the Financial Assistance Office. The Foundation is a key partner for the Financial Assistance Office in awarding scholarships. Mr. Lazzari presented the financial aid programs that are available to students. In fiscal year 2022 there are more options than ever for students including funds granted from Cares funding. Practically any student that has been identified as having exceptional need qualifies for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The Federal Government is encouraging the Financial Assistance Office to determine if there has been a significant change in a student’s income since 2019 and adjust accordingly based on their current situation. The office will continue to award all Federal, State and Institutional grants and scholarships. The student veteran population has decreased over the pandemic. Mr. Lazzari encouraged the Board to introduce student veterans to the Financial Assistance Office for additional support. Wildcat funding has been created to assist students that may not qualify for the Pell Grant. In fiscal year 2019-2020 student loan borrowing is down 249% from fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mr. Lazzari shared how funding from grants and scholarships impact a student's bottom line. Disbursement has increased due to the increase in grants and scholarships. In fiscal year 2019-2020 scholarship aid made up 16% of total aid disbursed, up from 8% in fiscal year 2017-2018.

There will be a need for additional mentors for the Nevada Promise Scholarship. If a Board or community member would like to be a mentor please contact Mr. Lazzari.

Dr. Solis commended Mr. Lazzari and his team for their exceptional customer service to students and families.

## **8. Finance Committee Update**

Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Scott Fields presented financials for FY 2021 which ended 30 June 2021. The Foundation office is preparing for the annual financial review. The Foundation has performed well over the previous 12 months, in spite of the pandemic. The investment account has a balance of \$5.3MM, of which \$919k is unrestricted, providing an estimated \$70k in annual unrestricted income. The Foundation has received an influx of donations and grants over the previous 12 months. The Finance Committee continues to reposition the investment account based on the state of the economy, market conditions and the stock market volatility that is anticipated the third and fourth quarter of calendar year 2021. There was net income of \$125,000 for fiscal year 2021. \$676,000 in scholarships were awarded. The interest income is up nearly \$17,000. The level of YTD restricted income and expense is down on a YOY basis given the timing of science lab investments. There is a strong level of cash that is earmarked for projects such as the Fallon Science Lab remodel. All of the previous development is paying off during this pandemic period as evidenced by the increase in the number of scholarships and donations. The Foundation is positioned for great results.

## **9. FY2022 Proposed Board Meeting Dates (Niki Gladys)**

- The Board retreat will be held on October 21, 2021. The meeting dates for January 20, 2022, April 21, 2022 and July 21, 2022. Ms. Michelle Ketten motioned to approve the dates and Tina Holland seconded the motion.

## **10. Scholarship Update**

Ms. Carol McIntosh presented a scholarship update.

The scholarship application process for the 2021-2022 academic year closed April 16, 2021. Completed applications have increased roughly 50% year over year. Ms. McIntosh shared the increase did not happen by chance and was due to the concerted effort by Ms. Angela Viera, Ms. Juana Castaneda Ruiz and Ms. McIntosh to increase the number of students applying for the Foundation scholarships. The team visited classrooms to encourage students to apply. Each student that started, but did not finish, an application was called or sent an email encouraging them to complete their applications.

## **11. Advancement Committee Updates**

Ms. Gladys presented advancement committee updates.

- **Golf Tournament**
  - Ms. Gladys invited the Board to help in collecting raffle prizes, sponsorships and foursomes. All Board members are encouraged to play or volunteer the day of the tournament.
  - The Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021.
  - 70 golfers have signed up for the tournament. There are 74 spots available.
  - The tournament will celebrate Western Nevada College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - President Solis shared the importance of the event for building good will.
- **Modern Science**
  - This event will present the Aspen Science Lab remodel and the introduction of the new Nursing Director. A date in October will be determined after the start of the school year.
- **Thanks for Giving**
  - This event will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in the Dini Library. A committee to support the execution of the event will be formed. All Board members are encouraged to join.

## **12. Grant Update**

Ms. Gladys presented an update on grants. A \$1,000 grant was awarded from the Soroptimist International of Carson City for the food pantry, a \$10,000 grant from Bank of America, a \$25,000 grant from NV Energy for the Diversity Center, and a \$5,000 grant from Carson City for the food pantry. Ms. Gladys has also submitted a grant request for \$25,000 with the Gabelli Foundation. An application is open for a grant writer with the Foundation and Ms. Gladys encouraged Board members to refer any eligible candidates.

## **13. Board Recognition**

Ms. McIntosh recognized the Board members with birthdays in August and September. Ms. McIntosh acknowledged Mr. Larry Goodnight and Ms. Kathy Halbardier for their length of service on the Foundation Board.

Ms. Gladys congratulated Ms. Miranda Hoover on her new professional position.

## **14. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **15. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **16. Adjourn Meeting**

Mr. Davison adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2021.