WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Institutional Advisory Council

Nevada System of Higher Education

Wednesday, July 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

**1. Call to Order and Roll Cal**l - **A quorum is present.**

**Members present:**

Tim Dyhr (Zoom)

Rob Hooper

Mike Jackson (Zoom)

Michelle Joy (Zoom)

Alan Jurkonis (Zoom)

Jim Peckham

Ricky Medina (Zoom)

Mary Pierczynski

Cary Richardson (Zoom)

Sean Rowe

**Members Absent:**

Rupert Ruiz

Richard Stokes

**WNC Faculty/Staff Present:**

John Albrecht, Counsel (Zoom)

Deb Conrad, Executive Assistant & HEPP Director (Recorder)

Kyle Dalpe, Provost and Senior Vice President

Niki Gladys, Director, Institutional Development/Executive Director WNC Foundation

Coral Lopez, Chief Financial Officer

Heather Rikalo, Student Life Coordinator and Assistant to the President (Recorder)

Craig Robinson, Director, Facilities

Lauren Slemenda, Continuing Education Coordinator/Administrative Faculty Senate Chair

Vincent Solis, President

Georgia White, Academic Director, Professional & Applied Technology

**NSHE Staff Present:**

Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, and Community Colleges

Caleb Cage, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development

Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair, NSHE Board of Regents

Jason Geddes, Regent, NSHE Board of Regents (Zoom)

Cathy McAdoo, Chair, NSHE Board of Regents

Craig von Collenburg, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges (Zoom)

**Guests:**

Wendy Loomis

Lynn O'Mara (Zoom)

**2. Public Comment**

Chair Hooper requested public comment and there was none.

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2021 Meeting**

Chair Hooper requested a motion regarding the approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting. Jim Peckham motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Pierczynski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**4. Remarks from WNC President Vincent Solis**

WNC President Vincent Solis offered welcome remarks, introduced new campus leadership, and provided campus updates related to Covid-19. Solis announced 70 percent of classes are being delivered in-person and 30 percent online. Solis announced that 600 students participated in the Parade of Graduates and thanked those who attended and assisted with the ceremonies. President Solis announced that Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall will be visiting the Carson Campus on July 15, 2021, to tour the Dini Library and the Wildcat Reserve Food Pantry. Solis acknowledged the new Bookstore vendor, Textbook Brokers, and thanked the Pennington Foundation for the $1 million grant to renovate the biology lab in Fallon. Solis provided Foundation updates and announced the new virtual tour of the college provided by the Foundation and congratulated the Foundation for securing new scholarships, endowments, and grants for the College. Finally, Solis stated that enrollment continues to be challenging.

**5. Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Rob Hooper**

Chair Hooper stated that he had a productive meeting with Vice Chancellor Abba. Hooper thanked everyone on the IAC for their hard work and contributions.

**6. Remarks from WNC IAC Members**

Mike Jackson requested an update on the ROADS Program. President Solis responded that WNC is still working on the logistics and will give updates soon.

Michelle Joy updated the IAC of Carson Tahoe Hospital leadership changes.

**7.** **Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Update**

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba provided an update on five items, Dual Enrollment, Co-Requisite Instruction, AB-450 Committee, SB-120, and the structure of the Community College Committee.

*Dual Enrollment* - The NSHE NDE Committee is working on uniform pricing across NSHE, faculty qualifications, support for high schools as well as equitable access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students across Nevada. A Dual Enrollment Dashboard is being created.

*Co-Requisite Instruction* - The data states co-requisite instruction is better for students. Staff development was provided to 1300 faculty and advisors participated in co-requisite staff development and roll out is ready to go for Fall 2021.

*AB-450* - This committee was created to conduct a study on Nevada workforce and Vice Chancellor Caleb Cage will serve on the committee. Recommendations for committee membership should be sent to Vice Chancellor Abba or Vice Chancellor Cage.

*SB-120* - A study will be conducted to look at Silver State Opportunity Grant, Millennium Scholarship, and NV Promise to determine the return on investment.

*Community College Committee* – Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba provided an update on potential changes to the meeting structure of the Community College Committee.

* Chair Hooper asked how members should put forth recommendations for membership to the AB450 Committee.
* Vice Chancellor Abba stated that recommendations should be emailed to her and that sports are limited.
* Chair Hooper asked to have the purpose of AB450 explained.
* Vice Chancellor Cage stated that the overall goal of AB450 was to maximize potential of flow from community colleges to the workforce.
* Chair Hooper asked if industry leaders were needed for committee membership and if there was a deadline for appointment recommendations.
* Vice Chancellor Cage stated that the committee would consist of 7 members and that appointments will be made through the Governor’s Office and that there was no official deadline.

**8. Elections**

*New Members:* Chair Hooper requested a motion regarding the approval of New IAC Member Wendy Loomis who represents the Washoe Tribe. Jim Peckham motioned to approve the nomination. Mary Pierczynski seconded the motion. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

*Chair:* Rob Hooper was nominated as IAC Chair. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

*Vice Chair:* Cary Richardson was nominated as IAC Vice Chair. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

**9. Legislative Update**

Provost and Senior Vice President Kyle Dalpe provided an overview of the recent legislative session’s outcomes and the impacts on NSHE and WNC.

*Legislative Overview:*

* Budget Reduction (FY22 and FY23) - 12% reduction each year
* WNC (and all NSHE) submitted the 12% reduced budget
  + Staffing reduction - $1.3 million
  + Operating reduction - $500k
  + American Rescue Plan Act authorized to backfill the personnel

*Funding:*

* AB492 authorizes major NSHE construction projects including $1.5 million to renovate WNC’s Marlette Lecture Hall
* AB493 (State worker pay bill) provides for a COLA of 1% for all and additional 2% for classified employees under certain the union provisions starting in FY23
* AB495 (Mining tax bill) allocates $600,000 each year of the biennium to the Silver State Opportunity Grant program
* AB454 appropriates $7.3 million to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program
* AB475 makes a $42 million appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program

*Policies and Interim Studies:*

* AB450 directs the Governor to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning opportunities to align workforce training and programs offered by community colleges
* SJR7 proposes to amend the state Constitution to remove the constitutional provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents.
* AB156 authorizes the Board of Regents to waive certain fees for a spouse or child of a member of the active Nevada National Guard who has reenlisted under certain circumstances
* AB262 prohibits the Board of Regents from assessing registration fees, certain fees associated with course enrollment and laboratory fees against certain Native American students
* AB416 requires the Legislative Audit to conduct an audit of NSHE
* Jim Peckham asked whether NSHE supports SJR7.
* Regent DelCarlo stated that the Board of Regents does not support SJR7.

**10. CARES Funds Utilization by WNC**

Chief Financial Officer Coral Lopez provided a high-level view of how CARES funds have been and will be utilized by Western Nevada College. Each round of Federal Funding has a student portion and Institution portion.

*WNC CARES/HEERF Funding:*

* Student
  + CARES I - $681K - FULLY EXPENDED
  + CARES II - $681k - FULLY EXPENDED
  + CARES III - $2.5M - May 2022 deadline
* Institutional
  + CARES I - $681K - FULLY EXPENDED
  + CARES II - $2.1M
  + CARES MSI - $247k
  + CARES III - $2.3M
* Additional information and Federal reporting:

https://www.wnc.edu/financial/heerf/

**11. WNC Building Signage Presentation**

Niki Gladys, Executive Director for Advancement gave a brief presentation on the status of developing new signage for the campus.

*Short Term Solution:*

* Temporary, large banners may offer a solution while a long-term plan is being assessed.

*Immediate Action:*

* Remove or replace damaged signs

*Next Steps:*

* Update current aluminum signs with new content
* Create large banners to temporarily identify major points of interest as new students navigate campus
* Create ideal long-term plan including both interactive and physical signage
* Identify budget and prioritize for improved on-campus navigation
* Jim Peckham stated that signs are needed for classes, not just offices.
* Regent DelCarlo stated that WNC is in her district and that it would be nice to have a sign on the hill behind WNC.

**12. New Business**

Chair Hooper asked if there was any new business, and the following was requested:

* Full presentation on the ROADS Project
* Send AB450 information to all members
* Send Charter information to all members

**13. Public Comment**

Chair Hooper asked for public comment and there was none.

**Meeting adjourned: 10:21 a.m.**