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WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022

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Meeting ID: 856 3703 6634 and Passcode: 819007

Board Members Present:

Sean Davison
Michelle Ketten
Rochelle Tisdale
Rick Kohler
Tina Holland
Maria Denzler
Stacy Woodbury

Christie Asis
Ronele Dotson
Kathy Halbardier
Miranda Hoover
Barbara D'Anneo
Devin Sizemore

WNC Staff Present:

Niki Gladys
Dr. Kyle Dalpe
Steve Yingling

Carol McIntosh
Rachael Schneider
Dr. Winnie Kortemeier

Board Members Absent:

Robert Ramsdell
Jeff Brigger
Sena Loyd
Julie Wood
Scott Fields

Darcy Houghton
Amanda Jacobson
Sandy Foley
Lane Mills

Proposed Board Members:

Nick Rowe

Tyler Smith

Guests:

N/A

Public Members Present:

N/A

A. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

B. Introductions and Welcome

WNC Foundation Board, Board Chair, Sean Davison, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

C. July 2021 Board Minutes Approval

WNC Foundation Board Chair, Mr. Sean Davison presented the January 20, 2022 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Barbara D'Anneo motioned to approve, Stacy Woodbury seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

D. Geosciences Program

Mr. Sean Davison introduced Dr. Winnie Kortemeier, Professor of Geosciences, and presented her biography. Dr. Kortemeier provided an update and tour of the remodeled Geology Classroom and Lab in Bristlecone 322. The classroom is a high functioning classroom with state-of-the-art camera, large screen monitors and white board. Fifty-five (55) more classrooms at Western Nevada College (WNC) will be updated with a similar layout as Bristlecone 322. Dr. Kortemeier invited the Board to attend the Earth Day tour of Carson City's Volcano on Friday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m. The tour will begin on Goni Road.

Dr. Kortemeier presented the sandbox donated by The NASA Community of Practice. It is an augmented reality sandbox. Students in Dr. Kortemeier's classes use the sandbox to conduct labs and take quizzes a week later to demonstrate their understanding of what they have learned.

E. WNC Foundation Board Membership

Mr. Davison explained the importance of actively participating in the Board Meetings and that at least half of the Board Members are required to be in attendance to have a quorum. The importance of a quorum is for the Board to make decisions. Mr. Davison introduced Mr. Nick Rowe and Mr. Tyler Smith as proposed new Board Members of the Western Nevada College Foundation Board. Mr. Davison shared Mr. Rowe and Mr. Smith's biographies. Mr. Davison called for a motion to approve. Barbara D'Anneo motioned to approve, Stacy Woodbury seconded. The motion passed.

F. State of the College

- WNC Interim President, Dr. Kyle Dalpe gave an update on the State of the College.

- Dr. Dalpe presented a significant portion of state appropriation funds have been dedicated to remodeling and updating classrooms on the WNC Campuses. Professors and Facilities are actively engaged in executing these efforts.
- Dr. Dalpe has served at Western Nevada College and is the Interim President. The Nevada System of Higher Education can vote to make Dr. Dalpe's role permanent within one to three years.
- The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is currently operating with an open Chancellor position. Ms. Crystal Abba is currently the Officer in Charge. Decisions will not be made in regards to searching for the next Chancellor until the next NSHE Board Meeting in June.
- NSHE is working to complete the system's budget to present to the Governor by September. Dr. Dalpe will be holding a Fall Kick-Off meeting in May to discuss the fiscal budget and goals for the next academic year with a focus on enrollment and visibility for the college. Dr. Dalpe invited the WNC Foundation Board to attend and participate.
- One of the strategic planning components that is missing from NSHE's governance structure is the institutional overlap of areas of responsibility. In the State of Nevada, there are not clearly defined service areas which schools within NSHE follow. This impacts the Jump Start College Program. Currently all colleges in the system can provide this service where typically this is a service that only community colleges provide. The Jump Start Program represents 25% of the enrollment at Western Nevada College.
- The Workforce Development Committee is working together to conduct a study that differentiates community colleges within the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- Western Nevada College is the only institution in the state that grew enrollment during the Fall 2021 semester. WNC is up nearly 4%.
- \$1,400,000 is being invested in a Commercial Drivers Licensing Program on the Carson City Campus. A \$400,000 grant was received from WINN, \$700,000 from state appropriation funds and \$200,000 from CARES funding.
- There will be three drive-through ceremonies for graduation. The Carson City Campus will hold ceremonies on May 23rd and 24th and the Fallon Campus will hold a ceremony on May 26th. Dr. Dalpe invited the Board to attend the graduation ceremonies. Dr. Dalpe invited the Board to the reception on May 25, 2022 to be held on the Carson City Campus.

G. Finance Committee Update

Mr. Sean Davison presented the financials for Finance Chair, Scott Fields, who was unavailable to attend the meeting.

The Balance Sheet Summary comparing March 2022 to March 2021. The total assets have decreased roughly -\$600,000 due to the completion of the Fallon Science Lab remodel.

Mr. Davison presented the fiscal year-to-date Profit and Loss Statement. Unrestricted income has decreased slightly as endowment growth has offset that reduction. The

investment portfolio is down year-to-date. The WNC Foundation has done a very good job fundraising and creating new endowments and funding scholarship growth.

The WNC Foundation is being audited by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Dr. Dalpe shared the Legislature passed a bill to audit all NSHE affiliated Foundations as well as other accounts within NSHE. The audit, which began in July of 2021 will continue through the Fall of 2022.

H. Scholarship Update

Assistant Development Director, Ms. Carol McIntosh, shared that 325 scholarships were awarded to over 550 students for nearly \$750,000. Ms. Gladys noted that this is the highest number of scholarships, recipients and funding that the Foundation has awarded in its history and commended Ms. McIntosh for her hard work and diligence in matching students to scholarships.

I. Advancement Committee Updates

Executive Director, Ms. Niki Gladys presented the publication of “We Are Western” scholarship magazine. The magazine was made possible due to the primary work of WNC staff Steve Yingling and Rachael Schneider. WNC Foundation Board member, Maria Denzler, edited the publication. The magazine, which shares success stories of both students and donors, is used within the community to promote the scholarship program throughout the year. Over 1,500 copies will be distributed throughout the community.

Ms. Miranda Hoover, WNC Foundation Event Chair, presented the “Reach for the Stars” Gala will be held August 13, 2022. Ms. Hoover shared the status of the preparation of the event. Sales and sponsorships are going well and the board was encouraged to participate as attendance is limited.

Ms. Gladys presented Golf for Education will be held on September 30, 2022. The theme of Workforce Development has been important in growing participation in the event. This is an important fundraiser for our Foundation and affords us the opportunity to raise unrestricted revenue and deepen relationships with members of the community.

J. Grant Update

Ms. Niki Gladys presented an update on grants. Grants have been received from Harley-Davidson Financial Services for \$5,000 for the Transportation Assistance Program and \$10,000 from SaveMart for the Wildcat Den Food Pantry. Grants have been submitted to Economic Development Authority for \$4,000,000 to update the interior of a building in Fernley which would serve as the Fernley Advanced Technology Training Center. The William N. Pennington Foundation has pledged a \$3,000,000 investment to purchase the building and WNC has requested \$4,000,000 from the State of Nevada to aid in the renovation. A \$1,000,000 grant for marketing has been submitted to the Million Dollar Community College Challenge through the Lumina Foundation. A \$10,000 grant has been

submitted to Bank of America for scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. A \$10,000 grant has been submitted to the City of Carson for the Wildcat Den Food Pantry. Ms. Gladys is in the process of writing a grant to the NV Energy Foundation to revitalize the Veteran's Resource Center on the Carson Campus. The Fallon Science Lab which was funded through the William N. Pennington Foundation has been complete and the accountability report has been accepted by the WNPF. The WNC Foundation office is working to close out other grants through the WNPF as well. Ms. Gladys also noted that the college's grant writing position is currently open and encouraged Foundation Board members to submit potential applicants.

K. New Business

Ms. Niki Gladys presented graduation ceremonies will be held on May 23rd and 24th on the Carson Campus and May 26th on the Fallon Campus. The WNC Foundation will, once again, be hosting the hospitality suite at graduation. WNC Foundation Board members are encouraged to attend. Ms. Carol McIntosh will provide a calendar invite to the graduation ceremonies and for lunch following.

L. Board Recognition

Ms. McIntosh recognized the Board members who have birthdays in April and May.

M. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

N. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Davison adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2022.