



WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, October 26, 2023
Shoe Tree Brewing Co
1496 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89701
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sean Davison	Scott Fields
Rick Kohler	Amanda Jacobson
Maria Denzler	Brook Sweeting
Nick Rowe	Michelle Ketten
Sandy Foley	Miranda Hoover
Lupe Ramirez	Bryce Clutts
Tyler Smith	Barbara D' Anneo

WNC Staff Present:

Niki Gladys	WNC President, Kyle Dalpe
Dr. Dana Ryan	Carol McIntosh
Kristen Lindner	Nate Jersey
Kara Spracklin	

Board Members Absent:

Rochelle Tisdale	Tina Picetti
Jeff Brigger	Ronelle Dotson
Christie Asis	Stacy Woodbury

Proposed Board Members:

Matt Hock	Michelle Hale
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Guests:

Public Members Present: N/A

A. Introductions and Welcome

WNC Foundation Co Vice Chair, Ms. Michelle Ketten called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

B. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

C. July 27, 2023 Board Minutes Approval

Ms. Ketten presented the July 27, 2023 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Amanda Jacobson motioned to approve, Ms. Barbara D'Anneo seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

D. WNC Foundation Board Memberships

Ms. Ketten presented Mr. Matt Hock and Ms. Michelle Hale for Board Membership. Ms. Ketten provided a brief description of Mr. Hock's and Ms. Hale's background and interest in joining the WNC Foundation Board. Ms. Sandy Foley motioned to approve and Mr. Rick Kohler seconded and all were in favor.

Ms. Gladys, WNC Foundation Executive Director, honored Board Member Mr. Lane Mills, who retired on July 26, 2023. Mr. Mills has been on the WNC Foundation Board for three years and will continue to serve as a friend of WNC.

E. WNC Foundation Review Report

Ms. Sahara Surabotsopon, Staff Accountant with Barnard Vogler presented the review for

Mr. Fields delivered a comprehensive analysis of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for fiscal year 2024 year-to-date. Mr. Fields highlighted a year-over-year decrease in cash on the Balance Sheet, attributing it to the issuance of scholarship awards and cash transfers to Washoe Wealth Advisors. It is anticipated that the investment portfolio will generate at least \$225,000 in income annually to cover scholarship expenses. The quarter-to-date Income Statement reflects Net Income has nearly doubled year-over-year. Mr. Fields stated the Income Statement shows a consistent increase in cash inflow year after year for the WNC Foundation, which is encouraging.

G. College Updates, Initiatives and Goals

WNC President, Dr. Kyle Dalpe provided an update of the State of the College

Enrollment is currently at 4,316 students. This is a 16% increase year over year.

This is due in part to the increased enrollment in Jump Start and Dual Enrollment students.

Investments continue to be made to campus infrastructure. There is not a need for new buildings.

WNC Signage continues to be a primary goal

A \$2.3 million appropriation that will fund the nursing expansion in Fallon has been approved.

The Nursing program will be expanded with a BSN program.

There are continuing efforts to manage the funding formula. There is a funding formula study to analyze how to fund higher education. President Dalpe and ASWN President, Suzanna Stankute, will serve on this committee.

WNC has been selected as one of 72 best colleges to work for.

The Advancement Team has received several awards for their Marketing efforts through the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

President Dalpe is a member of the Rural Community College Alliance. This organization recognized WNC's ROADS Program with the Innovation and Access Award for their service to students.

WNC's public facing initiatives are Performing Arts, the Art Gallery and the Jack C. Davis Observatory. These three initiatives create awareness and bring people to campus.

There are funding opportunities available through federal grant funding and NASA.

50% of instruction is online.

H. The Hub: Community, Career & Employer Services

Dr. Dana Ryan, WNC VP of Academics and Student Success provided an overview of the Career Hub.

The former WNC Bookstore will be converted into a Career Hub for students.

This will offer a systematized way to provide work-based learning experiences to support students with their career exploration and soft skills.

This will serve as a central point for community access, career development and employer partnerships on the Carson Campus. The Hub will equip students with vital job seeking skills, access to employment opportunities, foster connections

between industry and academics, standing partnerships and streamlining access for community partner requests.

Work-based learning experiences include access to job shadowing, internships and apprenticeships. The intention is to increase employee retention.

The project is planned for completion by the end of FY24.

The center will be staffed primarily by two employees; a Career Preparation Specialist and an Employer Relations Specialist.

The Hub will assist students with connecting with job opportunities, communicate with potential employers and learn how to interview.

Development opportunities, events and initiatives will be offered across the campus for students and faculty.

The Hub will focus on supporting students in furthering their education prior to transitioning into the workforce.

WNC has acquired access to the program, Handshake. This is a resource for both employers and employees to connect directly for career opportunities. WNC is the last school in the Nevada System of Higher Education to offer this resource to students.

I. Grant Update

Ms. Gladys presented the WNC Foundation Grant update.

Based on a recent student survey, over half of students reported they, or their children, are food insecure. The Food Pantry continues to be a top funding priority.

A \$100,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation was awarded in FY 2023. The purpose of the grant is to engage students digitally. The grant includes updating all of the promotional television monitors on campus, live streaming equipment for the WNC website for things such as e-sports and graduation, and a digitally led and interactive student tour.

A \$50,000 grant from the E.L. Cord Foundation for the Child Development Center's outdoor playground has been successfully completed.

A \$5,000 grant from the Charis Foundation for the Food Pantry has been successfully completed.

The William N. Pennington Foundation has agreed to consider a \$275,000 grant for the Career Hub.

WNC Foundation is working on additional grant request for the Career Hub.

A \$2.3 million dollar grant request following an federal appropriation for the Fallon Nursing Program has been approved.

The new \$1 million-dollar, four-year DETR grant in support of the ROADS program has been approved and will begin November 1, 2023.

A \$10,000 grant has been awarded for the ROADS program from Bank of America

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A \$2,500 grant has been awarded for the ROADS grant from Nevada State Bank.

Grants are being researched for funding for the Culinary Program and E-sports.

A \$50,000 grant that is funded by Mark IV through the SkillUp program will help to employ a navigator in the Career Hub.

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