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Chair Kevin Page said the meeting was an opportunity for the chancellor to receive as much

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Chief of Staff Gould darified that the whole point of an interim president is that the board identifies an individual who they believe has the qualities and qualifications necessary and the board gives that person one to three years to prove themselves. At any time, the board can either make that person permanent president or they can decide to do a national search. An acting president is not intended to be the permanent president.

Deni French said the national search does not exclude anyone from the community and also allows for someone from here and now living elsewhere to possibly return.

Vice Chair Geddes said the recent search for the GBC president is a good example of that; the GBC president had ties to Elko and wanted to return.

Cathy Fulkerson, Director of Institutional Research at WNC and GBC said GBC really benefitted from having an acting president appointed internally and kept the institution stable while there was a national search going on. People from within Western can apply for the national search.

Rochelle Tisdale, WNC Foundation and an administrator for one of the partnering schools, said she would like to see an interim appointed to keep all the options open. WNC has built a lot of momentum and it would be nice to have someone in the meantime working toward.

Oraig Robinson asked for darification on how many times there was a national search conducted when an interim was appointed, where the board decided the interim ought to run against others.

Chief of Staff Gould added that if an interim president is appointed, it is more than likely that person will become permanent president and the only time the national search would occur is if the interim president was not offered a permanent position. Chief of Staff Gould added that the

national search because potential candidate

the position and the board almost always recommends a search consultant be hired in order to receive as broad a pool as possible for the position and it is important to get a search consultant who knows community colleges.

Bizabeth Tattersall, faculty member at WNC, said she supports an acting president and while Tattersall does think good things are happening here, she feels not having a national search limits the options.

Bob Whitcomb, professor at

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