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WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Video Conference via Zoom

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8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:	Rochelle Tisdale Larry Goodnight Amanda Jacobson Darcy Houghton Tina Holland Michelle Ketten Robert Ramsdell Jeff Brigger Lane Mills Rick Kohler Lane Mills	Doug Raftery Ronele Dotson Sean Davison Stacy Woodbury Sena Loyd Devin Sizemore Scott Fields Miranda Hoover Kathy HuberHalbardier
Board Members Via Phone:	N/A	
WNC Staff Present:	Niki Gladys Dr. Solis Dr. Dalpe Jeff Downs	Carol McIntosh Angela Viera Steve Yingling Heather Rikalo
Board Members Absent:	Chuy Ampudia Lisa Granahan	Julie Wood Barbara D'Anneo
Proposed Board Members:	Maria Denzler	
Invited Guests:	Regent Carol Del Carlo	
Public Members Present	N/A	

1. Introductions and Welcome

WNC Foundation Board Chair, Sean Davison called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

3. July 2020 Board Minutes Approval

Mr. Davison presented the October 2020 WNC Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Lane Mills motioned to approve, Scott Fields seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. WNC Foundation Board Membership

Mr. Davison introduced new Board Member Candidate Maria Denzler. Ms. Denzler is the daughter of Jack C. Davison, the first President of the College and the namesake of the WNC Observatory. Ms. Denzler introduced herself and described her history with and passion for the College. Sean called for a motion to approve. Rochelle Tisdale motioned to approve, and Kathy Hardier seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Davison presented a change in Carol McIntosh's Board membership explaining that she has paused her membership with the Foundation Board to temporarily fill the vacancy left by Development Specialist Tianora Pushing's departure.

5. Legislative Update

Dr. Kyle Dalpe, WNC Provost and Financial Vice Presented, presented the 2021 Legislative Session overview to the Board.

- The Nevada Legislature website is the hub for obtaining information regarding bills.
- The session begins February 1, 2021 and the budget will be the main focus.
- Dr. Dalpe provided a Legislative Overview and this year will be the first virtual session.
- Dr. Dalpe provided a breakdown of the Senate and Assembly Districts in the 2021 Session Membership.
- Dr. Dalpe is open to speaking with groups and classes about government. officials can be identified by clicking on 'Who's Your Legislator'
- Dr. Dalpe outlined the NSHE Strategic Goals and WNC's base budget overview. We are functioning with a base of \$14.9mm, a reduction of \$2.9mm (7%) and an adjusted base of \$11.9mm. For fiscal year 2022/2023 the base is \$14.8mm, a reduction of \$1.8mm (12%), and an adjusted base of \$13mm.
- Enhancement Funding Capacity funding is currently \$300,000 funding jump start college, rural nursing, and access and retention of underserved student populations. The prison education programs are currently funded \$202,000.

- WNC supports lobbyists in favor of the Millennium Scholarship, the Silver State Opportunity Grant and the Nevada Promise Scholarship which help introduce new students to WNC and the entire system.
- The Marlette Hall Renovation planning is well under way. This project was initiated preCOVID and the funding for design work was approved the last legislative session. PreCOVID there is a capacity of 120 seats. With COVID capacity is limited to 27 students. Funding for the entire project will be proposed within the next legislative session.
- April 7th is WNC Day. WNC celebrates its 50th anniversary this year
- Darcy Houghton asked how the Foundation Board can support WNC during the legislative session. Dr. Dalpe said WNC may call on the Foundation Board for testimony supporting education.
- Mr. Davison asked about Governor Sisolak's recent public comments regarding community colleges. Dr. Dalpe said he will defer to Dr. Solis to address this important question.

6. State of the College

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- The Governor is focusing on preparing Nevada's workforce for the needs of all Nevadans as it relates to high quality jobs. An approach is very specific to community college funding.
- WNC continues to partner with UNR on shared services. UNR has been a supportive partner.
- NSHE has four new Regents. Dr. Solis intends to develop ramp up strong and productive relationships with the new Regents.
- CARES funding will provide \$450,000 in support directly to WNC students. Dr. Dalpe is working to effectively budget the remaining funding to support needs of the college. WNC is cautiously optimistic regarding the Governor's current budget.

7. Regent's Update

Regent Del Carlo, representing district 9, provided an update.

- Regent Del Carlo welcomed Maria Denzler to the Board.
- There are four new Regents and three are from Las Vegas. Terms are six years with a maximum of two terms.
- The new Chancellor, Dr. Melody Rose, joined NSHE in September 2020 and was appointed to State Higher Education Executive Officers. Zdragoza, President of College of Southern Nevada, has been appointed to the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Regent Del Carlo has been appointed to the Association

8. Finance Committee Update

Mr. Scott Fields presented financials for FY 2020 Q4 and FY 2020 YTD. Scott presented the Q4 Income Statement and Balance Sheet. Scott pointed out event fundraising is down year over year due to state restriction on event attendance, especially the Reach for the Stars Gala. Overall revenue is up due to an increased focus on grant writing and investment management.

11. Grant Update

Ms. Gladys presented an update on grants. As of today, \$14,000,000 has been requested in grant funding. \$4,000,000 is pending and \$3,000,000 has ~~been~~ awarded. This includes a recently awarded \$941,000 grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation for the renovation of the Fallon Science Lab.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Public Comment

Rochelle Tisdale thanked WNC and WNCF for the funding to purchase text books for the Fallon Library to be used by the Oasis Academy.

14. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Davison adjourned meeting at 9:53 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, April 22, 2021