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WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2021

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8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:	Sean Davison	Doug Raftery
	Michelle Ketten	Ronele Dotson
	Amanda Jacobson	Rochelle Tisdale
	Darcy Houghton	Stacy Woodbury
	Tina Holland	Sena Loyd
	Maria Denzler	Devin Sizemore
	Robert Ramsdell	Barbara D'Anneo
	Kathy HuberHalbardier	Miranda Hoover
	Lane Mills	Rick Kohler

Board Members Via Phone: N/A

WNC Staff Present:	Niki Gladys	Carol McIntosh
	Dr. Solis	Angela Viera
	Jeff Downs	Steve Yingling
	Heather Rikalo	Lorraine Plympton
	Sylvia Verdugo	

Board Members Absent:	Chuy Ampudia	Julie Wood
	Lisa Granahan	Jeff Brigger
	Scott Fields	Larry Goodnight

Proposed Board Members: N/A

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 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

3. January 2021 Board Minutes Approval

Chair, Sean Davison presented the January 2021 WNC Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Barbara D'Annunzio motioned to approve, Rob Ramsdell seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. State of the College

Dr. Solis gave an update on the State of the College.

- Dr. Solis stated all staff will return to work on campus June 1, 2021. Dr. Solis shared the majority of the staff have continued to work on campus and very few individuals have worked from home.
- Dual enrollment is 25% of our student body population with over 825 students. A dual enrollment ambassador will be in place for every campus within the college family to support the program.
- Enrollment for the fall semester looks uncertain at best. Student segments from minority backgrounds and first-generation students are down 18% nationally. Enrollment of young men is also down 25% nationally. Western Nevada College (WNC) is no different. This Saturday, April 24, 2021, The Men's Leadership Summit will be held to encourage men to enroll and succeed in college. There will be over 40 speakers. Everyone is invited to attend.
- We are in the fourth part of our strategic plan. The President of San Antonio College will be presenting to WNC the reasons they were awarded the Aspen Institute's Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The Aspen Prize is awarded every two years to honor community colleges that achieve excellent levels of customer service.
- WNC will be training employees and select community members to lobby and present to the State Legislature.
- Dr. Solis would like for the Board to be aware of the bill SJR7 that is currently being considered by the Legislature. SJR7 proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents of the State University and to authorize the Legislature to provide by statute the governance of the State University and for the auditing of public institutions of higher education in this State.
- Dr. Solis would also like for the Board to be aware of AB-450. This is the Governor's proposed bill on the structure of community colleges and their impact on workforce development within the State of Nevada.

- The budget is still uncertain. Dr. Solis is hoping there will be no further cuts.
- Graduation will be parade style and Dr. Solis is hoping this will be the last of its kind. Graduation ceremonies will be May 24th and 25th at the Carson campus and May 27th at the Fallon campus. There will be a lunch held for community partners after the ceremonies.
- A new Director will be hired for the Fallon campus. We are in the process of renovating our Science labs and adding an HVAC training Lab. The nursing program has been moved back to the campus in Fallon from the former county property that was needed for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Ms. Rochelle

6. Native First Scholarship

- A Foundation store has been created to offer WNC branded clothing and other items
- Event Strategy
 - Ms. Gladys, Ms. McIntosh and Ms. Angela Viera will be meeting to discuss the event strategy in a postpandemic environment.
 - Regent Del Carlo and Ms. Tina Holland have offered their homes for private events to fundraise and friend raise.
 - Ms. Darcy Houghton offered to hold an event at her home and to join this committee.

11. Grant Update

Ms. Gladys presented an update on grants. As of today, \$14,000,000 has been requested in grant funding. \$3,614,000 is pending and \$3,322,000 has been awarded. This includes the \$941,000 grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation for renovation of the Fallon Science Lab and the \$350,000 grant for Jump Start College. Ms. Gladys is working on grant requests with the Gabelli Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation and the NV Energy Foundation. The previous investment of Foundation funds in a grant writer is coming to fruition in this fiscal year.

12. Board Recognition

Ms. McIntosh will send a request to each Board Member to update their contact information.

Ms. Gladys congratulated Mr. Rick Kohler on his promotion, Ms. Holland on her new home and Ms. Denzler on her new vacation home.

Ms. Gladys recognized Dr. Solis' birthday on April 21, 2021.

Mr. Davison recognized the small and mighty team within the Foundation Office.

13. New Business

There was no new business.

14. Public Comment

Ms. Rochelle Tisdale thanked the Foundation Office for the WNC swag in honor of the 50th anniversary that was mailed to the Board a month ago.

15. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Davison adjourned meeting at 8:00 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, July 22, 2021.