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WNC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 22, 2021

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Board Members Present:	Sean Davison Michelle Ketten Amanda Jacobson Darcy Houghton Tina Holland Maria Denzler Robert Ramsdell Lane Mills	Larry Goodnight Ronele Dotson Jeff Brigger Rick Kohler Scott Fields Devin Sizemore Barbara D'Anne
Board Members Via Zoom:	Julie Wood Kathy Halbardier Stacy Woodbury	Sena Loyd Rochelle Tisdale
WNC Staff Present:	Niki Gladys President Vincent Solis Jeff Downs Steve Yingling	Carol McIntosh Dr. Kyle Dalpe JW Lazzari
Board Members Absent:	Doug Raftery	Miranda Hoover
Proposed Board Members:	Christie Asis	
Public Members Present:	N/A	

1. Introductions and Welcome

WNC Foundation Board Chair, Sean Davison, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

3. April 2021 Board Minutes Approval

Mr. Sean Davison presented the April 22, 2021 Western Nevada College (WNC) Foundation Board Meeting Minutes. Barbara D'Anneo motioned to approve, Darcy Houghton seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. WNC Foundation Board Membership

Mr. Davison introduced new Board Member Candidate Christie Asis. Ms. Asis introduced herself and described her professional work history, participation in the community and her passion for education. Ms. Asis was asked to step out of the meeting. Mr. Davison called for a motion to approve. Amanda Jacobson motioned to approve, and Barbara D'Anneo seconded. The motion passed.

5. State of the College

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

- Incoming freshmen are down 10% year over year.
- Dr. Solis shared the changes that have been made in the Executive Leadership team at WNC. Dr. Kyle Dalpe has assumed the role of Senior Vice President and Coral Lopez has assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer. Positions will be added to the Foundation Office.
- Scholarship applications have increased 50% year over year.
- Jessica Rowe is the new Interim Director of Fallon. There will be a formal reception in September.
- WNC will be adding a Women's Leadership Council led by Ms. Angela Holt, Director, ACCEL College and Career Readiness Program and Ms. Rowe, Interim Director of Fallon. We have the challenge of insuring we advocate on behalf of our student body.
- Enrollment for men continues to be down. 85% of students that are dropping out of college nationally are male.
- The Diversity Center will be open in the fall and is being supported by a grant from NV Energy.
- Western Nevada College received \$1.5mm from the State of Nevada Legislature for the remodel of Marlette Hall.
- Western Nevada College received \$400,000 for Prison Education and we are expecting this program to continue to grow.
- A virtual tour of Western Nevada College will be rolling out shortly.

- The truck and Mobile Manufacturing Lab will be in Incline Village on August 3, 2021. Dr. Dalpe will be presenting how Western Nevada College impacts the local economy and workforce.
- The bookstore will be going virtual to support professors moving to a digital platform. The existing space in the middle of campus will be converted.
- A 70/30 split is anticipated for students returning to campus. 70% of courses will be on campus in person and 30% online.
- The question we need to ask ourselves is ‘How do we provide a high-quality education to a student candidate that is ready to grow?’
- The best colleges in the country have a graduation rate of 41% for full time students. WNC just surpassed a graduation rate of 37% for full time students.

6. Legislative Update

Mr. Lazzari shared how funding from grants and scholarships impact a student's bottom line. Disbursement has increased due to the increase in grants and scholarships. In fiscal year 2019-2020 scholarship aid made up 16% of total aid disbursed, up from 8% in fiscal year 2017-2018.

There will be a need for additional mentors for the Nevada Promise Scholarship. If a Board or community member would like to be a mentor please contact Mr. Lazzari.

Dr. Solis commended Mr. Lazzari and his team for their exceptional customer service to students and families.

8. Finance Committee Update

Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Scott Fields presented financials for FY 2021 which ended 30 June 2021. The Foundation office is preparing for the annual financial review. The Foundation has performed well over the previous 12 months, in spite of the pandemic. The investment account has a balance of \$5.3MM, of which \$919k is unrestricted, providing

11. Advancement Committee Updates

Ms. Gladys presented advancement committee updates.

- **Golf Tournament**

- Ms. Gladys invited the Board to help in collecting raffle prizes, sponsorships and foursomes. All Board members are encouraged to play or volunteer the day of the tournament.
- The Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021.
- 70 golfers have signed up for the tournament. There are 74 spots available.
- The tournament will celebrate Wester (n c)4sd3 (e)

16. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Davison adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The next WNC Foundation Board meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2021.