

## Watchmen Voter Guide for North Idaho College Trustee Zone 5

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	Pete Broschet	<a href="#">Mike Waggoner</a>
<b>1.</b> What is your name and what office are you running for?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	My name is Mike Waggoner and I am running for NIC Zone 5 Trustee. To clear up a common point of misunderstanding; all residents of Kootenai County can vote for me.
<b>2.</b> How could North Idaho College be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	<p>First, is transparency, as it stands, a large portion of our community believes NIC is anti-Christian. In order to change this belief, thorough investigations must be done and those investigations must be open to the public, at least to some degree.</p> <p>Secondly, I am concerned about the cutbacks in technical programs. I intend to look into why the programs had the problems that caused them to be cutback. After doing so, I would like to reintroduce these programs as it is important for our community to have local workers for technical jobs that we didn't import from somewhere else.</p>
<b>3.</b> What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I am of the view that academic freedom should be one of the core principles driving education. I am concerned that NIC has several programs that do not care for academic freedom and like to use it as a shield in order to indoctrinate students. I have heard stories of students being required to write on subject matters that they did not want to write on and that bore no relation to the class they were taking. They were apparently told they would have to write on the subject or their grade would be at risk. Academic freedom is not only for the faculty and it is certainly not coercing a student into parroting claims that they morally disagree with.
<b>4.</b> Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No, definitely not. I have done extensive research into understanding what it is and how its ideas are hidden with the intention of keeping it from being identified. It is a direct rejection of the values put forth in the Bible as well as the values espoused by the Constitution. It advocates for laws equivalent to those Jim Crow era laws, only with different targets.

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<b>5.</b> If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing student fees or tuition? What would be your reasons for this decision?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Assuming the problem isn't caused by mismanagement, it would probably be a combination of all three. I would first start with cutting spending before I would go onto anything else.
<b>6.</b> How do you view the role as a trustee member in regard to public policy like taxes?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	It is the primary responsibility of the Trustee to represent the public interest at the College. Taxes should be minimized by making the College as efficient as possible and only supporting programs that the community strongly wants.
<b>7.</b> Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No. Political activities are up to each citizen as to whether or not they want to support them.
<b>8.</b> Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I support bathroom and locker room usage on biological identity only.
<b>9.</b> In what ways can North Idaho College help local high school students prepare for a college education or for a trade school?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	NIC already has a dual enrollment program that does an excellent job of helping with this. NIC would likely benefit from having a new program focused on providing summer classes for high school students where the classes are not a part of a larger program but instead intended to help students better find what programs they are interested in.

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<b>10.</b> What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The ability to choose where your children go to school is vitally important. Further, the ability to actually know what is being taught at a school before you send your children there is just as important.
<b>11.</b> How would you, as a trustee, create opportunities for an education more equitable towards students coming from a private or homeschool background?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	One of the steps I will take is talking to many individuals in our community with a focus on parents of high school students. I hope to find out what their perception of NIC is, what they would want to see changed within it and what would help them send their children to NIC. I expect this will, at least in part, involve having advisors who talk to local homeschool organizations and provide assistance as needed.
<b>12.</b> What does the term "education" mean to you?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Teaching skills to students which will benefit them and the community. The goal first is to teach, not to indoctrinate.
<b>13.</b> Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I do not support the legalization of marijuana except as a controlled medical substance. It is mind altering and can damage users, especially younger users.
<b>14.</b> What is your background and why does it qualify you for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I have extensive experience managing larger corporations than NIC, even if you include the students in that number. My experience has also had a significant focus on reorganization and changing the culture of companies, even doing so when teams don't want to change. This experience will be helpful in trying to solve the root cause of NIC's enrollment problems, namely, that NIC is not a safe place for Christians to send their children. While I hope that is only a perception problem, I am concerned that it is in fact a true statement.