

**SGU BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**

**- A G E N D A -**

**1:00 P.M.:**

- ❖ Roll Call ----- Board Secretary
- ❖ Call to Order ----- Chairman
- ❖ Opening Prayer
- ❖ Approval of Agenda
- ❖ Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2019
- ❖ Extension for Board of Regents Term(s):
  - Region 1 (02/2019) – Mike Boltz
  - Region 2 (05/2019) – Richard “Tuffy” Lunderman
  - Region 4 (05/2019) – Gabe Medicine Eagle
- ❖ Provost’s Report ----- Phil Baird, Provost
- ❖ Academic Affairs Report ----- Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs
- ❖ Student Services Report ----- Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services
- ❖ Finance Office Report ----- Ieshia Poignee, CFO
- ❖ President’s Report ----- Lionel Bordeaux, President
  - Recommended amendments to SGU By-Laws
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjourn
- ❖ Closing Prayer

**Wopila tanka un keyapi. Wicozani gluha mani pi.**

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**-MINUTES-**

**ROLL CALL**

Elton Menard – Present  
Mike Boltz – Present  
Gabe Medicine Eagle – Present  
Ken Wike – Present  
Richard “Tuffy” Lunderman – Present

Leonard Crow Dog – Absent (on travel)  
Webster Two Hawk – Absent (medical)  
Rita Means – Absent (medical)

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Lionel Bordeaux, President; Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services; Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs; Phil Baird, Provost; Ieshia Poignee, CFO, Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Based on the above roll call a quorum is present and Chairman Boltz called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., at the SGU Administration Building (Board Room) on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Gabe Medicine Eagle offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL; OF AGENDA:**

**Motion #: 01:04:16:19**

**Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Richard Lunderman to approve the agenda. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.**

**Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2019**

Minutes for the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting distributed and reviewed. No questions. (Attachment **A**).

**Motion #: 02:04:16:19**

**Motion Gabe Medicine Eagle and seconded by Ken Wike to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Chairman not voting, motion passed.**

**EXTENSION FOR BOARD OF REGENTS TERMS:**

In recognition of our cultural relevance and consideration for the sacredness of the number 4, it is recommended to extend the expired terms for an additional four years for the following Board of Regents members:

- Mike Boltz, Region 1 expires (2019);
- Richard "Tuffy" Lunderman, Region 2 expires (2019);
- Gabe Medicine Eagle, Region 4 expires (2019).

**Motion #: 03:04:16:19**

**Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Gabe Medicine Eagle to extend the term of Mike Boltz, Region 1 representative for an additional four years (2023). Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.**

**Motion #: 04:04:16:19**

**Motion by Gabe Medicine Eagle and seconded by Elton Menard to extend the term of Richard Lunderman as Region 2 representative for an additional four years (2023). Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.**

**Motion #: 05:04:16:19**

**Motion by Richard "Tuffy" Lunderman and seconded by Ken Wike to extend the term of Gabe Medicine Eagle, Region 4 representative for an additional four years (2023). Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.**

Discussed appointing Webster Two Hawk and Leonard Crow Dog as honorary Board members due to health issues. Shared information on possible candidates to serve on the Board. Previously, Mr. Two Hawk expressed his wish to resign due to his health. Ken Haukaas mentioned as a candidate to serve as the Region 3 representative. Lionel or Mike will contact Ken to see if he will be interested in serving on the Board.

\*Move on to Academic Affairs Report until Phil arrives.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT – Attachment B)**

Brief overview on written report submitted by Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs. (Attachment **B**).

--Summer registration is scheduled for May 13-17, 2019. Enrollment for both June and July sessions will be completed at the same time.

- Adjusted the academic calendar due to snow days.
- Extended the spring semester due to snow days. Sent memo out to Department Chairs to work with instructors to provide additional assignments or meet with students for a longer period of time to ensure that academic rigor is there without going any longer.
- Extended the last day to withdraw from April 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer session usually begins June 3<sup>rd</sup> possibly be extended to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Register and see when students/instructors are available. A lot of education faculty are working in schools so will not be ready until the 10<sup>th</sup> so, will start planning on a weekly basis.
- Hoped to register for summer and pre-register for the fall semester but this will not happen this year. Registration will be 13, 14, & 15<sup>th</sup> and have to be changed on the sheet you received. Really have to move to a year-long schedule so students have an idea to look at a full academic year in their degree program. Will work closely with department chairs and with support from the Provost will come up with a year's schedule as best as can be done.
- Working on the on-line version of our catalogue. As things go through department chairs and faculty council changes are made on the online catalogue. However, our print catalogue is out-of-date and we have to decide how many we want to print. Most institutions moved to using totally and only on-line version of their catalogue.
- Course evaluations we have moved to using a survey monkey which is an online evaluation service that we have rather than handing out paper to students and instructors. They do them online and they go directly to Dan as the assessment coordinator. In your Board packets you see how he compiles and collates all of that information and goes back to the committee to make sure we are making the adjustments that our students are saying.
- Proposed a couple of Board meetings we need to update our organizational chart. It usually starts from within the Provost's team. It is considerably harder for all of us to do our work when we are working off of an out-of-date organizational chart so that is something we need to move forward with very quickly.
- Prepared this before the last Board meeting when there was no quorum. There was five of us that went to the Higher Learning Commission. And, I am sure that the Provost will cover that in his report. Dan Seibel, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Green, Phil and myself attended. The conference there was around 4,000 plus at that conference. Over the years I attended that conference I am seeing tribal colleges and universities have more and more voice. There are whole sections now devoted to tribal colleges and university presentations and for all people who are interested.

So, that is a welcome change to watch evolve over the years. We do have a voice. Basically, it is the newer institutions like Sitting Bull College has a standing invitation always. They do a lot of presentations. It would behoove Sinte Gleska University to get our name on the slate and do some presentations.

- Cheryl: I am now entertaining any questions:
- Question by Elton Menard, Student Representative. The summer schedule came out and Lakota Studies is now called Institute of Teaching & Learning. Had students and staff ask about the status of the department.
- Yes, that is the title for it "Institute of Teaching & Learning". We have an amended schedule coming out. Work with Dr. Green to see what offerings we have and difficulty during the summer to do some of those with the limited faculty that we have. So, we are looking for adjunct faculty to best meet the needs of our students. Two of our departments (Business and Human Services) require Lakota Language II and at some point we have to re-evaluate that and look at in light of the number of instructors we have and how can we really move it from what's different and really make it more progressive. So, the amended schedule is out. Waiting on some faculty to get things out. We have to look at it as they didn't learn or want to take the course, to make it more progressive.
- Elton: So, it won't be Lakota Studies anymore? That's what the students are concerned about.
- Cheryl: No, it hasn't been for almost three (3) years. Maybe we just need to do more PR.
- Mike: Is that what the concern is – the title? It's probably worth further discussion.
- Gabe: So, do they teach Lakota language, History & Culture, etc..?
- Cheryl: They do. Basically we are offering bare bones courses because of the health of Victor. He is doing the best he can. He teaches Lakota History & Culture, Tribal Laws, and Treaties & Government. Sandra Black Bear and Ben Black Bear are teaching Lakota Language I & II. Dr. Green is working with the State on the certification for instructors from college systems, high school systems, whatever to get a proficiency certificate from the State. That only allows you to teach the language in the school. He's done a good job over the years. People can come in and if they can speak the language they get a certificate. That doesn't mean they know how to do attendance and work certain standards and do all the things in a school. So, the methods class of teaching Lakota Language he has done more exactly what it is that needs to be done in the schools to improve that. So, basically that is where we are at with the classes to meet the needs of the students. We did finish up all people who started a degree. That is the legal aspect of it. So, if anybody is in the pipeline we have to be able to finish up their degree. Last year, we graduated the last of them and we were able to transfer credits with a degree in Lakota Studies over other programs so they lost the least of their credits. I took the lead over that as a certification officer.
- Lionel: The decision for the name change was made to satisfy HLC requirements and we should look into this further at a later time, like Mike suggested.

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Board Secretary excused to pick-up granddaughter. Cheryl Medearis will take minutes from this point on.

**PROVOST REPORT – (Attachment C)**

Provost Baird:

Talked about the faculty member teaching at Lower Brule Community College.

Related to accreditation:

- Look through federal statutes to come into compliance
- Must have evidence so we can take action
- SGU is being very diligent in this effort

Questions that the review team may ask is being prepared; we are working on many of these questions at varying department meetings

Data collection is an important piece of our work: collect data for IPEDS and AIMS/AKIS and for individual programs such as education and nursing; we do not have a solid information on data; Dr. Crawford and Dan Seibel are working on data collection; under-utilized in area of using the Jenzabar system

Attendance module must be activated – this data will drive recruitment and retention; we have to make some hard decisions with the limited resources that we have

Problems with National Clearinghouse, but these problems are being addressed; we must institutionalize and use data

Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Land Grant institution; President on the advisory committee; meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bison Field Station; endowed chair at SDSU for Bison Studies; work in progress for getting some \$\$'s.

Grants – both grants will be discussed in Audit report:

- Tiwahe program (can be problematic)
- Title III – two areas – Part A and Part F
  - Building and technology

Key legal issue with the IRS is the name change on the document; letter from President Bordeaux has been sent.

**Annual Report (in packet) – Attachment D**

- Brief explanation of each of the sections;
- Put report in power point format;
- We will use the report for fundraising;
  - The “ask” from funders is key.

**Motion #: 06:04:16:19**

- **Motion to accept the Annual Report**
  - **Motion by Tuffy Lunderman**
  - **Second by Gabriel Medicine Eagle**
  - **All in favor**
    - **Motion passed 4-0-1**
- Next year’s annual report will reflect the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to get earlier input from graduates, etc.
  - Out-reach from graduates was minimal, but we will use the information that we have;
  - Next November 2019 – report;
  - March 2020 is the visit.
- **Distance Education**
  - A grant brought in some teleconferencing equipment;
  - We can pilot some community outreach;
  - This will bring us up to a new level of communication.
- **Facilities**
  - Equipment installed at Student Lounge as we speak;
  - Can cater events when it is finalized and finished.
- **Roads**
  - Being bladed since the storm;
  - Bob Long’s program does the work.
- **Safety issues in Multipurpose**
  - Need to make sure the plastic is taped down to prevent future injuries.

- All takes money.
- **Solar energy discussion**
  - Phil has had meetings with Ken Haukaas regarding solar energy
  - IOT and Maintenance can help
- **Bison**
  - We have a situation where we must renew a lease with Antelope Community; didn't agree with the result.
  - Renegotiated a lease with Antelope Community for more money for another 4 years with option to renew.
  - Range management was an issue; Game, Fish and Parks will help do a more comprehensive assessment of prairie dog population.
- **Plaque from prairie dogs is a key issue; there is ferret recovery program that will cost around \$250,000**
  - Question: What about the use of ferrets as the tribe has done?
  - State permits are now required.
  - Discussion on use of ferrets for the tribe; ferrets were neglected; prairie dog issue is a "big deal" with TLE.
  - With the north and south units we have 274 bison, 70 yearlings; 30 head of bison that are secured at Mustang Meadows that must be moved;
  - Going to court with TLE over the lease; evidence contradicts what is being said about SGU; have 30 days to respond to the court order; intent is that Mustang Meadows is a bigger priority than we can take on right now; need to find additional land for the bison
  - Question: With low student count, how will workforce development help the university? Could the expansion of IOT opportunities help out student count?
  - Answer is YES, per Provost Baird
  - Shannon DuBray has been hosting advisory meeting
  - Need to "retool" the building trades program using "sweat" equity
  - In terms of this area, he has met with the new superintendent of TCSD and with SFIS
  - Renew our MOU with MTI to improve this area of courses
  - Question regarding living quarters for students and faculty



- Provost: For sale sign on Bechtold Apartments; the land along with the apartments is for sale.
  - Boltz: We have resources and land, but as a tribe/people we do not work together to get things done.
    - Robotics is being taught in our schools; SGU has sponsored some workshops on robotics and web and game design.
    - Juel Burnette's program can be used for teacher housing.
    - We need to encourage people to go out and get a job; and not say "college is not for everyone" – Tuffy Lunderman.
    - Two years ago the board did a self-evaluation; do you want to do this again? Provost Baird provided a draft of the self-evaluation.
    - Will there be board training? Provost suggested a day and a half in Pierre for a retreat or Cedar Shores as a possible place.
    - Cedar Shore appeared to be more favorable

**Motion #: 07:04:16:19**

- **Motion to bring forth board self-evaluation**
- **Motion by Richard Lunderman**
- **Second by Elton Menard**
- **Vote: 4-0-1**

**Motion #: 08:04:16:19**

- **Motion to accept Provost Report (attachment C).**
- **Motion by Elton Menard**
- **Second by Gabe Medicine Eagle**
- **All in favor**
- **Vote: 4-0-1**

**Report by Deb Bordeaux, VP of Student Services – (Attachment E)**

- 27 students went to Billings; competition in art, business, archery; Knowledge Bowl and Business Bowl.
- AIBL conference in (Business Bowl).
- Student Union furnishing.
- Large area that could be used for professional teaching
- Looking for businesses to install large equipment
- Two businesses have responded to the installation
- Damage to walk-in cooler was at \$5000; so we had to pay for the shelves
- The amount to finish installation is \$59,000 per the agreement sent by Wards
- Doors at the gym must also be fixed; might be a place in Omaha to come and fix the doors
- Must have a dishwasher to take care of cups, trays, etc

- Get the kitchen appliances installed; Wards could be done by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- There is a 15 day guarantee after materials are delivered

**BIE Site Visit**

- Asked about the check signing process and finance policies and procedures
- In 30 days a written report will be sent to SGU
- BIE will give us an idea of what needs to be done prior to the HLC visit

**Financial Aid**

- Deb met with Financial Aid Director to make sure that students are given the appropriate amount of help
- One more distribution of BIA and 2 of IOT
- Recruitment letter regarding the Tokatakiya Scholarship sent to both TCSD and SFIS
- Comments (positive) about the articles placed in the Todd County newspaper
- We need to be more proactive in knowing who our new students will be – better orientation is needed

**Art Market**

- Third week in September
- Advertising on TV
- Committee in Sioux Falls is still active

**SGU Publishing**

- Trying to sell Lakota Star Knowledge book for fundraising
- Selling the book for almost \$20; cost to print is minimal
- Education Curriculum at National Museum is interested in the book
- Sliding scale for price based on numbers

**Bus Drivers**

- Complaining about the roads they have to travel on
- Vans are going on 5 years old

**Motion #: 09:04:16:19**

- **Motion to accept Deb's report**
- **Motion by Gabe Medicine Eagle**
- **Second by Ken Wike**
- **Vote: 4-0-1**

**Written report: Ieshia Poignee, CFO – (Attachment F).**

**1) Training**

- Attending more training

**2) FY18 Audit**

- Audit ended on 1/17/19
- Draft report on March 24<sup>th</sup> so we are adjusting the report
- Three findings:
  1. Bookstore inventory is a repeat finding
  2. Journal Entries – adjusting entries done for grants prior to site visit
    - Disallowed cost for Tiwahe Glu Kini Pi (SAMSHA grant)
  3. Procurement Policies – not following securing contractor for asphalt projects and building resealing projects
- Ended year with a deficit for FY'2018.

### **3) FY 19 Budget – (Attachment G).**

- Budget modifications included in packet
- More Title III funding than expected
- Budget increased to 15,919,552

### **Motion #: 10:04:16:19**

**Motion by Gabe Medicine Eagle to accept the Finance Report and the FY '2019 Budget as submitted by the CFO.  
Second by Ken Wike  
Vote 4-0-1**

### **Check Signer**

- Ieshia Poignee, CFO, appointed Ken Wike as a check signer because as a Board member he is involved in the budget process; bank approved him based on minutes from the board meeting where the board gave Ieshia the authority to appoint someone;
- Deb Bordeaux was asked by BIE about appointing check signers and that the policy must be followed; BIE suggested (OR did they mandate?) that the administrators be signers;
- BIE will be back in August to see if we are making improvements;
- Records show that a budget report was made; lost the quorum at 4:30;
- Letter in response to Cheryl Medearis report to the board with no action to be taken.
  - Board considered this past history

### **President's Report**

- What needed to be done to move to the next chapter in SGU's future to set up the structure for planning.

Elton Menard and Ken Wike excused themselves from the meeting, dissolving the quorum to continue the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. due to lack of a quorum.

**NEXT MEETING**

Secretary directed to take a poll for the next meeting (within the next couple of weeks).

**CERTIFICATION**

We, hereby certify that at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the foregoing minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were approved by a vote of: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. A quorum was present.

/s/Mike Boltz, Interim Chairman  
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

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Attachments:

- 1) Typed/draft copies of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes: Attachment **A**
- 2) Academic Affairs Report, submitted by Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs: Attachment **B**
- 3) Provost Report, submitted by Phil Baird, Provost: Attachment **C**
- 4) Annual Report, Attachment **D**
- 5) Student Services Report, submitted by Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services: Attachment **E**
- 6) Finance Report, submitted by Ieshia Poignee, CFO: Attachment **F**
- 7) FY'2018 Audit Report, submitted by CFO: Attachment **G**