



SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY

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THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION 1983
RECOGNIZED AS A
1994 TRIBAL LAND GRANT INSTITUTION

ESTABLISHED DECEMBER 1970

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
Mike Boltz, Region 2 Rep.
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Regent
Jim Leader Charge, Tribal Ed. Rep.
Ryan Eagle Feather, Student Regent

OTHERS PRESENT (for all or part of meeting):

Lionel Bordeaux, President
Deb Bodeaux, VP/Student Services
Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education
Ieshia Poignee, Chief Financial Officer
Phil Baird, Provost
Dr. Woodke, Consultant
Joshua Branum, Auditor/Representative, Joseph Eve Auditing Firm
Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

Call to Order

The Sinte Gleska University met in regular session Monday, January 9th, 2017 at the SGU Administration Building (Board Room), Mission, South Dakota. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order by the Chairman, Russell Eagle Bear at 11:10 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer offered by Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #: 01:01:09:17

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Mike Boltz to approve the agenda with the inclusion of introduction and presentation by Joseph Eve Auditing Firm representative. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

Wahohpi ungluwašakapi kte hečel Oyate ki Wolakota gluha tokatakiya yuha unyapi kte
Reinforcing our Foundation for our people to go Forward in the Lakota Way of Life

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leonard Crow Dog, Elder Regent (excused – hospitalized).
Webster Two Hawk, Region 3 Rep. (excused – weather).
Marilyn Marshall, Region 4 Rep. (excused per phone call. Taking husband to doctor's appt. in Sioux Falls).

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2016

Distributed and reviewed copies of the minutes for the July 29th, 2016 meeting.

Motion #: 02:01:09:17

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Jim Leader Charge to approve the minutes for the July 29th, 2016 meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Amendments to SGU By-laws: SGU Resolution No. 2017-01

Reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to the SGU By-laws per attached SGU Resolution No. 2017-01. These amendments will structure the development of a consistent “governance stability” within the institution as cited by the Higher Learning Commission Report.

Discussed and requested an amendment to the resolution, page 2 under Article Seven, Committees, Section One. Executive Committee, second paragraph: In the event of the absence of one member of the Executive Committee, after “the Student Student”.....add: “or a member-at-large”.

Motion #: 03:01:09:17

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Jim Leader Charge to adopt SGU Resolution No. 2017-01 as amended. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) abstaining, two (2) abstaining (Chairman & Student Regent), motion passed.

SGU Board of Regents - Region 4 Representative

Chairman Eagle Bear requests approval from the Board to send the attached letter to the Region 4 Representative addressing the inability to fulfill responsibility to serve on the Board due to family medical issues, inclement weather, etc. This letter gives the option to resign so an appointment can be considered for this region.

Motion #: 04:01:09:17

Motion by Jim Leader Charge and seconded by Mike Boltz to authorize the Chairman and President to sign and send the letter to Region 4 Representative regarding position on the Board. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By consensus the Board deviated from the agenda to hold an election of officers to the Board.

Motion #05:01:09:17 - Chairman

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Jim Leader Charge to nominate and appoint Russell Eagle Bear to continue to serve the Chairman of the Board of Regents. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, two abstaining (Chairman and Student Regent), motion passed.

Motion #06:01:09:17 – Vice-chairman

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Ken Wike to nominate and appoint Jim Leader Charge as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, two (2) abstaining (Chairman and Student Regent), motion passed.

Motion #07:01:09:17 – Secretary

Motion by Jim Leader Charge and seconded by Mike Boltz to nominate and appoint Ken Wike as the Secretary of the Board of Regents. Vote: two (2) in favor, zero (0) opposed, three (3) abstaining, motion passed.

Motion #08:01:09:17 – Treasurer

Motion by Jim Leader Charge and seconded by Ken Wike to nominate and appoint Mike Boltz as the Treasurer of the Board of Regents. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

HLC REPORT – Phil Baird, Provost

Reviewed and discussed the written updated report on HLC and on-going institutional activities as submitted by Phil Baird, Provost. (See attachment B).

OLD BUSINESS – RATIFY RESOLUTIONS

Motion #: 09:01:09:17

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Jim Leader Charge to ratify the following resolutions:

- SGU Resolution No. 2016-02 to approve the 2016 SGU Graduates;
- SGU Resolution No. 2016-03 to approve the FY'2017 Institutional Budget;
- SGU Resolution No. 2016-04 to approve the Staff/Faculty Regent Election Results;
- SGU Resolution No. 2016-05 to approve the Doris Still Estate Settlement;
- SGU Resolution No. 2016-06 to approve the Student Regent Election Results.

Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, two (2) abstaining (Chairman and Student Regent), motion passed.

HLC REPORT CONT'D

Dr. Woodke, consultant reported about the on-going work in preparation for the upcoming HLC visit and addressing those concerns cited in the report. Discussions followed on the written report "Progress toward HLC Findings Regarding Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment" (see attachment C). Overall, continued progress is made in the right direction.

Jim Leader Charge out at 2:45 and return at 2:53 p.m.

President's Report

President Bordeaux distributed information followed with discussions on the SGU Forum/He Sapa (Black Hills), Friday, December 16, 2016 – Attachment A; SGU to Host Historic Educational Meeting and proposed Agenda – Attachment B; and “Strengthening Tribal Nationhood through Spirituality, Sovereignty, Treaties and Education – Attachment C.

- In conjunction with the forum, the SGU Board of Regents meeting scheduled at the conclusion of the forum was cancelled due to the blizzard/storm;
- leeshia Poignee, CFO and auditors addressed the letter from BIA on questionable costs;
- Discussion on the Land Tax monies owed to the University by the tribe. It would be good to have the Tribe give a million dollars to the University that is owed from the land tax monies.

Auditors

Joshua Branum, Representative, Joseph Eve Auditing Firm addressed the Board.

- Currently, we are in the process of auditing for FY'2016;
- Meet with the Board to go over some of the general auditing standards;
- Showing gradual improvements.
- Look into fixed assets.
- Will the student center and education buildings be finished by this Spring?
- Receivables for tuition – 7.5 million dollars is a sizable amount set up for doubtful accounts.
- Figure out how much debt forgiveness for people. Prepare a 10-99 income tax for the person that you are forgiving. We can work you through the process. Start with people who have passed away.
- Board noted that there is a write-off authorized for people who owed six hundred dollars or less.
- Accounts payable went up significantly, increased compared to last year.
- Fund balances need to be improved. That's a lot of work to do at the end of the year.
- Expenditures and payroll are following the right procedure.
- Tuition revenue is based on ISC and there is a drop in enrollment.
- Following federal compliance regulations with SA, PELL, SEOG, TCCC.
- There will be an improvement especially, in cash management.
- Finance Office Policies & Procedures are currently being worked on and revised.
- Hope to have the audit out by March.
- Invite Board members to attend the exit conference with the auditors on Friday.

leeshia Poignee, Vice President of Finance provided a short verbal report in lieu of a written report:

- Have been doing a lot of cross training within our department.
- Addressed the \$753,000 dollars on the assumption of questionable costs by BIA. Last year the auditors took care of this. Documentation will be submitted to resolve this issue.
- Discussion on land tax owed to SGU.
- Working on indirect costs with federal agencies.

- General fund subsidized with Keeps Eagle/RAMA Funds.
- Other items discussed: need for campus road repair; developing a strategic plan for the reservation.

ADJOURN

Motion #: 10:01:09:17

There being no further business, motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Jim Leader Charge to adjourn the meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER

Chairman Eagle Bear offered the closing prayer.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of January 9, 2017 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on March 10, 2017 by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. A quorum was present.

/s/Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
Board of Regents

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