

**SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2019**

-MINUTES-

ROLL CALL

Present

Mike Boltz, Region 1
Richard Lunderman, Region 2
Elton Menard, Student Regent
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Regent
Webster Two Hawk, Region 3 Regent
Gabe Medicine Eagle, Region 4 Regent (arrived: 12:53 p.m.).

Absent:

Leonard Crow Dog, Elder Regent (Excuse/travel)
Rita Means, RST Tribal Education Comm. (prior
commitment/Governmental Affairs Mtg.)

Others Present:

Midas Gunhammer, Financial Aid Director; Dr. John Crawford, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services; Phil Baird, Provost; Stephanie White Eyes, Human Services Director; Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs; Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Based on the above roll call, a quorum is present and meeting called to order by Mike Boltz, Interim Chairman at 11:47 a.m. on Monday, June 17th, 2019 at the Administration Building (Board Room), Mission, South Dakota.

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. Two Hawk offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion #: 01:06:17:19

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2019

Reviewed minutes for the June 7th, 2019 meeting. (Attachment A). Make corrections on pages 2 & 3.

Motion #: 02:06:17:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Elton Menard to approve the meeting minutes of June 7th, 2019 as corrected. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

PROVOST REPORT – PHIL BAIRD

Presented a written report, followed with discussions covering the following areas: (Attachment **B** – includes an Institutional Strategic Planning Report prepared by Dr. John Crawford: Attachment **C**).

- Summer student enrollment: 201 compared to Summer, 2018 – 194.
- Update on Institutional Accreditation.
- Institutional Effectiveness.
- General Operations.
- Planning and Development.
- Grants.
- Facilities.
- Calendar of Events.
- Appreciate that Dr. Crawford is providing the leadership to upgrade our data management systems to streamline our data collection.

Dr. Crawford presented the *SGU Strategic Plan, 2015-2018*; compiled and completed as a result of meetings with staff, faculty, students and Board members during the months of March, April, May, & June, 2019. (Attachment **C**). Detailed explanation and recommendations for future changes/updates.

(Gabe Medicine Eagle arrived at 12:53 p.m.)

Motion #: 03:06:17:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Gabe Medicine Eagle to approve the Strategic Plan Report. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

- In response to the bonus for the finance office consultant, President Bordeaux informed the Board he authorized to give “everybody” a bonus. The CFO reported on this issue at previous meetings and was told the issue was resolved.
- Provost Baird acknowledged the problem with employee attendance. This same problem exists throughout the reservation. Phil will look into different measures to address the issue.

- Shared information on the Institute for Indigenous Teaching: Presentation at American Indian College Fund. Title: Reclaiming the Indigenous Identity of Tribal Colleges. (Attachment **D**).

Motion #: 04:06:17:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Elton Menard to approve the Provost's Report as submitted by Phil Baird. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER EXIT REPORT – IESHIA POIGNEE

Ieshia Poignee, CFO expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work at Sinte Gleska University for 14.5 years. Written reports presented are:

- 1) Exit Report written by Ieshia Poignee, CFO – Attachment **E**;
 - 2) Brady Martz & Associates, PC: "Management Representation Letter" – Attachment **E-1**; Audit Committee Letter – Attachment **E-2 (draft)**; Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2018 – Attachment **E-3 (draft)**; Management Letter – Attachment **E-4 (draft)**.
- Recommend the Board approve a line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, Mission, SD. President Bordeaux recommends to seek a line of credit in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.

Motion #: 05:06:17:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Ken Wike to approve the resolution authorizing the President or his designee to seek a line of credit of 1.4 million dollars through Wells Fargo Bank, Mission, South Dakota. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

- Final copies of the FY'2018 audit will be printed and distributed to the Board members.

Motion #: 06:06:17:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Elton Menard to approve the FY'2018 Audit as completed by Brady Martz & Associates, P.C. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT – DEB BORDEAUX, VP/STUDENT SERVICES (Attachment E)

Discussion on the new Michael H. Bengé Student Center (i.e., cargo insurance on appliance(s) that were damaged during shipment, completion of furnishings, repairs that are needed should be the responsibility of the architects. The Board recommends to make it a priority to work toward opening-up the building.

FINANCIAL AID REPORT

Lengthy discussions regarding concerns/complaints, policies & procedures required for federal student aid, procedures for awarding scholarships as well as other financial aid awards. Discussed the need to strengthen communication with students, having an orientation at beginning of the semester. Need to develop a procedure for addressing issues that students have, students are approaching Board members directly with their concerns or complaints.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Bordeaux reported on the lawsuit filed by TLE against Sinte Gleska University. Provided a background/history about this issue.

(At the beginning of the meeting, Elton asked to be excused at 4:00. Left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.).

ADJOURN

Gabe Medicine Eagle excused himself from the meeting at 4:42 p.m. and therefore, a quorum is no longer present to continue the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned certify that at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on July 19, 2019 that the foregoing meeting minutes of June 17, 2019 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
SGU Board of Regents

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Attachments to June 17th, 2019 meeting minutes:

- 1) Minutes (draft): June 7th, 2019 – Attachment A.**
- 2) Provost/COO Report – Dated, June 17, 2019 – Attachment B.**
- 3) Strategic Planning Report – Dated, May 31, 2019 – Attachment C.**
- 4) Institute for indigenous Identify of Tribal Colleges: Presentation at American Indian College Fund – Attachment D**
- 5) Exit Report, CFO – Dated, June 17, 2019 – Attachment E.**
- 6) Brady Martz & Associates, PC:**
 - **“Management Representation Letter – Attachment E-1.;**
 - **Audit Committee Letter – Attachment E-2 (draft);**
 - **Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2018 – Attachment E-3 (draft);**
 - **Management Letter – Attachment E-4 (draft)**
- 7) Proposed Resolution to secure a “Line of Credit” – Attachment F**
- 8) Student Services Monthly Report – Debra Bordeaux, VP/Student Services – Attachment G**

