

**SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2019**

-MINUTES-

ROLL CALL

Present

Richard "Tuffy" Lunderman, Region 2
Elton Menard, Student Regent
Gabe Medicine Eagle, Region 4
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Rep.
Mike Boltz, Region 1/Chairman

Absent

Rita Means, Tribal Ed./Ex.-Tribal Council Mtg.
Webster Two Hawk, Region 3, Exc./Health
Leonard Crow Dog, Elder Regent/medical appt.

Others present: Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs, Phil Baird, Provost, Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in Regular session on Friday, July 19th, 2019 at the Administration Building (Board Room) on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota. Based on the quorum present, Chairman Boltz called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Gabe Medicine Eagle offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #: 01:07:19:19

Motion by Gabe Medicine Eagle and seconded by Elton Menard to approve the agenda. Vote: four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 17TH, 2019

Question on the request for a line of credit. The work to establish a line of credit is in progress. Waiting to hear from the Twin Cities branch. Also, exploring other options. Currently, the cash flow is good.

Motion #: 02:07:19:19

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Gabriel Medicine Eagle to approve the minutes for the June 17th, 2019 meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

PROVOST REPORT (SUBMITTED BY PHIL BAIRD)

Discussions on the written report (attachment B) covering the following areas:

- Institutional Accreditation;
- Institutional Effectiveness;
- General Operations;
- Planning and Development;
- Grants;
- Facilities;
- Calendar of upcoming events.

Included with the report (written documentation):

- SGU FY'2018 Audit Report – Attachment C
- Proposed Student Complaint Process – Attachment D
- Recommendations for the 2019-20 Academic Year – Attachment E;
- Criteria for HLC Accreditation – Attachment F;
- Staff Assignments for SGU's Assurance Report – Attachment G;
- Preparing for the 2020 HLC Campus Visit – Attachment H;
- Survey on Board of Regents Self-evaluation – Attachment I
- Phil encouraged Board members to read the HLC accreditation materials and contact him with questions.
- The cash flow situation continues to improve. SAMSA grant removed SGU from "at-risk" status which makes funds available.
- 471 monies are available and will ease up the cash flow problem.
- Adult Literacy and USDA grants have been released to us.
- Need to do some more work on the request for a line of credit.
- Borrowing against the Endowment and Indirect funds.
- CFO resigned and her last day is next Wednesday. We have three candidates for the Accounts Receivable position. We brought back former employee to catch up on some of the backlog.
- Working to make improvements in the academic area. Working to lay out a course plan for students.

- Working on the “Achieving a Dream Initiative”. We need to continue to work toward increasing our enrollment.
- Jenazabar module training is on-going.
- Dr. Crawford is doing a survey on student graduates and also, spearheading the Self-study report.

Richard Lunderman requests to go on record, he is “not satisfied with the outcome of the issues within the Financial Aid Office. Expect to see some drastic improvement in the Student Services Departments, especially the Financial Aid Office”.

- Discussion on required student class hours and instructor’s classroom and office hours. Need to address any attendance issues and start by addressing this at staff meetings.
- Recommend an overall review of the scholarship award procedures and required criteria. Make scholarships equitable and available for all students and publish the criteria on SGU webpage. Requested a report at the next Board meeting.
- The Board needs to review all handbooks/manuals and update policies and procedures including the SGU By-laws .
- Need to update/upgrade the student computer lab.
- BIE visit coming up in September. Needed changes will be made before the next fiscal year.

Discussed amending the by-laws to change the Elder Regent to an ex-officio/non-voting position which will reduce the quorum requirement to four (4).

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT – CHERYL MEDEARIS, VP/ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Some adjustments to the academic calendar.
- Registration begins August 5th.
- Majority of the graduates have been certified. There are around 60 graduates this year.
- Working to update the organizational chart.

Motion #: 03:07:19:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Elton Menard to amend the by-laws to change the Elder Regent to an ex-officio (non-voting) position. This amendment will change the required number of regents to establish a quorum to four (4) voting members. Vote: four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

Motion #: 04:07:19:19

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Elton Menard to approve and accept the reports presented by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Vote: four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. Motion passed.

Mike Boltz will remain as the Interim Chairman until after the election for Board officers.

- Any information on the lawsuit with T.L.E.? Phil informed the Board that the President and attorney have been relegated to deal with the issue. Have been receiving documentation and working to resolve this out of court. We do not have any equipment in this particular area and unaware if Mr. Hitchcock has anything there.
- Question on waiving of SGU immunity; does this have any effect?
- The annual report is in the process of getting printed.

(Cheryl Medearis excused herself from the meeting at 3:45 p.m.).

President Bordeaux is handling the T.L.E. court issue. What is the role of the B.I.A. on this issue? Where do they fit in?

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Richard Lunderman made the motion and seconded by Ken Wike to adjourn the meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

At a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on August 16, 2019 the foregoing meeting minutes of July 19, 2019 were approved by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting. A quorum was present.

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

Attest:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS:

June 17, 2019 meeting minutes (draft)
Provost/COO Report (dated: 07/19/19)
All Campus Year-end Assessment Round-up – Recommendations/2019-2020
Preparing for the 2020 HLC Campus Visit
Board Member Self-assessment
Criteria for Accreditation
Academic Affairs Report
AICF Faculty Research Convening - July, 2019
Position paper by V. Douville, Instructor/Institute of Indigenous Teaching
Brady Martz Accounting Firm: Report to Board of Regents
ADT Holistic Student Support Project – Ltr. Dated 05/01/19
Report on SGU's Approach to Hiring & Retaining Faculty
Provost Report/Notes & Observations – Annual HLC Conference
Proposed Schedule for Site Visit with AIHEC Team: Activities & Areas of Focus