

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2016

A G E N D A

10:00 A.M.:

- Roll Call ----- Secretary
- Opening Prayer
- Call to order ----- Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
- Approve Agenda
- Ratify Appointment of RST Education Committee Representative - James Leader Charge
- Review/Approve Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2015, November 6, 2015, November 25, 2015 & January 22, 2016
- Finance Office Report ----- Alisa Bartlett, Finance Office
- Academic Affairs Office Report ----- Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academics Affairs
- Community Education Report ----- Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education
- Student Services Report ----- Debra Bordeaux, VP/Student Services
- Student Representative Report ----- Lorraine Nez, Student Rep./Board of Regents
- President's Report -----Lionel R. Bordeaux, President
- Old Business
- New Business
- Closing Prayer
- Adjourn

Thank you for coming & see you at the next meeting!

SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

-MINUTES-

ROLL CALL

Roll call by the Secretary:

Mike Boltz, Region 1 Representative – Present

Duane Hollow Horn Bear – Present

Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman - Present

Lorraine Nez, Student Representative - Present

Leonard Crow Dog, Elder Representative (Present - arrived late).

Webster Two Hawk – Absent/Excused

Marilyn Marshall – Absent

James Leader Charge (incoming RST Ed. Committee
Rep). Excused - prior commitment.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lionel Bordeaux, President

Cheryl Medearis, Vice President/Academic Affairs

Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

Sherry Red Owl, Vice President/Community Services

Debra Bordeaux, Vice President/Student Services.

OPENING PRAYER

Leonard Crow Dog offered the opening prayer.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eagle Bear declared a quorum present and called the regular monthly meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents to order on Friday, February 25th, 2016 at the SGU Administration Building (Board Room), Mission, South Dakota at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman requests the Board review the agenda and if there are no changes/additions; entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion #: 01.02.25.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Leonard Crow Dog to approve the agenda. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF RST EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

James Leader Charge was appointed as the RST Education Committee Representative. Chairman requested a motion to approve this appointment.

Motion #: 02.02.25.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Leonard Crow Dog to recognize and ratify the appointment of James Leader Charge as the RST Education Committee Representative to serve on the SGU Board of Regents. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Copies of meeting minutes for October 22, 2015, November 6, 2015, November 25, 2015 and January 22, 2016 distributed and reviewed.

Motion #: 03.02.25.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to approve the minutes for the October 22, 2015, November 6, 2015, November 25, 2015 and January 22, 2016 meetings. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

FINANCE OFFICE REPORT

Alisa Bartlett, Finance Officer gave a summary report on the Finance Office operations with the following noted areas:

- Budget Modification Request for Art Institute.
 - Ted Beck, donor for the operation of the Art Institute does not wish to pay the salary of a certain position under this department.
 - Modification was made and the position is paid from the General Fund.
- CFO position is open due to the resignation of Lynnette Bordeaux.

Motion #: 04.02.25.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to advertise and hire a Chief Finance Officer (CFO). Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Alisa continued with an overview of her experiences at SGU. There are critical concerns with an individual working as a consultant who oversees the Finance Office. A lot of these problems that have occurred are documented with e-mails sent by this individual. The Chairman commented that he was present during a conference call regarding the audit but, he has never personally met this individual. At some point the Board needs to review the roles of each person in the Finance Office.

- Alisa has taken on the day-to-day operations of the Finance Office and training a grants manager for the 36 grants.
- Ileshia Poignee is currently working on clean-up/crisis management.
- Hired a new Personnel Manager who will help get reconciliations done on employee benefits.
- Presently working on getting ready for the FY'2015 audit. Sent an e-mail to the consultant out of Chicago to get an idea of where SGU is at with the process.
- An option would be to contact Donna Denker & Associates to request a proposal on cost and timeline for their services. Other individuals were mentioned to possibly utilize their services to assist with the audit.
 - Everyone continues to work and moving forward to get things in order for the audit & HLC.
 - Do need a CFO to be in compliance with HLC. Alisa is presently filling in here.
- Question: What is the consultant's (working out of Chicago) role in the Finance Office? The Chairman feels the Board needs to schedule a special meeting with this individual.
- Suggested a one or two-day retreat to work on morale and to help deal with issues and concerns. Possibly utilize the services of Ron and Deborah His Horse Is Thunder who did the Board training session this past year.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic with questions and discussions. (See attachment A).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION REPORT

Review and discussion on the written Community Education report submitted by Sherry Red Owl, Vice President of Community Education. (See attachment B).

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Review and discussion on the written Student Services report submitted by Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Student Services. (See attachment C).

STUDENT REGENT REPORT

Lorraine Nez, Student Representative gave a report and talked about the following:

- Fundraising efforts to establish an "emergency fund account" to assist students who have immediate emergency needs. Will work with the Vice President of Student Services to develop criteria for eligibility. Also, look into purchasing exercise equipment to promote better health care in light of a lot of the health issues on the reservation.
- Talked about the possibility of building a sweatlodge behind the Technology Building. What are the steps for getting the materials and the protocol for using a sweatlodge?

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bordeaux discussed with the Board the following on-going institutional operations:

- HLC is a priority
- Approached Phil Baird about replacing the Chief of Operations position vacated by Paul Robertson. He requests a title change to a Provost. He would be fulfilling all the responsibility that Paul was doing but with this title change. Expressed his appreciation for all the work that Mr. Robertson completed.
- Sinte Gleska University has had two deaths and three resignations of key people.
- SGU need to get into the areas of water and land. Phil Baird has background in this area – agriculture.
- A big loss of Mike Bengé – I feel he cannot be replaced.
- Financial Aid – Bill Hay's position will be filled by Midas Gunhammer.
- Assessment Coordinator position is still being advertised.
- Chief Financial Officer position needs to be filled.
- Need for horses and buffalo for the land.

Motion #: 05.02.25.16

Motion by Duane Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Leonard Crow Dog to accept the President's report. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for March 11th, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leonard Crow Dog offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURN

Motion #: 06.02.25.16

There being no further business, Duane Hollow Horn Bear made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lorraine Nez. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes of February 25, 2016 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on April 15, 2016 by a vote of three (3) in favor, two (2) abstaining, (Chairman and RST Education Committee Representative), zero (0) opposed, motion passed. A quorum was present.

/s/Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
SGU Board of Regents

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