Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents  
Regular Meeting  
March 5, 2014  

-Minutes-

Members present: Mary Jane Spotted Tail, Duane Hollow Horn Bear (in-coming staff/faculty representative), Leonard Crow Dog, Richard “Tuffy” Lunderman and Raechel Herman (in-coming student representative).

One member absent: Webster Two Hawk (excused due to illness).

Others present (for all or part of the meeting): Lionel R. Bordeaux, President; Cheryl Medearis, Vice President/Academic Affairs; Georgia Hackett, Vice President/Institutional Relations & Resource Development; Alisa Bartlett, Senior Fiscal Officer; Dakota Young, Student Council Association Secretary; Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

Call to Order

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 at the SGU Administration Building (Board Room) in Mission, South Dakota. A quorum was established and the meeting called to order by the Chairman, Richard Lunderman at 1:26 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Leonard Crow Dog offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #: 01:03:05:14

Mary Jane Spotted Tail made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a memorial donation request to set-up a tipi at Fort Laramie. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) not voting. Motion carried.

Board of Regents Appointment

Motion #: 02:03:05:14

Mary Jane Spotted Tail made the motion to formally recognize the appointment of Duane Hollow Horn Bear as the Staff/Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) not voting. Motion carried.
Motion #: 03:03:05:14

Duane Hollow Horn Bear made the motion to seat Raechel Herman, elected President of the Student Council Association as the Student Regent to the Board of Regents. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) not voting. Motion carried.

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – March 1st, 2013

The attached copies of the minutes for the March 1st, 2013 meeting were distributed and reviewed for corrections, deletions and/or additions. (See Attachment A).

Motion #: 04:03:05:14

Leonard Crow Dog made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 1st, 2013 meeting. Duane Hollow Horn Bear seconded the motion. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, chairman not voting. Motion carried. (Attachment A).

BUDGET (FY’2014) APPROVAL

Alisa Bartlett, Senior Fiscal Officer presented the budget for the fiscal year 2014. (See Attachment B). Points of discussions are as follows:

- President Bordeaux provided information on the Tribally Controlled Community College Act (TCCCA). Originally, the bill called for $8,000 per student. Currently, we are receiving $5,800 per ISC (Indian Student Count). The calculation is for every 1 ISC = 12 credit hours then you multiply the total number of ISC’s x’s $5,800.00.
- Look into the possibility of obtaining funding from the State for the non-Indian students who attend SGU.
- There is concern that most tribal colleges are dropping in student enrollment. An additional 10 colleges want to join the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) with the obvious intention of receiving funds through the Tribal College Act; which will ultimately reduce funding for the current AIHEC colleges. Funding is limited and continues to decrease. There are some tribes who have successful gaming operations and should be responsible for providing funding for their own tribal colleges.
- Planning and developing a strong funding campaign through the Foundation Office.
- There is an increase in our buffalo herd which raised some tribal & BIA concerns. A meeting is scheduled for every Tuesday with tribal and BIA entities to address these concerns. Plans are being discussed for the future use of the buffalo with a possibility of giving a small herd to different communities to take care and feed them for their own use.
- President Bordeaux expressed his appreciation to Georgia Hackett for her grant writing and Alisa for taking care of the money. President Bordeaux further commented that “financially we are not that bad off”.
- President Bordeaux will be attending the Oceti Sakowin meeting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the Standing Rock Reservation.
Motion #: 05:03:05:14

Leonard Crow Dog made the motion to approve the Budget for fiscal year 2014 as presented. Mary Jane Spotted Tail seconded the motion. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, chairman not voting. Motion carried. (Attachment B).

AUDIT REPORT

Georgia Hackett, Vice President for Institutional Relations & Resource Development presented and informed the Board about the audit report for the year ended September 30, 2013. (See Attachment C).

- The auditors will be here the second week in May and will ask to meet with the Board Chairman or all of the Board members as well as other people.
- President Bordeaux expressed his concern that some Board members may lack the understanding of finances (budgets, audits, etc.).
- HLC is requesting that we decrease the general funds deficit within eight years. This is a very tough issue to deal with when you have tribal members who have no resources or options during emergency situations for medical travel, electricity bills, etc., and call upon SGU for financial assistance. The founding Board said to assist tribal members in need. This is in keeping with the Lakota value of caring and sharing as in generosity.
- Recently received $300,000 from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. President Bordeaux expressed his appreciation to Russell Eagle Bear and Tuffy for supporting and pushing this through.

Georgia distributed copies of the HLC Response Report that was written and submitted by Mike Benge who is in charge of the accreditation process. Georgia also distributed copies of the Monitoring Report (SGU) – attachment D, Criteria for Accreditation – attachment E, and Assumed Practices – attachment F. A monthly meeting will be held to review the accreditation issues.

Motion #: 06:03:05:14

Mary Jane Spotted Tail made the motion to accept the FY’2013 Audit Report and the Higher Learning Commission Report as presented. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, chairman not voting. Motion carried. (Attachments C, D, E, & F).

STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Raechel Herman, President of Student Council Association and Dakota Young, Secretary for the Student Council Association introduced themselves to the Board and gave a verbal report on immediate and future plans and goals for the Student Council Association.

- The Student Council Association holds a meeting every Wednesday and discussed ways to help with recruitment and retention efforts.
Have open gym twice a week, participated in the Family Fun Nite, sponsored a concession stand during Founder’s Day and raised $1,000.00.

- Discussed a SGU mascot, inclusions on the SGU website/student voice blog, designating smoking areas, improving day care services and possibly offering evening meals.
- Ms. Herman asked about the possibility of providing evening meals and daycare services for the students. President Bordeaux instructed Ms. Herman to submit a written request so the administration can seek funding. President Bordeaux extended his appreciation to the Student Council Officers for their report.

(Ms. Herman and Ms. Young left the meeting after their report).

Motion #07:03:05:14

Mary Jane Spotted Tail made the motion to accept the verbal student report with a written report to be submitted to the office. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, chairman not voting. Motion carried.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic Affairs gave a verbal report which includes the following:

- We are into the 7th week of 15 weeks with mid-terms coming up the following week.
- Enrollment for this semester is 711 (including Lower Brule Community College & Ihanktowan Community College). After the drop/add deadline there was a decrease of 102 from last year. Although our numbers are down the ISC has increased.
- We meet #5 criterion for accreditation. Our programs are strong and exceeds the national average for accreditation requirements. We are accredited and our credits are transferable. No PELL will be impacted or affected by the HLC sanction.
- There are scholarships available, students are applying and every student receives something. Most of all, the students are trying. Beginning in the summer we will develop a recruitment and retention committee. We will be doing a questionnaire/survey to look at alternatives for recruitment and retention.
- Summer semesters run the months of June and July. We will be doing the recruitment and retention survey during registration.
- Held a health careers day on February 27th and 380 students attended with booths for dental hygienist, PA’s, nursing, etc. Dr. Sophie Two Hawk was the keynote speaker. It was a very successful health career day.
- Working closely with the Bookstore manager to resolve the computer glitches to address the problems in the text book ordering process, etc.

TRIBAL COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Lunderman gave a verbal tribal council report. Mr. Lunderman talked about the roles and responsibilities of the Board and followed with these comments:
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➤ We, as a Board have the opportunity to have an impact on education. I am honored to be on the Board. We have the opportunity to develop a relationship with the tribal government. Use the issue with the buffalo to get off to a start. Rather than wait, start preparing a presentation to bring forth a recommendation on the buffalo and the HLC report to the tribal council. We have the opportunity to defuse a lot of the negativism. As a people we can make things better. The biggest problem we have is we act on emergency situations.
➤ This probationary status with HLC, it allows us to strengthen the institution, communities and the people. This may be a good thing to help us to address our weaknesses and strengthen the institution. This is how I want to proceed with this. Staff must come together and to address the HLC issue. The mission has to continue. We cannot allow the charter to be suspended again. We must be prepared for whatever comes along. I believe this is a good place. I acknowledge and appreciate the University, it helped me to get where I am. We have to develop our own economy, groom and build-in the tradition.
➤ I hear from the young people that they do not want the old politics. The big problem is the lack of information. We have to provide leaders and put leadership in the curriculum as well as Wolakota.
➤ We are playing catch-up at the council level this week. We must set a good example and give a report at the tribal council meeting and not be adversarial.
➤ The issues with health care and EQUIA is moving along.

Duane Hollow Horn Bear excused himself from the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bordeau distributed copies of the in-house meeting agenda (attachment G) and gave a verbal report covering the following areas:

➤ Hold a meeting every Tuesday to address the issue with the buffalo ranch.
➤ Remembered a statement by Charlie Colombe who said “We are not going anywhere with this form of government that we are under”. We must look into a different form of government. This is also a mandate from our founding fathers. No other higher education institution has this as an institutional mandate. It allows certain tribal council representatives to jump on the university when the opportunity presents itself.
➤ We can put all of this into a proposal/report and take it to the Tribal Council but, they have already made up their minds. I don’t know if certain people want to bring the institution down or bring me down. Although, I am probably acknowledged as the most recognized Indian educator of the nation as President of this institution.
➤ The tribal council does not have a seventh generation plan developed as mandated by the People.
➤ There is also the issue of SGU funds not allocated as land tax monies authorized by RST Resolution No. 71-02 on a continuous basis/schedule so potential donors can see tribal council assistance.
➤ They say the SGU Board did not have meetings; the meeting attendance of our tribal council representatives leaves much to be desired. Are they making reports to their communities? Who holds them accountable?
➤ Have policies or procedures been developed for lineal descendants?
➤ We need a cooperative tribal government where we don’t live in fear of retaliation.
➤ How much money has been advanced to our council representatives, yet, communities need help.
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> Have requested to be included on the agenda for the Oceti Sakowin meeting this weekend to talk about tribal colleges. I will present some ideas and recommendations for the Oceti Sakowin meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Mary Jane Spotted Tail's request for a tipi donation to set-up at the Fort Laramie Agency, Wyoming in memory of Mni-Akuwin Spotted Tail, daughter of the late Chief Spotted Tail of the Sicangu Oyate. Mni-Akuwin resided at the fort and passed away at the age of 17 years old and her remains were eventually buried at a cemetery near the Fort Laramie Agency.

President Bordeaux commented that he supports this request.

Leonard Crow Dog said he will donate a drum for the Springfield Penitentiary trip.

Motion #08:03:05:14

Leonard Crow Dog made the motion to support the donation for a tipi; request a preliminary plan to take under advisement with a finalized plan to be submitted at the next meeting. Mary Jane Spotted Tail seconded the motion. VOTE: two (2) in favor, zero (0) opposed, chairman not voting. Motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER

Crow Dog's great-grandson sang a prayer song with a closing prayer by Leonard.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the meeting minutes of March 5, 2014 were approved at a duly convened meeting held on June 4, 2014 by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, Vice-Chairman not voting. A quorum was present.

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Spotted Tail, Vice Chairman
Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents

Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
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