SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4TH, 2014

PROPOSED AGENDA

1:00 p.m.:

➢ Call to Order
➢ Appoint Vice-Chairperson to Conduct Meeting
➢ Opening Prayer
➢ Approval of Agenda
➢ Review/Approve Meeting Minutes: March 5th, 2014 & April 16th, 2014
➢ Update on Higher Learning Commission Status——— Sherry Red Owl, VP/Comm. Education
➢ Audit Update ———————————— Sarah Arroba, Finance Officer
➢ Academic Report ———— Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs
➢ President’s Report ———— Lionel R. Bordeaux, President
➢ Old Business
     Donation Request ———— Mary Jane Spotted Tail
➢ New Business
➢ Closing Prayer
➢ Adjourn

Thank you for coming!!
MEMBERS PRESENT: Duane Hollow Horn Bear, Mary Spotted Tail, Leonard Crow Dog.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard “Tuffy” Lunderman (full schedule all week), Raechel Herman (class 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.), Webster Two Hawk (ill).

OTHERS PRESENT: Lionel R. Bordeaux, President; Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Sherry Red Owl, Vice President of Community Education; Jaime Arroba, visitor; Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Leonard Crow Dog, Spiritual Leader called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.

VICE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

Leonard Crow Dog’s spiritual appointment for Mary Jane Spotted Tail to serve as the Vice Chair to conduct the proceedings of the meeting was supported by Duane Hollow Horn Bear and agreed to by Mary Jane Spotted Tail. Ms. Spotted Tail is the great-granddaughter of Sicangu Leader, Chief Spotted Tail. Chief Spotted Tail’s namesake is carried by Sinte Gleska University as designated by the founding fathers and Stanley Red Bird, Sr., founding Board Chairman and so approved by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in 1971. Ms. Spotted Tail presided the meeting hereafter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #: 01:06:04:14

Duane Hollow Horn Bear made the motion to approve the agenda. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the March 5th, 2014 (attachment A) and April 16th, 2014 (attachment B) meetings were distributed and reviewed.

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Duane Hollow Horn Bear made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 5th, 2014 and April 16th, 2014 meetings. Leonard Crow Dog seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.
UPDATE ON HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION STATUS

Sherry Red Owl, Vice President for Community Education presented an updated report on the Higher Learning Commission status.

- Currently working on the self-study document. There are 5 criterions in areas that HLC requires us to do. Have difficulty trying to get everyone together for meetings. There are two groups consistently meeting and that is: teaching & learning.
- We plan to call a meeting with all criterion groups to try to redirect the process. We need to develop an actual process.
- We are in the process of developing a strategic plan and do have some of what we need. This process is lengthy. The Monitoring report is due by July 1st. The audit is complete and we will send this to the Higher Learning Commission to complete this portion of the report. One of the important things is we will be using the SGU website to share information on the self-study and strategic plan.
- The SGU Board of Regents meeting agenda and any action taken will be posted on the website. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) monitors our website. A section is designated for HLC review and monitoring purposes. The Board approved and agreed that it is important to post the agenda and any action taken on the website.
- In the process of completing the self-study. The federal compliance requirement includes the Financial Aid and Registration processes.
- The two main areas are our finances and governance. We are very confident and happy with the audit for FY 2013.
- We do plan to review and revisions/amendments to the by-laws.
- We want to make sure all the appointments to the Board are filled.
- We plan to provide training for the Board of Regents in the near future.

AUDIT UPDATE

Sarah Arroba, Finance Officer gave a verbal report on the FY 2013 audit:

- Visited with auditors and discussed the previous and present audits. There was a big deficit in the general funds. The ISC funding and the general fund accounts have always been reported as separate accounts. The auditors informed us we can and recommended that we combine these two funds. We gave the go ahead to the lead auditor to combine the ISC and general funds. There was a two million dollar deficit (in the red) in the general funds and three million dollars in the tribal college ISC (in the black). Combining the two funds cleared the two million dollar deficit in the general funds.
- Recommended that we reconcile the general ledger on a monthly basis.
- Recommended that travel and salary advance collections within a reasonable time be implemented. This is a very minor area that can be addressed.
- A selected sample for the Systems of Care grant noted a lack of documentation for some of the costs.
- There is no current year finding for the Tribal College School funding for allowable costs.
- Sinte Gleska University was given an unqualified opinion which is an auditor’s term for a “clean” audit for FY ’2013.
- Looking into implementing separate indirect costs from the general funds and to re-negotiate the indirect cost rate.
The Finance Office needs to analyze the write-off of old bills, three years old and older as uncollectable.

Currently, travel advance is monitored and collected in a reasonable amount of time. The Finance Office needs to review outstanding, old travel advances and make a recommendation to write them off the books. This does not apply to current travel.

(Sarah Arroba left the meeting after her report).

Motion #: 03:06:04:14

Leonard Crow Dog made the motion that the Board of Regents recognizes and expresses their appreciation to the Business Office staff for their hard work in obtaining an unqualified “clean” audit for FY’2013. Duane Hollow Horn Bear seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed by consensus.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic Affairs distributed copies of the Academic Report, dated June 4, 2014. (Attachment C). Other comments include:

- Three SGU students were selected to visit the NASA Space Center in Houston, Texas.
- The results with our recruitment efforts are not very encouraging.

(Jaime Arroba arrived at 3:00 p.m.).

- We have three defibrillators donated to us and plan to invite staff members to attend training sessions and offer staff waivers to increase the number of individuals who can administer CPR.
- We do not have an evacuation plan for the campus in case of a disaster. Of particular concern is for the babies and children at the Day Care.
- We are offering alternative classes targeted for tribal employees to run 5 hours a day for 3 days rather than 3 hours for 5 days. These are one-credit hour classes offered in the mornings and do not run the three-week session.
- We are 47 students (240,000) down from last year. We want faculty to retain all the students who registered for their classes rather than have only a few complete.
- Need to work on a policy for graduation applications. Currently, we do not have an estimated number of graduates. However, there are 20 students preparing for graduation in the education field with 13 Bachelor of Science degrees who have jobs with certification.
- There is a need for recruitment of new teachers.
- Daycare director is doing a fantastic job. They have passed the State safety test. Open on Fridays. Commend Debra Six Toes for her fine accomplishments with the Day Care program. We are looking into applying for grants for playground equipment as well as other needs.

Duane asked if there is plan or a procedure in place to participate in a student exchange program. It was mentioned that there is nothing formally set-up with any institution but a big problem has been the availability of housing.

Jaime Arroba extended his appreciation for being allowed to set-in on the meeting and commented that he would be very much interested in working for SGU as a teacher.
(Cheryl Medearis left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Bordeaux’s report covered the following areas:

- Work to increase dual enrollment by providing tutors, transportation.
- President Bordeaux expressed his appreciation and gratitude for voting for his son, Shawn Bordeaux for State representative for the Mellette and Todd Counties. We have someone who can carry the Lakota voice in a good manner. He is well represented, knowledgeable, been on the tribal council and always been involved. He has a knowledgeable background and someone who can open up a line of communication with the State.
- Very appreciative and supportive of the spiritual camp. A ceremony needs to take place to get direction on how to proceed with this. Commend the American Indian Movement (AIM) for their stand to protect our sovereignty, land & water rights. For their personal sacrifices in bringing to light the injustices to our People. A lot of these people have gone to prison for what they believed.

Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary excused herself from the meeting at 3:24 p.m. Georgia Hackett took the minutes from.

- Come up with a new educational system. Pull staff and students together to come up with ideas on how to do this. How do we get away from the system and do our own.
- We own over 1 million acres of land and we are the poorest county in the United States. Overstocked on our buffalo herd. BIA came up with a land. Thank Russell Eagle Bear and told Natural Resources to help us. Bidders were given to non-Indians. Tribal ranch sold out for the dollars and pushed the buffalo aside.
- Accreditation got on our case because the Board was not meeting. And our general fund was in the deficit. They have compared us to other institutions such as Dartmouth and Harvard. We have been coming up with 12-13 million dollars every year. Difficulty in carrying out the vision, economics, politics. Have to get aggressive and fight the obstacles. The tribal council attacked our land tax monies and rescinded the motion for the land tax monies set aside for SGU.
- Approached by Stanley Red Bird, Sr. to become the President of SGU to strengthen our culture, redefine and restructure education.

Leonard Crow Dog spoke about the Board’s responsibility to support the President and commented “What they say about the Itancan, they say about us”. As a former member of the AIM, I went to prison defending our sovereignty. Chief Crow Dog stated he supports the spiritual camp in their efforts to stop the XL Pipeline. He further talked about the lack of leadership and support from the present tribal council. This tribal council does not have a strong foundation. He urged everyone to carefully review the Cunningham bill which he personally feels was developed to terminate our People. Chief Crow Dog further advised that whatever land you have do not sell it. The TLE needs an overall reorganization as there are people working in the office who are not working in the best interest of the People but only for themselves.

President Bordeaux continued with this report:

- SGU must begin this summer, fall and throughout the year to address culture, education, governance, economics, fundraising, and all other issues affecting the lives of the Lakota People.
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- President Bordeaux was invited to attend a special memorial for the late Daniel Inouye, former Senator from Hawaii. President Bordeaux and Senator Inouye talked about the development of the WINHEC and the possibility that it would be under the auspices of Sinte Gleska University. Along this same line, a gentleman by the name Stanley Crooks talked about the presence of the Oceti Sakowin in the Black Hills to address the issues in education, culture, economics, Veterans affairs of the Lakota Dakota and Nakota nations.
- We need to join together to develop a strategic plan for a national vision for all the Tribes throughout the country. We must have our Chiefs, spiritual leaders and others speak in one voice.
- Students from Japan are interested and want to learn about our culture and their officials have offered their assistance in helping us build a campus.

Duane Hollow Horn Bear expressed his appreciation that the President was spiritually appointed in his position. The late Stanley Red Bird, Sr. (founding chairman) and Jerry Mohatt, former Vice President have gone to France and Germany to establish an educational relationship. The late Albert White Hat (Lakota Studies Instructor) visited Finland during New Year’s Eve. We continue to receive letters from Romania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovak to share our cultural and educational knowledge. The possibility is there that we can take our Creation Story globally for fundraising purposes. There are other possibilities out there such as having a wacipi celebration in a different country every year. Selo Black Crow went to London and taught them how to sing.

(President’s report continued):
- China and Mongolia invited us to their country to offer courses which will help increase our revenue.
- We should also think about having an ambassador in every country.
- SDSU should be working closely with our teacher education with underground laboratory project funded by the government. The State receives monies on behalf of the Lakota People.
- Fr. Martin from Gregory invited the Board, Administration, staff and students to discuss the expansion of our services toward the East reservation area.
- Discussion about the possibility of a meeting between SGU Administration and Board of Regents with potential donors who participate at Crow Dog’s sun dance. The meeting can take place during purification days (July 27th thru August 3rd) at the sun dance grounds. The administration will submit several proposals to submit to potential donors for funding consideration.
- Mentioned that SGU has been invited to attend prayer ceremonies at the Springfield Penitentiary.

DONATION REQUEST (TIPi)

Mary Jane Spotted Tail informed the Board that she and Gayle Spotted Tail, niece did not have the time to draft a letter to request a donation for a tipi to set-up at the Fort Laramie Agency annual celebration. This is needed by June 25th, 2014. It was mentioned that the University did not have a tipi available at this time and directed Mary Jane Spotted Tail to contact Russell Eagle Bear with the Tribal Historic Preservation Program.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leonard Crow Dog offered the closing prayer.
CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the June 4th, 2014 meeting minutes were approved at a duly convened meeting held on October 3rd, 2014 by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. A quorum was present.

[Signature]

Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
SGU Board of Regents

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