

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 29, 2016

-MINUTES-

ROLL CALL – Secretary

Mike Boltz – here
Webster Two Hawk – here
Russell Eagle Bear – here
Lorraine Nez – here

Marilyn Marshall – Absent/excused
Leonard Crow Dog – Out of town/excused
Jim Leader Charge – Absent/excused
*Staff/Faculty Rep. vacant

OTHERS PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting)

Phil Baird, Provost; Lionel R. Bordeaux, President; Debra Bordeaux, VP/Student Services; Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs; Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education (arrived at 11:30 a.m.); Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eagle Bear declared a quorum present and called the meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents to order on Friday, July 29th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., at the Administration Building (Board Room), Mission, South Dakota.

OPENING PRAYER

Mr. Two Hawk offered the opening prayer.

EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

Motion #: 01:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to excuse Board members who are unable to attend the meeting today. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #: 02:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to approve the agenda. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 15, 2016

Draft copies of the meeting minutes for June 15th, 2016 distributed and reviewed. (Attachment **A**).

Motion #: 03:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to approve the minutes of June 15th, 2016 meeting. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

HLC UPDATE REPORT

Phil Baird, Provost presented written reports covering these areas with questions and discussion:

- Provost/COO Report, dated July 29th, 2016: 1) HLC Accreditation; 2) General Operations; 3) Planning and Development; 4) Facilities Construction. (Attachment **B**).
- Program Review Summary submitted by Leah Woodke, Ph.D. (Attachment **C**).
- Program Review – SGU Lakota Studies Department, updated June 27, 2016. (Attachment **D**).
- SGU Tentative Faculty Orientation Agenda (August, 2016). (Attachment **E**).
- Information sharing on working overtime on campus (colleges/universities). (Attachment **F**).

Russell Eagle Bear asked how long it will take to do a complete report on the future plans for the Lakota Studies Department.

Phil's response was the Lakota Studies needs an overall program review. The department may not come under the academic realm. There is tremendous concern about the retention of the Lakota language as well as history and culture.

(Sherry Red Owl arrived at 11:30 a.m.).

Russell expressed his concern that we are not fulfilling the vision and mission statement of our founding fathers that the Lakota Studies Department will serve as the hub of the University. Of particular concern, is the Cultural Resource Management Program. Do we have the personnel to teach these courses? The Tribe deals with a lot of issues in the area of Cultural Resource Management.

- We have to start with a program review as an academic department and on to planning and development. We could collect and utilize the Founder's Day forum notes from the public to help identify areas and ways toward retaining our language, history, and culture.
- One of the main concerns is availability of employment for Lakota Studies graduates. What are the employment opportunities for graduates in their respective area?
- We have to address this as a nation. Are we to require speaking fluently as an outcome? How much of our culture and language has been lost and can be researched and restored to include in our curriculum? We have to start with language in the homes, families and into the school system starting with pre-school and on up.
- Use social media and internet as a way to collect and share information. We need to invite the elders for their input and guidance.
- We have to look into how to balance-out our Wolakota and HLC perspectives.

President Bordeaux comments the University needs help in this area. We have to involve the Tribe, communities, as well as other tribal entities. We've got to declare a state of emergency to address the retention of our language and culture. The other issue which we have to declare a state of emergency is diabetes. We have to flood information out to the Oyate and set up a system to address diets, medical care, exercise/exercise equipment.

Other points of discussion:

- How do we as a Tribe address the prevalent social sicknesses and problems with alcohol and drugs.
- Shortage of housing is due to a lot of houses contaminated with meth. There are a lot of families without a home. Children are affected by the loss of a home and their belongings.
- There is a safety factor for the staff/personnel are threatened during testing homes and especially during the eviction of families.
- The cost to dismantle a house contaminated with meth costs around \$140,000.
- The Tribe can declare a state of emergency in this area, also.

Board members received copies of the academic calendar (Attachment **G**); the upcoming "Free Horsemanship & Rode Clinic Program (Attachment **H**) and SGU News Release – "SGU Readies for New Fall Semester & Commencement (Attachment **I**).

Russell Eagle Bear – excused himself at 12:15 p.m. and returned at 12:32 p.m.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic Affairs submitted a written report. (See attachment **J**).

FINANCE OFFICE REPORT

Alisa Bartlett, acting CFO gave a verbal report on the Finance Office activities:

- Currently our fiscal year runs from October to September. Proposing to change to a 9-month fiscal year June to July.
- Keeps Eagle Funds: 38 million dollars to be divided by 38 colleges/universities. Submitted a 2-year proposal using land for bison and horse ranch.

Audit Report – FY’2015

Board members reviewed the FY’2015 Audit submitted by Joseph Eve, Certified Public Accounts (Attachment **K**). The Board discussed the “findings” as noted in the audit.

Motion #: 04:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to accept the FY’2015 Audit Report submitted by Joseph Eve, CPA. VOTE: 3 in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion past. (See Attachment **K**).

Mike Boltz recommends a copy of the audit be filed with the Tribal Treasurer’s Office.

Budget Modifications

Requested approval for FY’ 2016 Budget Modifications as follows:

- 1) Increase SGU Security budget line item in the amount of \$4,500.00 to cover costs to hire a consultant to develop a University Wide Safety Management Plan. (Attachment **L**)
- 2) Increase Student Lunch Program budget line item in the amount of \$12,000.00 to cover the cost of food for the months of June, July, August and September, 2015. (Attachment **M**).

Motion #: 05:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to approve the requested budget modification to increase the Security budget line item in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the General Funds to cover costs to hire a consultant to develop a University Wide Safety Management Plan. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Motion #: 06:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to approve the requested budget modification for an increase of \$12,000 for the Student Lunch program from the General Funds. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Finance Office Report cont'd:

- Presented the funding balances as of 07/27/16. This balance sheet shows the carry over balances for FY'2016. As of this date, everything is on track. (Attachment **N**).
- Began cross-training Finance Office staff should a position be vacated. Need to work on payroll.
- Attended budget module training for three (3) days. Budget will be set so line item cannot be overspent, working to have the budget done by August.

Motion #: 07:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Lorraine Nez to accept the Finance Office verbal report by Alissa Bartlett, Acting CFO. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

Lunch break at 1:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Sherry Red Owl, Vice President of Community Education presented her written report on Community Education. (Attachment **O**).

Motion #: 08:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to approve the written report on Community Education as presented by Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

A written Student Services Report submitted by Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Student Services (Attachment **P**). Other verbal information sharing and a request to open an account:

- NPIAM – September 14-28, 2016, Sioux Falls, SD
- Requesting authorization to open an individual account for SGU/NPIAM.
- Attending a conference at the Salish-Kootenai Community College regarding student services (financial aid) updates as well as other student related information.

Motion #: 09:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to authorize the administration to open an account for SGU/NPIAM donations. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

Motion #: 10:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to accept the written Student Services Report as presented by Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Student Services. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

STUDENT REGENT REPORT

Lorraine Nez, Student Regent's verbal request for approval and support to start a Baseball Team for the students. Directed to have the students follow the procedure to recognize the team as a club before proceeding with fundraising activities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bordeaux distributed documents on "Strengthening Tribal Nationhood through Spirituality" with further discussion in areas of education and funding. (See attachments **Q** and **R**).

Russell Eagle Bear mentioned that a clean-up/improvement work needs to be done around Chief Spotted Tail's gravesite. Possibly have the University assist with this project.

President Bordeaux made two recommendations to the Board for approval:

- Hire Ieshia Poignee as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There were only two interviews. Both individuals were highly qualified. However, Ieshia Poignee had the most experience as a long-time employee with SGU.
- Recommend that Sinte Gleska University discontinue the contract with the Accountant working out of Chicago, Illinois.
- Recommend that the Board of Regents amend the by-laws to meet on a quarterly basis and increase the stipend/honorarium to \$200.00-\$250.00. Also, give the Chairman the authority to review and sign documents which will be ratified at the next quarterly meeting.

Motion #: 11:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to approve the hiring of Ieshia Poignee as the Chief Finance Officer as recommended by the interview team. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Motion #: 12:07.29.16

Motion by Mike Boltz and seconded by Webster Two Hawk to discontinue the contract the Accountant working out of Chicago, Illinois. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Motion #: 13:07.29.16

Motion by Webster Two Hawk and seconded by Mike Boltz to accept the President's Report. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion #: 13:07.29.16

Motion by Webster Two Hawk and seconded by Mike Boltz to adjourn the meeting. Vote: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of July 29, 2016 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on January 9, 2017 by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. A quorum was present.

Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
SGU Board of Regents

S E A L