SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING/orIENTATION
Thursday, April 2, 2015

-AGENDA-

10:00 a.m.

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Agenda
- Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2015 (table)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update Report
- Orientation:
  - HLC Ltr, dated 11/12/13 – re: Probation Status
  - HCL Statement of Affiliation Status
  - HLC Criteria for Accreditation & Core Components
  - HLC Assumed Practices within the Criteria for Accreditation
  - SGU Board of Regents By-laws
  - SGU Faculty Handbook
  - SGU Adjunct Faculty Handbook
  - SGU Personnel Policies & Procedures
  - SGU Finance Office Policies & Procedures
  - SGU Audit – Year ended 2013
  - SGU Procurement Policies & Procedures
  - SGU Financial Aid Handbook
  - SGU Student Handbook
  - SGU Child Care Center – Parent Handbook
  - SGU Catalog
- President’s Report
- New Business: General Education Outcomes
- Old Business
- Closing Prayer
- Adjourn

Your attendance is appreciated
CALL TO ORDER

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in regular session on Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 at the Administration Building (Board Room), Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order by the Chairman, Russell Eagle Bear at 10:40 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Opening prayer offered by Leonard Crow Dog.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #01.04.02.15

Motion by Duane Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Mike Boltz to approve the agenda. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

MINUTES: MARCH 27, 2015

Due to medical reasons, the Secretary requested to table the March 27, 2015 meeting minutes. It is the consensus of the Board to table the minutes.

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC) UPDATE REPORT

Chief of Operations Paul Robertson presented a report on the upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation review site visit scheduled for April 27-29.
• Did have a RST Education Committee meeting presentation.
• Logistics of meeting; schedule-agenda. Current draft does not have process.
• Internal working to prepare for the visit: planning, documentation, information-sharing
• HLC Visit recommendation: “Be positive and tell the truth.” It would be good to highlight the positive things happening at SGU.
• Providing weekly update via SGU e-mail/Facebook/other postings so everyone is informed.
• Preparing a Resource Room on-site although there is an on-line Resource Room where the Self-Study and all other pertinent information are available to the Team reviewers. Each has been given a password to enter the site as the information is for the HLC Team at this time.

Vanessa Sully, Student Regent, volunteers to get the students involved in campus clean-up. Discussion about site visit, campus clean-up, road improvement. Russell Eagle Bear expressed his concern that there is no set time in the draft agenda for Board of Regents to meet with team. Duane mentions April 29 the anniversary of the signing of the 1868 Treaty and is interested in having his Lakota History & Culture students do a presentation to the Team if there is time.

Motion #02.04.02.15

Motion by Vanessa Sully and seconded by Mike Boltz to have HLC Peer Review Team meet with the Board of Regents. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

President Bordeaux relates history with HLC commissioners and Executive Director, including the need for a tribal accreditation process for tribal entities. Not always met with support initially, but lately Sylvia Manning, recently retired Exec. Director, told the TCU presidents they could and should develop their own accreditation model or seek reciprocity agreement with HLC or help HLC to strengthen theirs.

Presentation of SGU Organizational Chart. Discussion: more detail (names) needed to know the levels of authority/responsibility. President Bordeaux asks for correct name for the highest power—Wakan Tanka or Owakicipaya. (It was an important discussion as the name of the highest power is on the Organizational Chart). See attachment.

Motion #03.04.02.15

Motion by Vanessa Sully and seconded by Mike Boltz to approve the Organizational Chart. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

Discussion on Paul Robertson’s appointment as Chief of Operations. Board of Regents asks to review the job description. Vanessa asks questions about the flow chart and job description. President Bordeaux clarifies that the new Chief of Operations position replaces Vice President of Planning and Development. Russell Eagle Bear asks if there is a system in place for hiring—what is Sinte Gleska University’s process? The Board directs that the Personnel Action process be followed. President Bordeaux explained that the Chief of Operations is an in-house transfer. Paul was hired as a Vice President but has been appointed Chief of Operations.
Mr. Eagle Bear asks for a motion to approve President Bordeaux’s recommendation for in-house transfer, moving Paul Robertson into the position of Chief of Operations.

**Motion #04.04.02.15**

Motion by Vanessa Sully and seconded by Mike Boltz to approve the in-house transfer for Paul Robertson as the Chief of Operations. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

Other discussion: Forming a tribal accreditation body. Tribal accreditation for K-12 can be included in the RST Tribal Education Code. BIE now recommending the Tribe develop its own accreditation for tribal schools. President asks Chief of Operations Paul Robertson to work with Board of Regents to develop language for a Board motion on developing tribal accreditation. Possibility of amending AIHEC legislation to include tribal accreditation. In the past, TCUs were threatened with losing federal financial aid and other federal funding and transferability of credits if not approved by a sanctioned Dept. of Education accrediting body (HLC and 5 other regional accrediting organizations throughout the country). There is BIE support for tribal accreditation, which gives all tribal schools leverage and strength to move forward on developing a tribal accrediting body. Bureaucracy and complexity of federal regulations impact local control and self-determination.

Mike Boltz refers to the local housing situation as an example of the rules and regulations now imposed on the Tribe. Common person doesn’t understand how things work and can get so bogged down.

New form of tribal government discussed by President Bordeaux—one of SGU operating points to move on. Victor Douville will present a working plan at the 2016 Founders Forums. President Bordeaux recommended a transition period from the current form of governance to a new form as kinship system of yester-year is difficult to maintain now. Possibly propose to elect four Chairmen (Culture, Business, People/Social Structure, Governance/Treaties). Unite all disciplines under these bodies. One chairman cannot work on all of these areas—the responsibilities are too widespread. Report at Rosebud Fair every year; ask the people for a vote on issues. Move away from one person and one board deciding everything for the people.

VP Georgia Hackett reports on the FY-14 Unaudited Financial Statements and the Endowment Annual Report developed by the SGU Senior Accountant, Susan Neylon. Presents the Balance Sheets for FY-13 and FY-14 for comparison purposes. See attachments. Clarifies that the General Fund deficit is not unpaid tuition/fee expense. Answers questions about items on statements and endowment report. Presents information regarding the FY-14 audit which is now in process with electronic submission of required financials to the auditing firm. On-site compliance testing scheduled for first week of June.

Russell Eagle Bear asks for a motion to authorize President Bordeaux to give staff a full-day of administrative leave for the Easter holiday.

**Motion #05.04.02.15**

Motion by Marilyn Marshall and seconded by Duane Hollow Horn Bear to grant a full-day of administrative leave to SGU employees for Easter holiday. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.
Russell Eagle Bear asks the Board to consider holding a Special Meeting on April 10th to continue Board orientation.

**Motion #06.04.02.15**

Motion by Marilyn Marshall and seconded by Duane Hollow Horn Bear to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, April 10th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. to continue Board orientation. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 a.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer by Leonard Crow Dog.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of April 2, 2015 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents held on June 5, 2015 by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. A quorum was present.

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Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman  
SGU Board of Regents

**ATTEST:**

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Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary  
SGU Board of Regents