



Board of Regents Code of Ethics

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents commits itself to the very highest ethical conduct, in carrying out its responsibilities under tribal and federal laws.

I, _____, as a member of the Board of Regents of Sinte Gleska University, hereby agree to:

- Recognize that the primary responsibility of the Board of Regents is to govern and assess the University to best meet the educational needs of the Sicangu Oyate.
- Work with my fellow Board of Regents members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during vigorous debate.
- Base my personal decision upon all available facts in each situation; vote my honest conviction in every case, unswayed by partisan bias of any kind; abide by and support the final majority decision of the board.
- Remember that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board of Regents, and I will conduct any relationships with the University staff, the local citizenry and news media on the basis of this fact. I agree that the Board of Regents Chairperson or designee serves as the official spokesperson and that the individual Board of Regents members will not represent themselves as speaking for the Board of Regents.
- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position to benefit either myself or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the University.
- Review and analyze the University Mission Statement regularly.
- Bear in mind that the Board of Regents accomplishes its responsibility to govern and evaluate the University by adopting the policies by which the University is to be governed, but that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of university business are the responsibility of the President.
- Welcome and encourage active participation by citizens in establishing policy.
- Assure the orderly operation of the Board of Regents by bringing potential agenda items to the Board Chair and President before bringing proposed agenda items to the Board table.
- Recognize that discussions of the Board of Regents in Executive Session are confidential.
- Be scrupulous in requesting only authorized and legitimate reimbursement of expenses.
- Be familiar with the duties imposed by tribal law upon me as a member of the Board of Regents; to understand those duties and powers as set by tribal ordinance; and to faithfully carry out those powers and duties to the best of my ability.
- Should a conflict of interest arise due to my elected position on another organization's board or the Tribal Council, I will support the best interest of the University and its students at all times.
- Finally, to strive for the most effective board in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to higher education as the greatest instrument for the preservation and perpetuation of our tribal nation.

Signature of Board of Regents Member

Date