OPENING PRAYER

Webster Two Hawk offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call by the secretary as follows:

Members present:
Webster Two Hawk, Region 3 Rep.
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Rep.
Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman/Region 2 Rep.
Ryan Eagle Feather, Student Rep.
Mike Boltz, Region 1 Rep.

Members absent:
Leonard Crow Dog, Elder Regent
One vacancy – Region 4

Others present:
Lionel Bordeaux, President
Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services
Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education
Phil Baird, Provost
Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman declared a quorum present and called the meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents to order at 11:30 a.m. This meeting will be to prioritize issues where immediate action is needed with other reports to follow.

APPROVAL OF 2017 SGU GRADUATES

Jack Herman, Registrar presented the list for the 2017 Sinte Gleska University Graduates (attachment A). A total of 64 graduates this year.
Motion #: 01:08:18:17

Motion by Jim Leader Charge and seconded by Ken Wike to approve the 2017 SGU Graduates as submitted. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion carried.

HLC UPDATED REPORT

Phil Baird, Provost presented and discussions followed on the updated/written report (attachment B) in regard to the status of our accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) as well as reporting on other institutional areas.

- Contacted Karen Solomon, Liaison and she responded this morning that they are still working with the document;
- Presently they are back-logged and still awaiting the draft report;
- The procedure and timeline for the review: draft report is prepared with a response period and a final report submitted to Karen Solomon who will submit to the Board for their action in November.
- Some question on our contractual relationship(s) with Ihanktowan Community College and Lower Brule Community College.
- Currently working on the budget.
- Enrollment is down across the country.

The above full report covered areas in: a) Institutional Effectiveness; b) HLC accreditation; c) General Operations; d) Planning and Development; e) Facilities; f) Staff Professional Development; g) Upcoming Events.

Distributed a report prepared by Dr. Jim Green, Lakota Studies on “Enlarging the Role of Lakota Studies at Sinte Gleska University: The Tribal College Center for Indigenous Teaching and Learning”. The report covers areas in: 1) SGU Teacher Academy; 2) Indigenous Teaching and Learning Models for K-12 Education; 3) Promoting Student Cultural Identify & Self-esteem Across SGU Departments; 4) Partnerships and Services with other TCU’s. (Attachment C)

Other information reported in the area of accreditation:

- Key Student Success Questions (attachment E).
• Institutional Values of Bravery, Generosity, Fortitude & Wisdom; Institutional Learner Outcomes for Nation Building and General Education Learner Outcomes. (attachment F).

• Provided a report on Sinte Gleska University’s “Project Success” Initiatives offered through the Great Lakes Higher Education Consortium in collaboration with AIHEC. (attachment G)

• Plans for an honoring/naming ceremony for the Student Services Building to be called the “Michael H. Benge” Student Center.

• Leo McCaulay hired to head-up the security on campus and working on installing a security system for the whole campus.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Cheryl Medearis is at student registration and not available for a report.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION REPORT

Sherry Red Owl, VP/Community Education reported on her workshops which include harvesting gardens, gathering and processing fruits (choke cherries, plums, etc.) for jellies and juice. The workshop will concentrate on the processing of traditional foods.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Reviewed the written Student Services Report submitted by Deb Bordeaux, VP/Student Services.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Bordeaux’s verbal report included:

• Busy school year and anticipate a busier for the upcoming year;
• Have done some travelling and talking at various occasions and places;
• Plans for the AIHEC summer retreat;
• Met with Ron Martell who is a sundancer at Crow Dog’s and wants to assist us with fund raising.
• New personnel in the Secretary of Education’s office;
• Working group working on a plan of recommendation for the development of AIHEC accreditation;
• Talked about the need to develop a working relationship with the Department of Education. Have an Executive MOU with USDA /Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Purdue for future development of programs within our institution;
• Discuss and look into the issue for the development of land-use, water and natural resources and what we can do to work with tribal governments;
• Black Hills State University people were here for graduation and they want to work with tribal colleges. Also, discussed the re-naming of their library and a residential hall in honor of a couple of their alumni. President Bordeaux was mentioned as one of the honorees.
• Possibility of adjunct staff for SGU from BHSU. SGU can provide cultural orientation to Black Hills State University’s staff.
• Creation story prospect; Albert White Hat and President Bordeaux talked about doing this for the world to see;
• WIPCE Conference. Talked about WINHEC AND Maori Higher Education sued the queen; purchased three facilities;
• World Indigenous Nations University plans for development;
• Accreditation for tribal nations, have an international meeting at Sinte Gleska University
• Eye clinic in Rosebud next June, 2018 to provide glasses to 1,000 people and bring a habitat facility to house people;
• LNI/forums – talk about education nationally to develop working plan for a national tribal university;
• NCAI – upcoming meeting;
• Inviting higher education here from the Great Plains Higher Education Conference;
• Roads are getting fixed, transportation asking for $75,000. SGU paid for A & E already so need tribe to push that.
• Has asked Sherry Red Owl to develop a resolution for an analysis of addressing the tribal-federal relationship across Indian country and look at a strategic plan; look at legislation and policies in all areas that affect tribal livelihood.
• Go to the State to discuss and look into taking back control of Indian education.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Jim Leader Charge and seconded by Mike Boltz to ratify SGU Board of Regents Resolution No. 2017-02: “Paul Lehnard Estate”. Vote: five (5) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed.

ADJOURN

Motion #: 04:08:18:17

There being no further business, Jim Leader Charge moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Boltz. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, two (2) abstaining, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.
CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned certify that the foregoing meeting minutes of August 18, 2017 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents on October 19, 2017 by a vote of: three (3) in favor, zero (0) opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passed. A quorum was present.

/s/Mike Boltz, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary
SGU Board of Regents

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