

**SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01**

**TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS: ARTICLE FIVE, SECTION ONE, REGULAR MEETINGS AND
ARTICLE SEVEN, SECTION ONE, COMMITTEES, TO CREATE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- WHEREAS:** Sinte Gleska University was founded in 1970 as a tribally chartered higher education entity of the Sicangu Oyate (Rosebud Sioux Tribe) to design and deliver appropriate programs, services, and opportunities on behalf of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate; and
- WHEREAS:** during the past 45 years Sinte Gleska University has evolved from a conceptual idea with a modest origin and specific mandate to serve the best interests of tribal citizens and tribal communities to become a leader in the field of Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS:** Sinte Gleska University's Mission states that "Sinte Gleska University will provide a model for Indian controlled education;" and
- WHEREAS:** Sinte Gleska University conducts relevant research on models of Indian Education, historical Lakota leadership models, governance, and cultural practices and beliefs; and
- WHEREAS:** Sinte Gleska University provides its services to the Rosebud Indian Reservation and surrounding areas, which areas are extremely rural, occupied by low income residents with limited access to different means of transportation and communication, and subject to diverse weather conditions causing at times disruption in travel and communication; and
- WHEREAS:** Sinte Gleska University has experienced difficulty in governing by the inability to secure attendance at meetings complicating the decision making process and needs of the University in the interim periods of time; and
- WHEREAS:** there is a need to amend in certain respects the Sinte Gleska University By-laws to enhance the governing ability of the Board of Regents; and
- WHEREAS:** Article Eleven of the By-laws provides that "The Board of Regents may amend these By-laws at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose and approved by a majority vote."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby enacts the following amendments to the Sinte Gleska University By-laws:

- 1) **Article Five, Section One, Regular Meetings shall be amended to provide for quarterly rather than monthly meetings and shall read as follows:**

Meetings of the Board of Regents for the conduct of regular business shall be held at the Sinte Gleska University Administration Building on a quarterly basis at a day and time agreed upon by the majority of the Regents as a result of a poll conducted by the Executive Secretary, or at such other time and place as the Board deems necessary.

- 2) **Article Five, Section Three, Special Meetings, first paragraph, shall be amended to provide for notice by E-mail and telephone and shall read as follows:**

At least twenty-four (24) hour notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Regents. Notice shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by U.S. mail, sent by E-mail, or read by telephone to the Regent(s) to be notified.

- 3) **Article Seven, Committees, shall be amended to provide for an Executive Committee and shall read as follows:**

Section One. Executive Committee.

There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the four (4) officers of the Board of Regents, namely the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall meet on a monthly basis to review and approve business or institutional transactions that need approval prior to the quarterly meeting.

In the event of the absence of one member of the Executive committee, the Student Regent or Member-at-large shall be authorized to act as a member of the Executive Committee in place of the absent member to satisfy the requirement of four (4) necessary for the Executive Committee to act.

Actions of the Executive Committee shall be approved upon by a vote in favor of the action voted upon of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

Actions of the Executive Committee shall be ratified by the Board of Regents at the following quarterly meeting.

Section Two. Other Committees.

The Board of Regents may establish special committees or study groups to advise the Board on necessary matters. The Board shall determine the duties, powers, composition, and terms of office of such committee or groups.

Each committee or study group shall be governed in its proceedings by these By-laws and directives given by the Board.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2016-07 to make certain amendments to the Sinte Gleska University By-laws was approved at a duly called meeting held on Monday, January 09, 2017 by a vote of three in favor, zero (0) opposed, and two (2) abstaining. A quorum was present.

Russell Eagle Bear, Chairman
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary
SGU Board of Regents

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