

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2021

-MINUTES-

ROLL CALL – BOARD SECRETARY:

Present:

Mike Boltz, Chairman/District 1
Richard Lunderman, District 2
Donna Hollow Horn Bear, Tribal Education Rep.
(participated by zoom)
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Rep.

Absent:

Shizue LaPointe-Dutt, District 4
(Resigned: 12/2/21)
Vacancies: Elder Regent, District 3,
Student Rep.

Others present: Jim Crawford, Executive Vice President, Phil Baird, VP/Nation Building & Community Development, Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs; Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Operations, Debra Bordeaux, VP/Institutional Advance; Carole Gregg, Finance Manager.

President Bordeaux requested to be excused via phone call (Board Secretary) for medical reasons.

CALL TO ORDER

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in regular session on Friday, December 3rd, 2021 at the Student Services Building (Classroom 1) on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Boltz.

OPENING PRAYER

Donna Hollow Horn Bear offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Request for amendments to the agenda: 1) Flow Chart; 2) Personnel; 3) Letter from ICC students (PELL grants, food cards, etc.).

Question: Is there a separate, new policy for the Omicron variant?

Motion #: 01:12:03:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Richard Lunderman to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Copies of the minutes for the November 5th, 2021 meeting distributed and reviewed.

Has the resolution concerning the TLE lawsuit been forwarded to the Tribal Education Committee? Copy of the resolution given to Phil Baird to forward.

Motion #: 02:12:03:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2021 meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

REPORT: JOHN CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crawford began his report with discussions concerning a letter/petition sent to the RST Education Committee from the ICC students.

- ICC students sent the letter/petition to RST Education Committee stating their concerns about the lack of distribution of PELL grant monies/checks/laptop computers; food cards, internet payments. The list has 40-45 students. Will check student ID cards.
- Documenting and tracking students who received a laptop so there is no abuse of receiving a laptop and leaving. ICC requested 73 laptops but received 43 according to enrollment verification.
- Question on break-in back in October and a computer was stolen which stored the MOU documents between SGU with ICC and LBCC. Board was told the documents have been retyped/restored.
- Recommend meetings with ICC and LBCC to improve communication.
- President of ICC is withholding the PELL checks, internet payment checks, as well as other student checks. Another issue is if an ICC student has an outstanding student loan they are not eligible to sign up for classes. SGU does not do student loans.
- A letter sent to President Garcia in response to the letter sent to the RST Tribal Education.
- Cares Act funding was awarded in December in one lump sum.
- Whatever SGU students receive, their students get the same. Tanner Colombe and Carole Gregg are monitoring the CARES Act monies.
- Petition initiated by the ICC students was sent by text to the Tribal Education Rep. Donna directed them to send it to the SGU Board of Regents.

Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs presented her verbal report on the issue with ICC.

- President Garcia should be aware of the importance of the MOU's. SGU is assisting them so that they can eventually function on their own. They must go through the same process we did with the Higher Learning Commission to apply for their own accreditation.

Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier and Carole Gregg arrived at 2:10 p.m.

- All of their students were assisted with food cards. Laptops came in a little late however, all students received one here or at ICC. Laptops are turned in after the semester, cleaned-up and can be picked up at the Fall Semester after they present a student ID card.
- Petition/letter should have gone through the proper channels. Need to make it clear to the President of ICC that the petition was totally inappropriate. This should have gone to our President first.
- MOU's were scanned and sent out. ICC in turn should sign, scan and return it to us. Have not received anything, yet. MOU's need Board Chairperson signature from LBCC and ICC.

- A timeline should be set up to process the MOU's between LBCC and ICC and returned to SGU. Make sure the timeline is adhered to.
- There was no problem with PELL grant disbursements for SGU students.
- Rather than issue internet cards, students received a one lump sum of \$200 after the drop/add period.
- ICC asked for 73 laptops and received 43 computers according to number of students registered.
- Either party can cancel the MOU within 30 days.
- SBCC, Leech Lake and Red Lake trying to get on their own. We've helped them become successful.

John Crawford presented a "Proposed full-time Instructor Pay Scale" with a proposal to supplement with carry over monies.

Motion #: 03:12:03:21

Donna Hollow Horn Bear made the motion and seconded by Ken Wike to adopt the proposed SGU Full-time Instructor Pay Scale. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Motion #: 04:12:03:21

Ken Wike made the motion and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to approve John Crawford, Executive Vice President's report. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

REPORT: Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Administration

Written report submitted. Discussion on break-ins and security.

Motion #: 05:12:03:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to adopt Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, Vice President of general operations report. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

TLE Lawsuit – Terry Pechota, attorney

Terry Pechota, attorney joined the Board meeting on-line to give an update on the TLE Lawsuit.

(Board secretary excused for family matters. Ken Wike recorded the minutes).

Discussion on the current status of the lawsuit with a settlement offer to TLE of \$150,000.00. Mr. Pechota has a conflict with the Tribe and SGU will have to find a different lawyer.

WINHEC Exit Report (Event is recorded and video-taped).

The Board of Regents, Administration and staff joined together with the World Indigenous National Higher Education (WINHEC) representatives for an exit report.

ADJOURN

Note: The Board did not adjourn this meeting due to the WINHEC Exit Report presentation. On January 21, 2022 a motion was passed by unanimous vote to officially adjourn the meeting of December 3, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that at a duly called meeting of the SGU Board of Regents held on March 4, 2022 of which a quorum was present that the meeting minutes of December 3, 2021 were approved by a vote of: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

/s/Mike Boltz, Chairman
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary
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