

**SGU BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2023
(STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING)**

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The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in regular session on Friday, March 28th, 2023 at the Student Services Building (Ed Classroom 2) on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota.

Roll Call – Board Secretary

Mike Boltz, Chairman -	Present in Person
Richard Lunderman, Vice Chairman	Present in Person
Nick Emery, Staff/Faculty Rep.	Present on person
Donna Hollow Horn Bear, RST Ed. Comm.	Present in person
Wilma Robertson, Elder Regent	Present in Person
MaDonna Sitting Bear	Present in Person
Note: 2 vacancies	

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Operations; Carole Gregg, Finance Officer; Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President (participated by zoom); Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs; Debra Bordeaux, VP/Institutional Advancement; Kalion Knox, IT Dept., Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary.

Call to Order

A quorum is present and the meeting called to order by Chairman Boltz at 1:23 p.m.

Opening Prayer & Smudging

Opening prayer by Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary and smudging by Debra Bordeaux.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by MaDonna Sitting Bear to approve the agenda with the addition of reports from Academic Affairs and General Operations. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President currently attending an HLC Conference in Chicago, Illinois participated by zoom with the following report:

--Request the Board consider an afternoon in May to set down for some Board training on HLC requirements. There are a number of changes, nothing major. Need to write the assurance statements for 2025.

--The first step is, the Board must be aware of everything we are doing. This will take about 2-3 hours to go over everything and make sure the Board is aware of HLC requirements. All vice presidents and some faculty will be present. Do need all Board members present. Last day of classes is May 5th so we can work on selecting a date around this time. Maybe at the end of May.

--Hired new HR Director. Originally, he is from India. Has a great deal of experience.

--Writing a few reports. One report a couple of days extension had to be requested. HLC Annual report will be done and have to be submitted. Deb and Roger are working on the annual report which is going pretty well and will come out at a later date. Corrine Wrestler from SBCC encouraged SGU to put in a heavy equipment operating program and the Department of Labor will help you buy snow plows.

--Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Operations is dealing with contractors, fixing and moving things around to get the stability of the teepee building done. So far, the building has been staying dry.

--Have been meeting and planning to move the Nursing Program from the current building into the whole 2nd floor of the Tech. Building. The rooms have been kept heated but have not been used yet. Particularly, if we want to expand into an RN Program and take advantage of using the labs in that building.

--Planning a portfolio meeting. Submitted a draft Investment Policy for SGU. The Board needs to select a person to set on the committee to meet once a month and quarterly thereafter (beginning July) on the investment portfolio. Resurrected the policy that had already been made. The person selected from the Board will meet with Debra, Carol and Ted and take the extra dollars that are available and ask how wise investment choices can be made. Ideally, to have a company come in and do an investment strategy for us. That is the beginning of the process. The purpose of the committee is to look at our dollars and see which can be invested and at what level. It is all about risk development. There will be some that are restricted and others we can be a little more risky. We want to do short-term and long-term investments. Committee will not take action other than to make recommendation(s) to a larger Board. Discussion on short-term T-bills. COVID funds went out to the students. The tuition & fees paid for the students came back to the institution wherein these funds will then lose it's federal identity. Ted recommends Mike be selected to serve on this committee due to his background in finance. Reasonable expectation to develop this into an endowment (scholarship endowment, general endowment.). All these things must be sorted thoroughly as there are a lot of options.

--Had meetings with the Shannon Dubray and Cheryl Medearis and talking about CTE's based upon the strategic plan. Also, doing a budget modification and asking questions about how we grow and deal with facility needs and start looking at hiring more staff. We have been expanding Lakota Studies.

--Met with Tribal Education Committee in March on their proposed ordinances. They are requesting an annual report from all the organizations. Asked to select a date for the annual report. They chose the end of July to request annual reports from all the agencies (SFIS, SGU,). On the annual data sharing, they are less focused on SGU and more focused on K-12. K-12 has a significant drop-out rate.

--Met with Nick and Jim Cortez in preparation of HLC visit. Included on the website SGU Fact Sheet-Data Dashboard to report on Demographics, Academic Data, Alumni Data and ability to review Linked reports for IPEDS, AIHEC AIMS, Strategic Planning, Annual Reports).

--Discussion on the importance of updating the RST Educational Code, drop-out rate amongst our K-12, lack of education within our leadership presents a problem, understanding processes (emergency legislation is a by-passing of processes).

Motion by MaDonna Sitting Bear and seconded Nick Emery to approve Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President's Report. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Report: Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Written and oral report presented by Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Institutional Advancement:

- SGU Founder's Day activities. Ms. Brianne Herman is the 2023—24 Miss SGU Winyan.
- Master Facility Planning;
- Report on AIHEC Student Conference;
- Upcoming NPIAM Art Show;
- Annual Report
- SGU Publishing is working on digitizing books.

Question on how many buildings SGU owns. Look into amount needed to keep up these buildings. Possibly auction-off the old trailers. Talked about the old BIA dorm area across the Multi-purpose building. Debris needs to be cleaned up. This was a 25-year lease to the White Eagle Academy.

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Wilma Robertson to approve Debra Bordeaux, Vice President of Institutional Advancement report. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Report: Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, Vice President of General Operations

Update on the TeePee building. The prairie dogs are responsible for the damage to the building. We have to get rid of the prairie dogs. Administration and finance office were informed the teepee project will be an audit finding due to lack of bidding process. Further discussion.

Motion by Richard Lunderman to “let the records show that 3 bids were sought **and two declined to submit and Skull Construction submitted a bid that met the requirement and upon the recommendation of the administration; the Board of Regents accepts and approves the bid from Skull Construction in the amount of \$459, 786.00.”** MaDonna Sitting Bear seconded the motion. **Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, motion passed.**

--working on 2019 USDA grant that was here previously and also, the 2020 USDA grant. We are having issues with people not coming back to finish work for projects that were a part of this grant. This is due to the pandemic. All doors are installed at the Multi-purpose building but the head man is having a hard time keeping workers to stay. The 2020 grant has been completed.

--All security cameras are installed. We are waiting for a part. IT department rigged up some switches that will work until the part arrives.

--Director of IT department left to work for the Tribe. DeWayne Stenstrom, Jr. is the acting Director. He is working out very well.

--Student Transportation. At the end of last semester there were only 4 students riding. This is costly in terms of gas and repairs.

Discussed the need for certified CDL's.

Motion by Wilma Robertson and seconded by Richard Lunderman to approve the report presented by Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, Vice President of General Operations. **Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.**

Report: Phil Baird, Vice President-Tribal Nation-building & Community Development

Excused for medical appointment. Chairman Boltz acknowledged his report.

Report: Cheryl Medearis, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs presented her written report:

- Academic Planning
- Discussion on the possibility of a yearly schedule beginning in the Fall Semester, 2023.
- Nursing Department Updates
- Native Eyes Clinic
- SGU Arts Workshop -How do you use arts for children with special needs and anxiety?
- Canopy Report Update

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by MaDonna Siting Bear to acknowledge Cheryl Medearis' Academic Affairs report. **Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.**

--Navajo Tech did a nice presentation embedding Dine Thought & Philosophy into their institution beyond their coursework.

(Nick returned to the meeting).

FINANCE OFFICE REPORT

Carol Gregg's report on the Finance Office include:

- Balance sheet thru February, 2023
- Accounts payable check register
- Investment policy (draft)
- Funding balances
- Who's who in the finance office.
- FY'22 Audit
- IPEDS (financial portion)
- Check Signers - use of electronic signature(s)
- All staff meeting
- Finance Office Retreat
- Mid-year review of the budget
- The Board will be responsible for selecting a finance company and considered every year.
- Has CFO been changed to Finance Manager? Currently, Carole's title is Finance Office Manager.
- Who will be the person to communicate with the company (SeaCrest). That will be the person the Board selects.

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Wilma Robertson to approve the Investment Policy as amended. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Electronic Signature(s)

No action taken.

Additional Check Signer

Motion by Richard Lunderman and Wilma Robertson to add Cheryl Medearis as a check signer. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Motion by Wilma Robertson and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to approve Carole Gregg's Finance Office report. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2023

Motion by Wilma Robertson and seconded by Nick Emery to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2023. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

District 3 and District 4 candidates

Motion by Wilma Robertson and seconded by Nick Emery to seat Nora Antoine as the District 3 representative and Wayne Frederick as the District 4 representative. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed. WELCOME ABOARD NORA AND WAYNE.

Executive Session

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Richard Lunderman to go into executive session at 4:21 p.m. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Richard Lunderman to come out of executive session at 5:28 p.m. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed.

Motion by Richard Lunderman and seconded by Nick Emery to increase Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary's salary to \$22.00 per hour. Vote: 5 in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed. (Starting on the date of the first action, March 28th, 2023).

Adjourn

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5 in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:32 P.M.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes of March 28, 2023 were approved at a duly called meeting held on April 21, 2023 by a vote of: seven (7) in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion passed. A quorum was present.

/s/Mike Boltz, Chairman
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

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