

**SGU Board of Regents Meeting Minutes**  
**September 17, 2021**  
**12:00 (noon)**

**Present:**

Mike Boltz, BOR Chair  
Richard Lunderman  
Ken Wike  
Shizue LaPointe

Cheryl Medearis, VP Academic Affairs  
Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP General Administration  
Carole Gregg, CFO  
Deb Bordeaux, VP of Institutional Advancement – **Arrived at 1:08**

**Call to Order: 12:50 by BOR Chair**

**Opening Prayer – Moment of Silent Reflection**

**Approval of Agenda**

- Addition to agenda by Tuffy Lunderman
  - o Question regarding student that will be addressed during Education Department report

Motion for approval of the agenda by Shizue LaPointe; second by Tuffy Lunderman  
VOTE: 4-0-0

**President's Report – (President Bordeaux, excused)**

**Provost's Report (Phil Baird, excused)**

**General Administration Report – VP Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier**

- Maintenance & Grounds report explanation of updates and improvements
- Environmental Services (custodial) – updates and improvements report
- Transportation Department – updates on drivers/floaters
- Financial Aid – no concerns at this time
- Need to meet with Human Resources, Jenzabar and MIS in near future
- **See Attachment #1 for entire report**
- **OTHER DISCUSSION – HVAC systems; Covid protocols**
  - Student Union is up and functioning; meals being served; only 25-30 students are coming to lunch on a daily basis
  - Question by R. Lunderman regarding the cost of finished building compared to the original bid
    - Deb Bordeaux will provide information at the next meeting
  - Problem with yards maintenance (weeds, prairie dogs, etc)

- Prairie dogs are becoming a problem again
- Concern with White Eagle property; need to research title and how to get somebody to maintain property
- Ken Wike moved to approve the report; Shizue LaPointe second -- **Vote:** 4-0-0

### **Student Services Report – VP Deb Bordeaux**

- Attending webinars with SALSA
- 530 people in the database at this time
- Discussion with Beck family who has been a donor source for many years
  - New program will require a Class III Curricular Request
- T-shirts with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo have been ordered
- Discussion regarding Capitol campaign to raise 7.5 million dollars
- SGU Publishing – has been in contact with different vendors to see what books/materials will be needed or desired
- SGU owns the copyright to Lakota Songs and Dance that came out in the 1970s; working to see if it can be digitized
- Statistics indicate that SGU is doing well based on the SGU newsletter
- Assisted with securing bids of 3 trucks for maintenance people
- Larger vans (22 capacity) are ordered; once we purchase 2 vans the other vans will be turned back to gIS
- On committee to revise Personnel Policies and Procedures
- Ordered air purifiers for all the buildings
- Attending bi-weekly Zoom meetings; a special AIHEC meeting yesterday; no monies from AIHEC for construction
- Participated in Program Reviews
- Nursing program is trying to get a new building and an RN program
  - Suggestion by BOR Chair: Contact tribe to see about helping with a new building
- Lunderman gave an update on how some RST Covid monies will be used to pay Essential workers
- **Handout – ACH Received (get from Deb)**
  - Spreadsheet report explanation
  - **Request from VP Bordeaux: SGU is seeking approval to open another bank account strictly for donation funds – this requires board approval, per Deb’s report she is seeking approval**
  - Monies would be transferred to appropriate accounts; then disbursements would be made
  - Discussion on the newly-proposed structure and the process was discussed with input from the CFO

- **Motion by Richard Lunderman to set up a specific account for donation funds; Second by Ken Wike Vote 4-0-0**

**Motion to accept report by Shizue LaPointe; second by Ken Wike VOTE: 4-0-0**

**Academic Affairs Report – Cheryl Medearis**

- Enrollment for Fall Semester
- Calendar of Academic Events
- Class Delivery
- **Attachment #2 for entire report**

**Motion to accept Education report by Shizue LaPointe; Second by Ken Wike VOTE: 4-0-0**

**Concern by R. Lunderman** – Student and graduation denial

- Discussion of requirements for graduation

**Discussion** regarding the mandates of SGU; Richard Lunderman stated he had made a motion several years ago giving the President authority to follow the mandates set forth by the founders at a BOR meeting held several years ago. Lunderman’s question was in reference to the progress being made. This led to a discussion on how SGU can develop a structure to meet the mandates.

It was discussed that SGI should invite council members and the RST President to attend Board meetings; BOR President Boltz will ask BOR Secretary, Evelyn White Hawk, to include them in the notice of board meetings.

**Motion by Richard Lunderman to have Evelyn White Hawk, BOR secretary, permission to invite the RST Education department to attend scheduled board meetings; Seconded by Ken Wike VOTE: 4-0-0**

**Motion was amended** by Lunderman to state “request the attendance” rather than “invite” as suggested by Shizue LaPointe.

**Finance Office Report – Carol Gregg, CFO**

- Carol will have information to approve budget by the first meeting in October
- Change in audit date
- Matt Laughlin will be the main contact person
  - Information has been sent to the team
- On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evelyn White Hawk was to send information on the changes to the Personnel Policies and Procedures; board did not get it; will request it be sent again
- Need to add a second signature for checks
  - Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier was suggested

**Motion by Richard Lunderman to add Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier as a check signer; second by Shizue LaPointe VOTE: 4-0-0**

- Trainings will be held for Jenzabar and Infomaker in October

- Need to set deadlines on training
  - Information was to be sent out to the Board regarding Alisa's report from the Finance Office dated September 10, 2021; QUESTION: Did the board members get this information
  - **QUESTION:** Does the BOR want a report from DeAnn Eastman-Jansen, SGU Covid Director, on updates for Covid?
    - Board responded in the affirmative
  - Carole Gregg presented a spreadsheet of how Covid monies have been spent: paying off student debt, as an example
- Motion to approve Carole Gregg's report by Richard Lunderman; second by Ken Wike; VOTE: 4-0-0**

**New Business - NONE**

**Old Business**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2021 (Board Secretary brought the minutes to the meeting)
  - o **Motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 6 by Shizue LaPointe; second by Ken Wike VOTE: 3 approve; 1 not voting**
- Richard Lunderman made a motion to table the approval of the Board meeting minutes from (undated, but minutes from the casino meeting) until the next meeting; Second by Shizue; VOTE: 4-0-0
- Following more discussion: **Motion withdrawn by Richard Lunderman**

Carole Gregg excused at 3:00

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

Deb Bordeaux – no student representative for the last year; Ken Wike remained as the BOR representative; Deb will contact Department Chairs to ask them to nominate a student from their respective department for Student Council

Elder Candidates: Rita Means and Ione Quigley have expressed interest as being the Elder rep to the board

**Motion by Shizue LaPointe to advertise vacant regent positions on Channel 19 and local radio stations KOYA and KINI in addition to the newspaper; second by Ken Wike; VOTE 4-0-0**

Discussion on the newly-proposed Organizational Chart. VP of General Administration Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier stated that is under the purview of the president to transfer people from on position to another position. With the passing of the new organizational chart, some contracts will need to be amended.

Discussion to continue meeting on the By-Laws; board members agreed that work needs to continue. BOR members will meet Tuesday, September 21.

**Motion by Richard Lunderman to have the By-Laws meeting at 1 PM on September 21; Second by Ken Wike. VOTE: 4-0-0 Invitation to have lunch at the Student Union.**

Discussion to hold meetings on the set days and not poll people to see when people can get together.

**Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Shizue LaPointe
- Second by Richard Lunderman
- Vote: 4-0-0

Next meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Minutes taken by Cheryl Medearis at the request of the Board of Regents secretary, Evelyn White Hawk.**