

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 2021

-MINUTES-

Roll call – Board Secretary

Members present:

Mike Boltz, Chairman  
Ken Wike, Staff/Faculty Rep.  
Shizue LaPointe-Dutt, District 4 Rep.  
Donna Hollow Horn Bear, RST Education Comm. (participated via zoom)

Members absent:

Richard Lunderman (excused/called in)  
Leonard Crow Dog (excused/health)

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Lionel Bordeaux, President; Carole Gregg, CFO; Debra Bordeaux, VP/Student Services; Phil Baird, Provost; Roger Ellert, Media and Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary.

Opening prayer by Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #: 01:05:14:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt to approve the agenda. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Brief discussion on SGU along with tribal programs coordinating and providing a job skills training program due to shortage of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.

Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021

Request by Board Secretary to table the minutes. Minutes tabled.

President's Report

President Bordeaux's verbal report included issues to be addressed and that Sinte Gleska University provide the leadership for the betterment of the Oyate. Other issues mentioned were:

- Preserve our culture and language.
- Develop a plan on "how to best use our land".
- Poverty on our reservation must be addressed.
- Expand our bookstore to include other needs (i.e. clothing, etc.).

- Assist communities to develop a plan to set up convenience stores.
- Would like to increase staff/faculty salaries.
- Campus beautification.
- Upgrade our facility needs.
- Have outgrown the heritage center. Possibility is there to do a partnership with the Tribe to build a larger facility to meet the needs of the whole Tribe.
- Need more lighting on campus for security purposes.
- TLE filed a lawsuit against SGU due to the incident with the buffalo project. Very disturbing that they are disregarding our sovereignty. Attorneys recommend a settlement of \$50,000 and close up the case. Pechota will submit disclosures for the settlement.

Motion #: 02:05:14:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt to authorize the school attorney to proceed with a settlement of \$50,000 to close up the case with TLE. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

- ISC is critical in terms of federal funding. There is a spike in enrollment due in part to our partnership with Lower Brule and ICC. Does not include non-tribal members.
- Need more scholarships for tribal and non-tribal members.
- 5 years ago, SGU was on sanction; our work is validated. SGU received HLC approval of Distance Learning Education.
- Updated report on COVID. Discussion on a vaccination campaign.

Phil recommends the Board increase the technology fee to \$250.

Motion #: 03:05:14:21

Motion by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt and seconded by Ken Wike to increase the technology fee to \$250.00. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

- Phil reports SGU applied for Title IV funds.

Motion #: 04:05:14:21

Motion by Ken Wike and seconded by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt to approve the Provost's Report presented by Phil Baird. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Student Services Report – Debra Bordeaux, VP/Student Services

Ms. Bordeaux's report includes:

- Working on fundraising data base, donor list and working with 4 tiers of donors.
- Working with Allan Bertram on alumni videos.
- Furnishing for the Student Union has been ordered and will be sent in July, 2021. Delivery includes installation.

- For marketing purposes T-shirts are being ordered.
- Suggested to move bookstore to the house across from Legal Aide. SGU owns the property.

(Written report provided).

Motion #: 05:05:14:21

Motion by Shizue and seconded by Ken Wike to approve Debra Bordeaux's report on Student Services. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Academic Affairs Report – Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs

Cheryl's written report include the following:

- Calendar of Events
- Registration and Course Delivery for Summer Semester.
- Professional Development.
- Nursing Department.
- Distance Learning.

(Written report provided). Cheryl out at 12:42 p.m.

Motion #: 06:05:14:21

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt to accept the Academic Affairs report. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Finance Office Report

Carole Gregg, CFO presented a written report:

- FY'19 Audit
- Trainings
- COVID – Tanner Colombe provided a spreadsheet.
- Grant expenditures report by Alisa Bartlett.
- Provide air purifiers for SGU offices.

Board requests hard copies of the audit. Carole Gregg will contact Brady Martz to set a date to meet with the Board.

Motion #: 07:05:14:21

Motion by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to accept the Finance Office report submitted by Carole Gregg, CFO. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.

Discussion on Board training/retreat to review the By-laws, Board manual and other manuals which may need updating. Board training/retreat location can be held possibly in Pierre or Chamberlain. Phil Baird will update the agenda from previous years on the Board training provided by Debra His Horse Is Thunder. June 5<sup>th</sup> will be the target date.

Discussion on the purpose for the WINHEC Self-study. Talked about a site visit or a virtual visit.

ADJOURNMotion #: 08:05:14:21

Motion by Shizue LaPointe-Dutt and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to adjourn the meeting. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned hereby certify that at a duly called meeting held on June 11, 2021 of which a quorum was present that the foregoing meeting minutes of May 15, 2021 were approved by a vote of five (5) 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

