

SGU BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, August 12, 2022

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The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in regular session on Friday, August 12, 2022 at the Student Services Building in Ed Classroom #1 on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary took the roll with the following members present: Nick Emery, Staff/Faculty (in person); Donna Hollow Horn Bear, RST Education (on-line at the beginning at the meeting); Richard Lunderman, District 2 (in person), Keya Pipe Boy, Student Rep. (on-line). A quorum was present.

Two members request to be excused: Mike Boltz/Chairman/District 1 and Wilma Bearshield-Robertson, Elderly Regent.

Others present (for all or part of the meeting): Lionel Bordeaux, President (on-line); Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President; Debra Bordeaux, VP/Institutional Advancement; Kalion Knox, IOT; Cindy Young, Director/RST Education Department; Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Lunderman called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. and presided over the meeting.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Offered by Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

**EXCUSE ABSENCES**

**Motion #: 01:08:12:22:**

**Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to excuse Mike Boltz (personal business) and Wilma Bearshield-Robertson (illness). Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion #: 02:08:12:22:**

**Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Keya Pipe Boy to approve the agenda. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining, motion passed.**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Request to defer the meeting minutes due to technical difficulties.

**Motion #: 03:08:12:22:**

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to defer the meeting minutes as requested by the Secretary. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

**REPORT BY TED HAMILTON, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Hamilton presented a verbal report on documents he shared with Board members followed by questions and discussion.

--gave a report on the 'Operating Relationship Contract between Ihanktonwan Community College and Sinte Gleska University 2022-2023 Academic Year' (attached). Tony Garcia, President of Ihanktonwan retired. Currently advertising for two full-time employees. Talked with Karen Solem, HLC about helping ICC become their own stand alone institution. The HLC liaison recommends to realistically plan for 8 years for ICC to go through the process of applying for and receiving accreditation.

--Reviewed the HLC Guidelines: Eligibility Process and Candidacy Process Overview (attached).

--Have about 60 ICC students looking to become graduates. Their tribe is paying for two full-time faculty.

--Financial aid awards are being made. Making sure appropriate instructional personnel have current transcripts, review, course syllabi.

--Recommend the Board meet with ICC twice a year. Possibly in September and at the end of the Spring term. Have the Board Chairs negotiate the dates and time.

--Contract between ICC and SGU have to be done by September.

--Shared governance in theory & policies. Committee meeting minutes will be posted on the webpage.

(Donna Hollow Horn Bear joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.)

--Request a copy of Routing Slip from Ted and e-mail to Board members.

--Request the Board pass a motion to approve the "Shared Governance Process" (attached). Give the Board time to review and put on the agenda for the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

--Mr. Hamilton explained the Personnel Policies & Procedures will be divided into sections/parts and reviewed for recommended changes. Name changes do not require Board approval. Anticipate it will take a year to do a policy review and then it will be an on-going process.

--Bookstore will create their own audit structure.

--Jenzabar is a software program providing assistance in the two areas of the institution and provides a host of services such the academic area, data collection and the financial area. Plans are to move MIS into the Student Services building and hopefully have on-line registration in place by this Fall. Registrar's Office and Jenzabar personnel have to work close together.

--Presented and discussed the proposed organizational chart (attached). (Put on the agenda for the next meeting).

--Discussion pertaining to the employee evaluation form. Ted does not agree with the form which does not create a dialogue with the employee(s). Would like to begin the review process in February with contracts out in May. Chairman requests the Board do individual evaluations on the President and Board Secretary.

--Graduation is set for August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with a limit of 2 people per graduate. Create a tracking system with a plan for safe distancing. Will have few speakers: a statement from the President, speech from a valedictorian, retiring faculty, and tribal chairman. There will be no feather tying due to time constraints. Everyone in attendance must be fully-vaccinated and wear masks. Encourage the public to watch on livestream.

**Motion #: 04:08:12:22:**

Motion by Nick Emery and seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear to accept the report presented by Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President and to put the following items on the agenda for Board action: 1) Shared Governance (routing slip); 2) Organizational Chart and 3) Approval of 2022 SGU Graduates. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

**Report: Debra Bordeaux, VP/Institutional Advancement**

Ms. Bordeaux's reported included the following:

--Maggie MacKichan long-time employee and director of the Art Institute retired. The Tad Beck Foundation, SGU's largest donor funded the Art Institute. Since the passing of Mr. Beck the family was asked if they would want the Art Institute named after Tad Beck. Although the family is grateful they responded that this is not how he is and not what he would have wanted. The family was presented with some gifts and they did want to come back in August (during graduation) which they eventually decided would not work; but will come back in September during the Art Market. The foundation will continue to be involved with Sinte Gleska University.

--Talked about a group of 5 people who came from Italy whom were taken on a tour of SGU, asked to and met Victor Douville, visited the bookstore and attended a sundance. Their organization and themselves personally will become donors.

--Update on the status of the Safety Deposit Boxes at Wells Fargo Bank. Received the Board minutes authorizing Debra Bordeaux as the key executive and to approve the drilling to open the two safety deposit boxes.

**Motion #: 05:08:12:22:**

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Nick Emery to approve the verbal reported given by Debra Bordeaux, VP/Institutional Advancement. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

**Report: Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Operations**

Submitted a written report (attached). Unavailable for the meeting.

**Report: Cheryl Medearis, VP/Academic Affairs**

Attending the Lower Brule Community College graduation.

**Report: Phil Baird, VP/National Building & Community Degelopment.**

Request to be excused. Submitted a written report (attached).

**Report: Carole Gregg, Finance Manager**

Request to be excused. Submitted the following written reports: 1) 21 Audit Status Update; 2) Balance Sheet/July, 2022; 3) AP Check Register/July, 2022 and 4) Funding Source Revenue/Expenditures.

**Motion #: 06:08:12:22:**

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Nick Emery to acknowledge/approve the written reports submitted by: Cheryl Whirlwind Soldier, VP/General Operations, Phil Baird, VP/Nation Building & Community Development and Carole Gregg, Finance Manager. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

Other items/issues discussed:

- Strategic Planning Meeting moved to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Commons area. All Board members are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Discussion on other issues concerning Education.
- Recommended a 2-day Board retreat to finish review of the By-laws and Board Policies & Procedures manual.
- Currently, the Board's budget is overspent.
- Encouraged the Board stay on the agenda when meeting on policy development in order to complete the review.

(Cindy Young, Director of Tribal Education expressed her appreciation for being invited to the meeting and excused herself at 2:55 p.m.).

- Discussed a reservation-wide partnership to address issues on Education.
- Suggested the development of strategic goals for the Board itself.

--Continue to hold a reservation-wide educational forum during the Founder's Day(s) for open discussions. Have all entities come together to talk about education.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Bordeaux talked about the history and paper trail (resolutions, testimonies, etc.), the struggles and political oppositions/resistance we have faced concerning our legal ownership of Indian Education.

**NEXT MEETING**

Motion by Donna Hollow Horn Bear and seconded by Nick Emery to schedule a review meeting for Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Student Services Building (Ed Classroom #1).

Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Offered by Evelyn White Hawk, Board Secretary

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Lunderman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes of August 12, 2022 were approved at a duly called meeting of the Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstaining. Motion passed.

/s/Michael Boltz, Chairman  
SGU Board of Regents

ATTEST:

/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary  
SGU Board of Regents

Attachments:

- 1) Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2022
- 2) SGU 2022 Graduates list;
- 3) SGU Shared Governance Process/Routing Slip;
- 4) Organizational Chart;
- 5) SGU By-Laws as of August, 2022;
- 6) SGU Board Policies and Procedures Manual (08/16/22)

7) SGU Board Self-assessment form