



**East Glacier, MT
AIHEC
Board of Directors
Summer Meeting
July 11, 12, 13, 1992**



American Indian Higher Education Consortium
President's Summer Institute
East Glacier, Montana
July 11, 1992

The July 11, 1992, AIHEC meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m., by AIHEC President David Gipp.

Roll Call: A quorum was established. Members present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Fond Du Lac Community College
Fort Belknap Community College
Fort Berthold Community College
Fort Peck Community College
Haskell Indian Junior College
Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa Community College
Little Hoop Community College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Red Crow Community College
Salish Kootenai College
Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College
Standing Rock College
StoneChild Community College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Others Present:

Georgianna Tiger & Steven Amato, AIHEC D.C., Office
David Dunbar, Department of Education
Edward Hallie, BIA Division of Transportation
Paul Boyer, Tribal College Journal
Debbie Demarais, AIHEC Student Congress
Arlene Fogg, AIHEC Student Congress
Russell Swagger, AIHEC Student Congress
Vida Mana, AIHEC Student Congress
Mandy David, AIHEC Student Congress
Nolan LaPlant, AIHEC Student Congress
Edward Rose, AIHEC Student Congress
Gloria Reiter, AIHEC Student Congress

Invocation was given by Joe McDonald (SKC). Opening remarks were given by Carroll Murray, President of Blackfeet Community College and AIHEC President Dave Gipp. Guests were introduced, including the Planning Facilitator/Process Consultant, Dr. Perry Horse, of Sandia Laboratories, at Albuquerque.

The AIHEC Board minutes of March 1, 1992 and AIHEC Executive telephone conference meeting of June 16, 1992 were distributed for membership review.

Joe McDonald (SKC) moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 1992 noting the correct spelling of Mr. Sam Cagey's name (not Kegge). Seconded by Gwen Hill (SWCC). The question was called by Joe McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe McDonald moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 1992. Seconded by Merrill Berg (LHCC). Motion carried unanimously.

In the AIHEC Treasurer's absence (Peggy Nagel), Bert Corcoran (Stone Child College Trustee) distributed the financial report for membership review.

Ron McNeil (SRC) moved to approve the financial report (through June 30, 1992) as presented. Seconded by Jack Briggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Georgianna Tiger reminded the Board that Philip Morris Company needed receipts regarding the March 1992 Board of Trustees training held in Washington, D.C., or expenses would not be reimbursed to the Tribal Colleges. To date, most of the colleges have received reimbursements. All receipts should be mailed to Bert Corcoran at Stone Child College.

Carolyn Elgin, President of SIPI entered at 3:30 P.m..

Georgianna Tiger gave a COMTEC Report on all financial activities to date. She stated the printing line was over expended by _____ and this was due to the training and information manuals printed for all the colleges at the March 1992 meeting. Georgianna requests additional dollars for this line item, if any are available.

Jasit Minhas (LCOOCC) moved to approve the COMTEC financial report as presented. Seconded by Martha McLeod (BMCC). Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Sixteen members stated they would be available late Monday afternoon (July 13th) in case of further AIHEC business

***** A lot of reporting & discussion goes in here.

Dr. Lynn Pinnick (FBCC) moved to accept the legislative and federal program report by Georgianna Tiger and Ed Hallie (BIA - Roads Division). Seconded by Jack Briggs (FDLCC).

College President in good standing and Board of Trustee willingness to grant approval for a two year leave of absence.

AIHEC Student Congress President, Ed Rose and other executive officers gave an up-date of student activities.
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Joe McDonald moved to approve the Student Congress report. Seconded by Gwen Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

It was consensus of the group that the AIHEC Spring Conference site would be discussed and decided on Monday, July 13, 1992. Dave Gipp stated the pattern of states/colleges hosting the Spring Conference usually was in the following order:

Montana

South Dakota

North Dakota

A college outside these states

Therefore, it would be the South Dakota colleges turn to host the Spring Conference.

Bob Martin, (HIJC) offered to host the Spring Conference in 1994-95.

It was consensus of the group to discuss Patrick Weasel Head's request (to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation on behalf of the 24 Tribal Colleges) at the Monday AIHEC meeting.

Paul Boyer, Tribal College Magazine Editor, gave a status report.

Dave Gipp stated the AIHEC business meeting would reconvene on Monday afternoon, July 13, 1992.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., by AIHEC President Dave Gipp. Invocation was given by Art McDonald (DKMCC). Dave Gipp gave an overview of the planning concept and session that Dr. Perry Horse would facilitate throughout the day. All guests were introduced.

Roll Call: A quorum was established. Members present:
(will fill in later)
18 member colleges present, 3 affiliate members present.

Paul Boyer, Editor of the Tribal College Magazine presented information on developments to date. The tremendous growth of the magazine has created somewhat of a crisis situation. Through financial support of AICF and AIHEC, part-time office help has been hired. The magazine is a way of communication and helps fulfill the AIHEC mission, each issue has a theme decided by the magazine's Advisory Board. Paul hopes to do a special student edition in the near future.

On behalf of AIHEC, Joe McDonald thanked Paul for a job well done.

Carol Murray stated Blackfeet Community College would be hosting lunch and dinner for the group and also invited everyone to the annual Blackfeet Celebration Days in Browning, as there would be an Honor Song/Dance for all the Tribal College Presidents tonight at 8:00 p.m.. She also invited everyone to a picnic and boat rides on Monday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Two Medicine Lake.

The planning session begins: Dave Gipp gave a historical overview of AIHEC and asked for feedback on strategic planning. It was suggested perhaps an AIHEC Self-Study Report would be a beginning.

Dave introduced Dr. Perry Horse, Human Resource Development Specialist, from Sandia Laboratories of Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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Strategic planning continues to Monday afternoon, July 13th.

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Planning session continued all morning long.

The AIHEC Board meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m., Lionel Bordeaux, Acting Chairman.

Discussion followed on the AIHEC spring conference. Lionel stated the South Dakota Colleges are ready to host the conference and it would probably be held in Rapid City.

Joe McDonald (SKC) moved the 1993 AIHEC Spring Conference be held in Rapid City, South Dakota. Seconded by Gilbert Robertson (SWCC). Discussion: Thelma Thomas (NICC) offered to assist in hosting the conference.
Motion carried unanimously.

The site of the 1993 President's Summer Institute was discussed. The Board was informed that the 1992-93 year would be AIHEC's 20th anniversary, therefore, Denver was suggested.

Al Garcia (NCC) moved the President's Summer Institute be held in the Denver area. Seconded by Jack Briggs (FDLCC). Discussion followed on if this would be a good time to have a "reunion". Joe McDonald called the question. A roll Call vote was taken. 15 ayes, 0 abstentions, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

The fall 1992 AIHEC meeting site was discussed. President Carol Elgin (SIPI) offered to host the fall meeting in Albuquerque. Tentative agenda:

November 13th AIHEC follow-up on summer session planning

November 14th Membership meeting & regular Board Meeting

November 15th Regular Board meeting (overflow)

A straw poll vote was taken regarding the meeting site, if it should be at SIPI or at a hotel near the NIEA conference. Members indicated they preferred the meeting at a hotel and tours to SIPI would be arranged and made available.

Lengthy discussion followed on AIHEC's endorsement of legislation for the American Indian Policy and Research Institute and Alan Parker's request for AIHEC to testify on its' behalf.

As all members had the opportunity to review the proposed legislation, all members were requested to state their opinions. Those opposed to supporting the legislation in its current form far outnumbered those who favored supporting the bill. The concerns were:

1. The Aberdeen Tribal Chairman's Association was opposed (this action spoke for all the tribal colleges in the Aberdeen area).
2. Too many strings attached to George Washington University.
3. It appears the broader scheme is to move dollars to George Washington University.
4. Tribal Colleges are not mentioned anywhere in the bill.
5. No Tribal control.
6. It is not clear how Tribes/Indian Nations will benefit.
7. No real purpose stated.

Lionel stated this discussion gave the AIHEC President, Dave Gipp direction on how to proceed.

(Dave, a motion follows to this effect later, keep reading)

Legislation proposing the creation of an American Indian University was discussed: Lionel proposed a "University without Walls" concept and stated our telecommunications could further this idea.

Joe McDonald will serve as the AIHEC representative regarding the Ford Foundation's study of "The Role Of The Community College In Underserved Rural America".

Dr. Jasit Minhas (LCOCC) requested AIHEC appoint a task force to look into life/health/retirement insurance packages available to the Tribal Colleges and report back at the next meeting. Task members are: Martha McLeod (BMCC), Elgin BadWound (OLC) and Jim Shanley (FPCC) were volunteered.

Bert Corcoran moved AIHEC submit a proposal to the Ford foundation to study idea of a college/university without walls concept. Seconded by Ron McNeil (SRC). Motion carried unanimously.

Bert Corcoran moved AIHEC participate in the West Virginia study on the idea of resources available to rural based higher education institutions. Seconded by Ron McNeil (SRC). Motion carried unanimously.

Gwen Hill (SWCC) moved Martha McLeod, Jasit Minhas, Elgin BadWound and Jim Shanley be appointed to the task force that would investigate life/health/retirement insurance benefits for Tribal Colleges. Seconded by Joe McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

Art McDonald presented on Patrick Weasel Head's request to AIHEC regarding the submission of a proposal that would include the Tribal Colleges to the National Science Foundation.

Art McDonald moved to table Patrick Weasel Head's request at this time due to insufficient information available for the Board. 13 members voting ayes, 0 opposed, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ron McNeil moved COMTEX develop a NSF grant application on behalf of AIHEC and submit it before the deadline date. And, also a Tribal College would be the lead institution. Seconded by Gilbert Robertson. Discussion: Mr. John Trottier, Turtle Mountain Community College Trustee, offered his college as the lead institution. Dave Gipp suggested AIHEC staff explore this matter further, mindful of Turtle Mountain's offer. Motion Carried.

Gilbert Robertson moved AIHEC President Dave Gipp be authorized to respond to Alan Parker's request that AIHEC submit testimony on behalf of the American Indian Policy

and Research Center, that Dave inform him of AIHEC's opposition to the permanent establishment of this Center. Seconded by Lynn D-Pinnick (FBCC). Motion Carried. Discussion: Ron McNeil (SRC) suggested all the Presidents talk to their tribal councils, share the concerns and have tribes submit opposition letters to Congress. This would be in addition to AIHEC's position. The question was called by Lynn D-Pinnick. Bert Corcoran amended the motion with "to support the concept of the Policy Center, but not the mechanics". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thelma Thomas
AIHEC Secretary

