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American Indian Higher Education Consortium  
Regular Winter Board Meeting, Minutes of March 1, 1992  
Washington, D.C.

The March 1, 1992 regular board meeting was called to order by President Dave Gipp at 9:45 a.m. A prayer was offered by Mr. Sam Kegge of Northwest Indian College. Roll Call was taken, a quorum was established. Members present:

Blackfeet Community College  
Cheyenne River Community College  
Crown Point Institution of Technology  
Dull Knife Memorial College  
D.Q. University  
Fond Dul Lac Community  
Fort Berthold Community College  
Fort Peck Community College  
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College  
Little Big Horn community College  
Little Hoop Community College  
Navajo Community College  
Nebraska Indian Community College  
Northwest Indian College  
Oglala Lakota College  
Salish Kootenai College  
Sinte Gleska University  
Sisseton Wapheton Community College  
Standing Rock College  
Stone Child College  
Turtle Mountain Community College  
United Tribes Educational Technical Center  
    Affiliated Member Colleges  
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute  
Red Crow College

Tribal College board members and guests were introduced.

Joe McDonald moved to approve the AIHEC membership minutes (Omaha, Nebraska) of October 28, 1991 as presented. Seconded by Janine Pease-Windy Boy. Motion Carried unanimously.

Thelma Thomas moved to approve the regular AIHEC meeting minutes (Omaha, Nebraska) of October 28, 1991. Seconded by Ron McNeil. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dave Gipp stated the financial report would be given after lunch.

A report on AIHEC's organizational development was given by pro Bono Attorney, Bill Farah. The Articles of Incorporation for a 501(4) status were filed in Washington, D.C. in November 1991 and approved by the

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Executive Committee soon thereafter. Presently, AIHEC has a 501(C)3 and a 501(C)4 tax status. The AIHEC (C)3 status currently doesn't exist under Colorado law. Lengthy discussion among the membership followed on the 501 (C)3 and (C)4 status'. It was pointed out that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has both tax status'.

AIHEC By-laws were mailed out to all the Presidents for their review before the Winter Board Meeting. President Dave Gipp stated the AIHEC By-laws committee will also review the documents. Peggy Nagel moved the By-laws be accepted with the understanding if revisions or modifications need to be made, it will be further studied by the By-laws committee. Seconded by Jasjit Minhas. Motion Carried.

A suggestion from the floor was that a Tribal College Board member be included to serve on the By-laws committee, rather than just the Executive Committee.

Daniel Tso moved the AIHEC attorney explore the possibilities of re-incorporating the 501(C)3 status in Colorado. Seconded by Janine Pease-Windy Boy. Motion Carried.

A congressional report was given by AIHEC Executive Director, Georgianna Tiger.

AIHEC is requesting a \$19.0 million increase over FY'92 for Title I operational funds, another \$1.0 million for the endowment and \$1.8 million for emergency facility repairs. NCC is requesting an additional \$2.0 million for Title II. Work continues on the Simon amendment to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) to allow direct payments from the U.S. Treasury to tribal colleges. Senator Kent Conrad introduced an amendment to the HEA which would establish teacher training programs via tribal colleges and would allow for scholarships. This initial authorization would be at \$5.0 million. AIHEC President Dave Gipp submitted testimony on 2/27/92 for FY'93 oversight hearings conducted the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. A panel of Presidents (Dave Gipp, Bob Lorence, & Elgin BadWound) submitted U.S. House testimony on 3/3/92 for AIHEC.

#### AIHEC Telecommunications Project:

Bob Lorence moved that AIHEC work with Jack McBride, representing the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET), as well as the Native American Public Broadcasting Corporation (NAPBC) to prepare and submit a PTPF Planning grant application to the U.S. department of Commerce, which include the following concepts:

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1. AIHEC telecommunications Committee serve as the governing body to oversee the implementation of the planning effort.

2. The AIHEC project director will be selected by the AIHEC telecommunications Committee, hopefully from within the AIHEC membership. The AIHEC project director be housed within the NAQPBC and NET facilities.

3. Jack McBride, General Manager of NET and Executive Secretary of NAPBC, to serve as Consulting Director.

4. Northwest Indian College will serve as the fiscal agent and the "portfolio manager" for the project on behalf of AIHEC.

5. AIHEC, NWIC, NAPBC, and NET enter into a Memorandum of Agreement which clarifies the specific role of each entity.

6. NWIC assure responsible reporting and accounting to AIHEC at regular, quarterly meetings.

7. That any and all agreements receive appropriate legal review.

Seconded by Joe McDonald. Ayes = 21, Nays = 0, Abstentions = 1, Motion Carried.

The Telecommunications Committee is composed of the following members: Bob Lorence, Gwen Hill, Peggy Nagel, Carlos Cordero, Ron McNeil, and Jack Briggs.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 1:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

A presentation was given by Dr. Mabel Pfiefer and Dr. Walter Barwick of the Black College Satellite Network regarding a telecommunications network that serves over 450 colleges in the United States.

Carlos Cordero (DQU) presented an up-date of PERMA Project activities. Carlos is planning a major meeting of federal agencies to gain more support for this project. Hopefully, this meeting will take place just before the AIHEC Conference in Billings.

Carlos gave a summary of the purpose of the PERMA Project:

1. To strengthen the infra-structure of each Tribal College in math and sciences.

2. Train students in these academic areas and prepare them for transfer to obtain bachelor degrees and/or graduate degrees.

3. Train students in specialized areas for employment with the Department of Energy.

4. For Tribal Colleges to assist with tribal economic development, eg., environmental clean-up.

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ANA Commissioner Tim Wapato expressed his interest in working with AIHEC on the PERMA Project. It was stated colleges and universities are not eligible for ANA funding, however, AIHEC would be eligible and this would be on the standard competitive basis.

Carlos Cordero (DQU) is preparing a draft declaration for an AIHEC policy statement on the Quintcentenary. This statement will express a policy view of the AIHEC institutions. It was stated that as we look at Indian education genocide (because we allow this country to define our histories and everything else), Tribal Colleges are the most revolutionary move in the field of Indian higher education.

Gay Kingman gave a brief presentation on Indian Business Associates.

The AIHEC Presidents Summer Retreat will be hosted by Blackfeet Community College at Glacier Park, Montana. The tentative date discussed was July 13,14,15, 1992. A request for internal planning and development among the colleges relative to the schools and the AIHEC organization was presented to AIHEC President Dave Gipp. This was suggested as a possible focus for the retreat. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

AIHEC Student Congress President, Debbie Demarais, Treasurer, Earlene Rooks, and Secretary, Donna Salmon, gave reports. As of 2/12/92 their total revenues were \$5,392.76, with total expenditures of \$2,201.16, leaving a balance of \$3,191.60. The Student Congress has invested \$4,200.00 with Piper, Jaffery, and Hopwood of Rapid City, South Dakota. The Student Congress requested that they meet with the AIHEC Executive Committee. It was decided that President Dave Gipp will meet with the Student Congress on 3/26/92 in Billings, Montana.

Janine Pease WindyBoy up-dated the membership on the AIHEC Spring Conference activities that will be held in Billings, Montana. As she was a member of the Indian Nations at Risk task force, she also gave a report on this subject. Janine further reported on American Indian College Fund (AICF) activities. She informed the membership that the AICF has approved the following:

1. Each Tribal College will receive \$20,000.00 for the 1992-93 academic year for student scholarships.
2. AICF reorganization efforts are on-going.
3. A large scale media campaign in progress, eg., 120 TV networks, with 94 running the commercial advertisements.
4. The Theodore Johnson contribution of \$3.6 million has been put into trust, the earned interest income will be distributed for student scholarships.

It was brought to the attention of the membership that part-time students were not allowed to participate in athletic events or other academic sponsored activities during the 1992 Spring AIHEC Conference. Janine Pease WindyBoy stated that Little Big Horn College surveyed 18 Tribal Colleges regarding this matter, 17 responded. The 17 colleges felt participants should be full-time students. Elgin BadWound stated this policy excludes part-time students and part-time student enrollment comprises a large percentage of enrolled Tribal College students.

For the record: Sinte Gleska University distributed an opposition statement to this policy, as it is not fair to part-time students.

Lengthy discussion followed on this matter.

Elgin BadWound moved AIHEC not exclude participation of part-time students in all AIHEC sponsored student activities. Seconded by Merle Berg. Motion set aside until policies could be reviewed.

Carlos Cordero moved to thank and commend all AIHEC participants affiliated with the White House Conference on Indian Education and the Indian Nations at Risk Task Force for their dedication and leadership on behalf of Indian control in education, especially, Lionel Bordeaux (SKU) and Janine Pease WindyBoy (LBHC). Seconded by Al Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Peggy Nagel, AIHEC Treasurer, presented the financial report. See attachment. She reported that Tribal College dues collection was the best ever. Al Garcia moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Bob Lorence. Motion carried unanimously.

LCOCC \_\_\_\_\_ moved to authorize the AIHEC Treasurer to open a 501(4) bank account. Seconded by Jack Briggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: The AICF committed \$35,000.00 for the Tribal College Magazine. AIHEC committed \$20,000.00, bringing the total budget for the magazine to \$55,000.00.

Sandra Fox distributed evaluation forms regarding the BIA's services to the Tribal Colleges. Most colleges filled them out and handed back while she was present.

Elgin BadWound moved that future AIHEC sponsored activities be open to students registered for at least six semester credit hours or six quarter credit hours and making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution. Seconded by Merle Berg. A roll call vote as

taken. Ayes = 9, Nays = 13, Abstentions = 0. Motion did not carry.

Blackfeet CC	yes
Cheyenne River CC	yes
Crown Point IT	no
Dull Knife MC	no
DQ University	no
Fond Dul Lac CC	no
Fort Berthold	yes
Fort Peck	no
Lac Courte OCCC	no
Little Big Horn CC	no
Little Hoop Cc	yes
Navajo	no
Nebraska Indian CC	yes
Northwest IC	no
Oglala Lakota C	yes
Salish Kootenai C	no
Sinte Gleska U	yes
Sisseton WCC	yes
Standing Rock CC	no
Stone Child C	no
Turtle Mountain CC	no
United Tribes ETC	yes

President Dave Gipp stated that an AIHEC student Activities Task Force would be appointed and will convene at or during the upcoming Billings Conference. The purpose will be to come up with a permanent set of guidelines and rules for future AIHEC student sponsored activities.

Mr. W. Old Elk with Little Big Horn College and Mr. C. Roan Horse with Navajo Community College, both Board Members of their colleges expressed their group of Tribal College Board Members would like to meet with the AIHEC Board. Mr. Roan Horse stated the following:

1. Board members want to strengthen AIHEC
2. Each Tribal College is chartered by a Tribal Government
3. AIHEC is an organization of Presidents
4. Looking at the Government to Government relationship, Board Members receive a half a vote
5. Board Members are accountable to the Tribes
6. Board Members request to be on the agenda at the AIHEC Spring Conference in Billings, Montana

President Dave Gipp stated time would be made available to meet with members of Tribal College Boards.

Joe McDonald move to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Al Garcia. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Thelma Thomas, AIHIC Secretary

American Indian Higher Education Consortium  
Committee Membership List

Telecommunications

Bob Lorence  
Dave Archambault (Ron McNeil?)  
Carlos Cordero  
Peggy Nagel  
Martha McLeod  
Gwen Hill

American Indian University

Task Force  
Dave Gipp  
Carlos Cordero

Facilities

Bob Lorence  
Dave Archambault (Ron McNeil?)  
Jim Shanley  
Gordon Belcourt (Carol Murray?)  
Lawrence Gishy (Al Garcia?)

Nominating Committee

Art McDonald

PERMA Project

Carlos Cordero  
Ron McNeil  
Janine Pease WindyBoy  
Jack Briggs  
Martha McLeod  
Al Garcia

College Journal

Lionel Bordeaux  
Jack Briggs  
Carlos Cordero  
Dave Gipp  
Gwen Hill  
Jasjit Minhas  
Peggy Nagel

Legislative

Martha McLeod  
Kim Shanley  
Lionel Bordeaux  
Dave A. (Ron McNeil?)  
Carlos Cordero  
Bob Lorence  
Lawrence G. (Al Garcia)

Budget

Peggy Nagel  
Janine Pease WindyBoy  
Thelma Thomas  
Jim Shanley  
Jim Tutt

