

American Indian Higher Education Consortium
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 1993
Mobile, Alabama

- 1) The regular board meeting was called to order at 8:35 by AIHEC President, Dave Gipp.
- 2) Roll call was taken by AIHEC Secretary, Margaret C. Perez.

Members present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Crown Point Institution of Technology
Dull Knife Memorial College
D.Q. University
Fond Du Lac Community College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Berthold College
Fort Peck Community College
Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa College
Little Big Horn College
Little Hoop Community College
Navajo Community College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College
Standing Rock Community College
Stone Child College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Education Technical Center
Leech Lake Tribal College
College of the Menominee Nation

Affiliate members:

Haskell Indian Junior College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute
Institute of American Indian Arts

A quorum was established.

- 4) Marcos Melendez, representing the Defense Information Systems Agency, Code ADH, 703 S. Courthouse Rd. Arlington, VA 22204-2199 presented the opportunity for tribal colleges to participate in obtaining surplus DoD equipment.

There were questions from various president's regarding eligibility to apply for surplus, 2yr/4yr college eligibility and timelines in expecting to hear from DoD. Cheryl Crazybull, (SGU) indicated that Sinte had applied some time ago and have not heard anything from DoD since.

Mr. Melendez can be contacted at the above address. His telephone and fax numbers are: T: (703)-746-8494, F: (703)-746-7138.

- 5) Reports from committees and task forces.

A) AIHEC U.S.F.S. Selection Panel

President Perez (FBC) asked for participation from presidents, whose institutions are not applying for U.S. Forest Service funding for their existing natural resources curriculums. Agreeing to serve on the selection panel are:

Tommy Lewis - NCC

Verna Fowler - CMN

Dawn Lawrence - CRCC

Karen Gillis - FBCC

Chair, Margaret C. Perez - FBC

The applications, selection criteria and correspondence pertaining to the funds will be sent to the panel members. A conference call will be scheduled to discuss all applicants. Margaret Perez will arrange this.

B) AIHEC Legislative & Federal Administration Committee

President McLeod (BMCC) chair, presented the position (s) that this committee concluded with.

President Joe McDonald, (SKC) pointed out that the Navajo Nation and Tommy Lewis have spent a great deal of time and effort on this issue and the position of the Navajo nation differs greatly from AIHEC's.

President Tommy Lewis, (NCC) gave the position of the Navajo Nation and Navajo's Chairman, Peterson Zah and expressed the importance for unity on this issue. His final recommendation is that AIHEC meet with Navajo representative and unify.

President Carty Monette, (TMCC) said he needs some clarification as to what the Navajo Nation is asking in comparison to AIHEC.

President Dave Gipp, (UTTC) requested that the Land Grant Committee reconvene and

resume details of their discussion and return to the regular board meeting in the afternoon. President Gipp requested a recommended action to be brought back to the regular meeting.

C) Carl Perkins Act

There was discussion on TCC inequities in Carl Perkins funding. Many states do not fund TCC's because of thresholds that states have established, which result in either excluding TCC's or making them eligible for such small amounts that it is hardly worth applying for.

President Monette (TMCC) requested that Georgianna research this past funding cycle of federal Vocational Education money to find out whether or not the TCC's received the five (5) priority points that were supposed to be issued, as per the federal register.

President Martha McLeod (BMCC) moved and Jaz Minhou (LCOC) seconded "that AIHEC develop a strategy to change the reauthorization language to entitle tribal colleges to Vocational Education funds". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 1, Affiliate members: For: 3, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 2.

President Carty Monette (TMCC) moved and President Janine Pease-Windy Boy (LBHC) seconded that "the new initiatives include as a priority the pursuit of resources for the AIHEC colleges from DoD, the State and transportation appropriations on existing programs". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 1, Affiliate members: For: 3, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 2.

D) Joint Distance/Telecommunications

President Carlos Cordero, (DQU) moved and President Bob Lorence, (NWIC) seconded "that AIHEC join the National Educational Computing Conference, (NECC) to provide faculty development opportunities in computing science and engineering in order to address the underrepresentation of tribal college students in the discipline". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not present or not voting: 1, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not present or not voting: 3.

E) Fort Leadership Program for Next Generation of Leaders

President Joe McDonald (SKC) moved and Will Henderson, (BCC) seconded that "AIHEC develop a proposal to hold two annual seminars on economic development with one participant from each college paid by the grant and open to others from the participating colleges". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 1, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

F) Native American National Intern Program

President Joe McDonald (SKC) moved and President Jack Briggs (FDLC) seconded "that AIHEC not take an official position on the Native American National Intern Program and

urge each tribal college to do what it wants to do and that David Harrison not use the AIHEC name in the future without AIHEC's expressed permission". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 1, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not present or not voting: 3.

G) Tribal College Journal

President Joe McDonald, (SKC) discussed the journal budget, the editor's salary, which has remained at \$35,000 for two (2) years, without any fringe. There was discussion on AIHEC contributing a portion of editor's salary to bring it up to \$47,000.

No action taken until the Executive Committee gives the budget/finance report, since the Journal contribution will effect the AIHEC budget.

Paul Boyer, Editor of the Tribal College Journal, discussed scholarship (see handout: Tribal College Scholarship Project).

President Dave Gipp (UTTC) discussed the established scholarship paradigm taskforce and how it relates to scholarship, as presented by Paul Boyer in his efforts to promote scholarship, utilizing the Tribal College Journal.

President Joe McDonald (SKC) moved and President Janine Pease-Windy Boy (LBHC) seconded "that the Tribal College Journal examine the issue of current scholarship and the paradigm and develop publication on the subject". For: 25, Opposed: 0, Not present or not voting: 1, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

H) Land Grant Status

The committee reconvened and came back to the Board with the following recommended action as reported by President Tommy Lewis, (NCC).

"The Land Grant status committee has discussed the Navajo efforts on this issue. AIHEC will proceed with it's position. Peterson Zah, Chairman of the Navajo Nation will proceed in the same manner as he has initiated. The committee is requesting that Dave Gipp, President of AIHEC, to write a letter to Peterson Zah, regarding AIHEC's position, which hopefully will result in unity." (This was not a motion, but a recommended action).

I) Scholarship Paradigm Task Force

President Jack Briggs, (FDLC) moved and President Janine Pease-Windy Boy (LBHC) seconded "to move that AIHEC sponsor a well planned forum for the Spring AIHEC conference. AIHEC should continue to provide leadership and be vigil regarding scholarship. Funds should be sought to bring a community knowledge base together". For: 23, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

J) The AIHEC Regular Board of Directors meeting recessed for lunch and given an opportunity to watch the IMAGES documentary video on the history of AIHEC.

K) The AIHEC Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

AIHEC President Gipp introduced special guest Dr. John Tippenconnic, Director of BIA Education and Terry Porta, BIA Higher Education, both from Washington, D.C.

L) Dr. John Tippeconnic gave an overview of the status of Indian Education and the funding of education programs. He spoke of the instructions from the "power" in Washington, D.C. including the Department of Interior and the U.S. Congress. The talk is one of accountability (Student counts and audits) using existing funds and less about the quality of education. Indian enrollments jumped by 5% from 1992 to 1993.

The BIA has formed a taskforce, per request of the Congress, to look at educational needs of Alaskan Natives. There is a lot of interest in Indian Education and it's growing.

Dr. Tippeconnic indicated that there is also more interest in our education systems and more awareness about racism and discrimination, etc. The "Goals 200 American" bill is going through Congress and the BIA is in this. The ISEP formula is being studied by the BIA, including others as a part of this effort. A prior study conducted two years ago has no credibility with the current Congress and Interior administration. There is much concern about the lack of adequate resources and money for all the facets of education. Facilities is a major need and the BIA alone has a backlog of \$1.0 million for this area.

The question was asked as to "what is the BIA's role in public education"? Dr. Tippeconnic indicated that, that role currently includes J.O.M. and the Department of Education.

Regarding the BIA budget, staff have worked hard on the budget for 94. TCC's have an increase and the TCC's have an increase and the TCC's can take the credit because of their meeting with Secretary Babbitt. An increase for Title I colleges but none for Title II because of their ISC rate. For '95 the initial budget has been developed and is in OMB. It should be there until the end of November. The budget has been cut, as an administrative order.

The Executive Order continues to be bounced around, and Terry Porta (OIEP) has been working on trying to get this through.

AIHEC President Gipp commented that he takes issue with the BIA holding their conferences at our member colleges. (In 1993 the conference was held in Haskell, in 1994 it will be held at SIPI). Dr. Gipp indicated that, if the conference is a BIA Conference, the President's should be told so, but why invite the TCC's without any prior consultation. These are held at inopportune times - both last year and this year. Last year it was held during the AIHEC Conference and this year it will more than likely be held during our winter AIHEC meeting in Washington, D.C.

M) National Marrow Donor Program

Ms. Carol Field gave a short presentation requesting donors to participate in the donor program. Ms. Field commented that Dr. Lionel Bordeaux (SGU) has recently joined their Board of Directors. A president commented that, if that is the case, they should have enough marrow, thus not requiring much more from the remaining 30 president's.

N) AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

Vice-President, Tammy Cultee, (NWIC) introduced herself and described the efforts of the current student congress. Introductions of the officers followed: Gloria Davis, President, (TMCC) (could not be present at Fall mtg.), Tammy Cultee, (NWIC), Carol Parisian, Secretary, (TMCC), Karen Tompkins, Treasurer, (LHCC), Gerald Fox, Sgt. At-ARMS, (RCCC), Letitia Stewart, Historian, (UTECC).

Treasurer, Karen Tompkins gave the financial report. Budget balance ending last year, \$1,793.74 and \$4,400.00 institutional donations, to bring the balance to date of \$6,193.74.

A student representative from Haskell, Sleepy Eye La Fromboise, requested a letter of support from AIHEC president Dave Gipp, endorsing the efforts of the Haskell Student Senate in terminating the construction of the South Lawrence traffic way. The Haskell Student Senate has taken the position that the construction of the hi-way will destroy the Spiritual Significance of the land.

President Cordero, (DQU) moved and President Monette, (TMCC) seconded to "move to contract with Comtec for FY94 as presented". For: 19, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 6, Affiliate members, For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

President Perez, (FBC) moved and President Shanley, (FPCC) seconded "to accept the 1994 Annual AIHEC budget, as presented and to direct the Executive Committee to complete the details involving the fiscal infrastructure to include checkwriting, signatures, cashflow investment policy and other items related to AIHEC's finances". For: 19, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 6, Affiliate members, For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

President Shanley moved and President McLeod seconded "to direct the executive committee to establish a collaborative effort between AICF and AIHEC with a jointly funded position and related services, to implement an AICF/AIHEC memorandum of understanding utilizing AICF and AIHEC funds". For: 18, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 7, Affiliate members, For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

President Shanley moved and President Art McDonald seconded "to direct the executive committee and executive director to locate suitable property in Washington, D.C. and negotiate and move purchase forward, to be brought back to the Board". For: 17, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

O) OTHER ITEMS

President Joe McDonald (SKC) moved and President Janine Pease-Windy Boy (LBHC) seconded "to accept the August 1993 Regular Board minutes, subject to corrections". For: 17, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 9, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

Will Henderson, (BCC) moved and Lamoine Pulliam seconded "that the AIHEC body establish it's own accrediting agency with AIHEC taking the lead nationally and also in helping the individual tribes establishing their own codes of education. For: 17, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 9, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

President Joe McDonald, (SKC) moved and President Janine Pease-Windy Boy (LBHC) seconded "to direct the AIHEC office to develop a fact sheet (synopsis) of the AIHEC member colleges, so that when called upon to speak on behalf of AIHEC, we can provide accurate information. This is to be completed in time for the Fall membership meeting". For: 18, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 7, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

P) ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Art McDonald, chair presented the nomination for each office and the American Indian College Fund.

Nominations:

Member-at-large

Nominations: Carlos Cordero, Art McDonald, Jazjit Minhaus. Voting by secret ballot resulted in Carlos Cordero being elected for the member-at-large position.

Treasurer

Nominations: Dr. Joe McDonald. Motion by Dr. Janine Windy Boy. Seconded by Dr. Larry Aitken to move Joe McDonald into that position by acclamation. For: 16, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 10, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

Secretary

Nominations: Dr. James Shanley. Motion by Dr. Jack Briggs, Seconded by Martha McLeod to move Jim Shanley into that position by acclamation. For: 16, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 10, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

Vice-President

Nominations: Carol Tatsey-Murray, Dr. Dave Gipp. Voting by secret ballot resulted in Dr. Dave Gipp being elected for the Vice-President position.

President

Nominations: Margaret C. Perez. Motion by Dr. Jim Shanley, Seconded by Carty Monette to move Margarett Perez into the President's position by acclamation. For: 16, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 10, Affiliate members: For: 2, Opposed: 0, Not voting or not present: 3.

A.I.C.F. Board of Directors

The six nominations were President Briggs, Perez, Shanley, Gipp, Tutt and Windy Boy.

The four selected to fill three-year terms are: Jim Shanley, Dave Gipp, Janine Windy Boy, Margie Perez.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.