

AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, November 10, 1995
Tucson, AZ

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by AIHEC President Margaret C. Perez.
- 2) Roll call was taken by AIHEC Secretary Dave Archambault, Standing Rock College.

Members Present:

Blackfeet Community College
Cheyenne River Community College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
D-Q University
Dull Knife Memorial College
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Peck Community College
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Navajo Community College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Salish Kootenai College
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College
Standing Rock College
Stone Child College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College. (23--who has the list??? -- 22 listed above)

Affiliate Member Colleges Present:

Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute
Haskell Indian Nations University
Red Crow Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

- 2) AICF REPORT & ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Shannon Finley and Barbara Bratone reported on the recent activities of the College Fund. Ms. Finley reported that the College Fund Board had five vacancies to be filled by AIHEC members. By secret ballot, the following presidents were elected to the College Fund Board: Jasjit Minhas, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College; Carty Monette, Turtle Mountain Community

College; Martha McCloud, Bay Mills Community College; Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College; and Tommy Lewis, Navajo Community College.

3) EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- 4) TREASURER'S REPORT. AIHEC Treasurer Dr. Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College, Salish Kootenai College Business Manager Paul Eve and AIHEC Office Manager Jan Evered presented the financial report. Dr. McDonald reported that AIHEC will end the 1995 Fiscal Year with a deficit. There was a discussion of proposed options to reduce the deficit.

Tom Davis moved, seconded by Little Big Horn President Janice Pease Pretty on Top "that the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted with the stipulation that a note be made in the record that the Board has been informed of serious material problems not noted in the Joseph Eve & Company September 30, 1994 'Report to Management' and 'Financial and Compliance Report'. That the Executive Committee be directed to address any and all serious material problems that have been uncovered or will be uncovered, acting with good faith to protect the interests of AIHEC and each of its member colleges." MOTION CARRIED.

Salish Kootenai College President Joe McDonald moved, seconded by Dull Knife Memorial College Board Chairperson Norma Bixby, "that the operational budget presented to the Board be adopted." MOTION CARRIED.

President of Northwest Indian College Dr. Bob Lorence, moved, seconded by Fort Peck Community College President Dr. Jim Shanley, "that the AIHEC Board formally request the AICF to distribute \$5,000 to each member college to be used for general college operations. It is further requested that such distribution be made by separate check prior to December 31, 1995." MOTION CARRIED

President of Northwest Indian College Dr. Bob Lorence, moved, seconded by Fort Peck Community College President Dr. Jim Shanley, "that the AIHEC dues for Fiscal Year 1996 be increased to \$10,000 for each member college with the exception of Canadian colleges." MOTION CARRIED.

Dull Knife Memorial College Board Chairperson Norma Bixby, moved, seconded by Little Big Horn President Janice Pease Pretty on Top "to express the Board's appreciation to Paul Eve, Salish Kootenai's business manager, for working so diligently with AIHEC staff on the reconstruction of the financial records and his assistance in preparing the financial reports." MOTION CARRIED.

- 5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT. Northwest Indian College President and Telecommunications Committee Chairman Bob Lorence, and Gary Garrison, AIHEC Telecommunications Project Network Manager, gave a report on the status of the telecommunications project.

Dr. Lorence moved, seconded by Dr. Joe McDonald, "that the AIHEC Telecommunications Committee be authorized and directed to prepare a PTFP grant application for the second round of Phase II equipment." MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION TRIBAL COLLEGE INITIATIVE.** Salish Kootenai College President Joseph McDonald and Little Big Horn College President Janine Pease Pretty on Top reported to the Board that the Kellogg Foundation wanted to produce a video and photo-book as part of their initiative. AIHEC President Margaret Perez will appoint a Task Force to coordinate AIHEC's participation in the Kellogg Foundation's Phase II project.
- 7) **SELECTION OF FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND DATES.** Sisseton Wahpeton Community College President Dr. Chris Cavender made a presentation to hold the 1996 Spring Conference in Watertown, SD. Stone Child College President Luanne Belcourt and Little Big Horn College President Janine Pease Pretty on Top presented on behalf of the seven colleges in Montana. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Spring conference is hosted according to a regional rotation, and it was in fact Montana's turn to host the meeting.

Navajo Community College President Dr. Tommy Lewis moved, seconded by Dull Knife Memorial College Board Chairperson Norma Bixby, "that the 1996 Spring Conference be held March 31 - April 3, 1996 in Billings, Montana, sponsored by the Montana Tribal College." MOTION CARRIED

Northwest Indian College representative Ces Robertson made a presentation to host the 1996 Summer Retreat on Orcas Island, Washington. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories Program Manager Steve Gray proposed hosting the meeting in San Francisco, California. A vote by show of hands produced several ties. Eventually, Northwest Indian College won the privilege of hosting the conference, by a vote of 13-9.

It was announced that the 1996 Winter Conference would be held at the Holiday Inn Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia from January 26 - February 1, 1996.

- 8) **TRIBAL COLLEGE JOURNAL REPORT & ELECTION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Tribal College Journal Editor Marjane Ambler reported that the Journal had fully transitioned from Chestertown, MD to its new office in Mancos, CO. Ms. Ambler recently hired Lucille Victor-Benally as Office Manager. After a brief explanation of the duties involved, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College President Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Navajo Community College President Dr. Tommy Lewis, "that Dr. Jasjit Minhas, Lac Courte Oreilles Community College; Marie Smallface Marule, Red Crow Community College; Dr. Perry Horse, Institute of American Indian Arts; and Carty Monette, Turtle Mountain Community College be nominated to serve on the Tribal College Journal Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

- 9) **STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT.** AIHEC Student Congress President Letitia Stewart reported on the recent activities of the Student Congress. She informed the Board that the Student Congress By-Laws were going to be reviewed and recommended changes, if any, would be brought up for approval at the next AIHEC Board meeting. Ms. Stewart asked each Student Congress member to introduce themselves to the Board.
- 10) **AIHEC STAFF REPORTS.** Veronica Gonzales, AIHEC's Interim Executive Director, updated Board members on the status of the following legislative and administrative issues: Interior Appropriations, Vocational Education, and Title III: Strengthening Minority Institutions. Ms. Gonzales also presented the AIHEC Research and Statistical Data Report. Jason Gavin, AIHEC Senior Policy Analyst updated the Board on recent developments on Agriculture Appropriations/Land-Grant status, Executive Order, Indian Gaming, and the U.S. General Accounting Office Report on Tribal College funding. Jan Evered, AIHEC's Office Manager, summarized for the Board the status of AIHEC's recent grants.
- 11) **REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) REPORT.** Little Big Horn College President Janine Pease Pretty on Top reported that representatives of the Real Estate Investment Trust had met on November 11, 1995 and made the following recommendations: a.) an interim administrative committee was appointed to deal with administrative issues. This committee will serve until the February 1996 meeting of the REIT shareholders and shall include Dr. Robert Lorence, Northwest Indian College, Dr. James Shanley, Fort Peck Community College, and Shannon Finley, AICF Executive Director; b.) the administrative committee is delegated to establish lease documents with AIHEC and NIEA and that the rates of rent be reflective of market value; c.) the administrative committee is authorized to initiate the legal work required for the REIT under Virginia law to the law firm of Akin, Gump, under a previous pro bono agreement, or based on time/expediency to retain other legal services; and 4) to authorize the sale of the 30 shares of the REIT owned by AIHEC and to inform AIHEC that the REIT would allow such sale at a discounted rate of \$1,000 per share.

President Pease Pretty on Top further explained that because of administrative and communications problems Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) was precluded from purchasing five shares in the REIT authorized by SIPI's Board of Directors. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College President Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Navajo Community College President Dr. Tommy Lewis, "that SIPI be allowed to purchase, at the discounted rate of \$1,000 per share, five shares in the REIT currently owned by AIHEC." **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 12) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Based upon recommendations made in Executive Session, College of the Menominee Nation Vice President Tom Davis moved, seconded by Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College President Dr. Jasjit Minhas, "that the current Executive Committee, consisting of Margaret C. Perez, President, Larry Aitken, Vice President, Joseph McDonald, Treasurer, Dave Archambault, Secretary, and Janine Pease Pretty on Top as Member at Large, be re-elected with Carty Monette, President of Turtle

Mountain, acting as an alternate for Dave Archambault if he can no longer serve as Secretary. Also move that a Mission Statement and By-Laws Review Task Force be created by the President, including Tom Shortbull among its members. MOTION CARRIED.

- 13) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES. Salish Kootenai College President Joseph McDonald moved, seconded by Dull Knife Memorial College Board Chairperson Norma Bixby, "to adopt the Minutes of the February 12, 1995 Board of Directors meeting." MOTION CARRIED.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College President Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Little Big Horn College President Janine Pease Pretty on Top, "to adopt the Minutes of the April 9, 1995 Board of Directors meeting." MOTION CARRIED.

Little Big Horn College President Janine Pease Pretty on Top moved, seconded by Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College President Dr. Jasjit Minhas, "to adopt the Minutes of the August 1-3, 1995 Board of Directors meeting." MOTION CARRIED.

- 14) APPOINTMENT OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE. AIHEC President Margaret C. Perez appointed the following individuals to a 25th Anniversary Committee to make recommendations on appropriate ways to recognize and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of AIHEC: Lionel Bordeaux, Sinte Gleska University; Tom Davis, College of the Menominee Nation; Jasjit Minhas, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College; David Gipp, United Tribes Technical College; Perry Horse, Institute of American Indian Arts; Janine Pease Pretty on Top, Little Big Horn College; and Tom Aticity, Vice Chairman of the Navajo Nation.
- 15) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LOG CABIN FIELD MUSEUM PROJECT. Gail Bruce updated the Board on the status of this project. The Log Homes Council will meet shortly to decide if they can participate in the program. She is also seeking assistance from Westinghouse and General Electric and urged the presidents to seek additional contracting services within their communities to complete the construction of the facilities.
- 16) OTHER PRESENTERS. Jack Barden (Turtle Mountain Community College) gave a presentation on the High Plains Rural Systemic Initiative; United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) President David Gipp and UTTC Development Associate Jess Clairmont led a discussion on the Policy Direction of Funding and Resources for Tribal Arts; Russell "Buddy" Mason, UTTC Board Member and Chairperson of Three Affiliated Tribes, spoke to the Board regarding the National Tribal Political Action Plan; National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Executive Director Lorraine Edmo updated the Board on the status of NIEA's Comprehensive Federal Indian Education policy Statement, which is being developed to present to federal agencies; and David Beaulieu (with????????) gave a status report on his Prospectus for the Development of a National Center for Indian Affairs.

- 17) ADJOURNMENT. Salish Kootenai College President Joseph McDonald moved, seconded by Dull Knife Memorial College Board Chairperson Norma Bixby, “that the meeting be adjourned.” MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by AIHEC staff.