

**2000 Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel and Convention Center
Meeting Rooms 11 and 12, Convention Center**

**DRAFT MINUTES
October 27, 2000**

- I. **Call to Order.** President David Gipp called the 2000 Fall Board of Directors meeting to order at 9 a.m.
- II. **Invocation.** Dr. Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University, gave the opening prayer.
- III. **Roll Call.** Executive Director Veronica Gonzales called the roll.

Members Present

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
College of Menominee Nation
Diné College
Dull Knife Memorial College
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Berthold Community College
Fort Peck Community College
Haskell Indian Nations University
Institute of American Indian Art
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Salish Kootenai College
Sinte Gleska University
Si Tanka College
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College
Sitting Bull College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
United Tribes Technical College
White Earth Community College

Represented By:

Veronica Van Sloten
Dr. Dorothy Still Smoking
Erich Longie
Dr. Charles Stubbs
Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet
Dr. Richard Littlebear
Jack Briggs
Carole Falcon-Chandler
Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray
Dr. James Shanley
Dr. Karen Swisher
Della Warrior
Debra Parrish
Schuyler Houser
Jamie Robertson
Lanny Real Bird
Anne Downes
Dr. Ross Primm
Dr. Tommy Lewis
Thomas Shortbull
Dr. Joe McDonald
Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Keith Jewett
Dr. Elden Lawrence
Ron McNeil
Dr. Carolyn Elgin
Phil Baird
Dr. Helen Klassen

Members Present by Proxy

Crownpoint Institute of Technology
Turtle Mountain Community College

Jack Briggs
Erich Longie

Members Absent

D-Q University
Red Crow Community College
Stone Child College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

- IV. Dr. Janine Pease-Pretty on Top.** President Gipp discussed the letter of support that he sent to Mr. Dillard Birdinground, Chairman of the Board of Little Big Horn College, on behalf of Dr. Janine Pease-Pretty on Top, president of the college and Vice President of AIHEC. Although there is not much that AIHEC can do with respect to influencing internal matters at individual colleges, he felt that it was important to send this letter in light of her good work with Little Big Horn College and her contributions to and leadership in the Tribal College movement. Because her situation is not unique, President Gipp suggested that AIHEC consider ways to develop and provide guidelines for school administrators and boards to ensure the institutional stability of each Tribal College. He asked informally that AIHEC begin to develop such guidelines.
- V. Secretary's Report.** Secretary Ron McNeil presented the minutes of the 2000 summer Board meeting. Mr. Schuyler Houser expressed concern about the apparent lack of follow-up on a number of issues raised and recommendations made in Flagstaff, AZ. He was particularly concerned about the recommendations related to training new AIHEC presidents/members. Ms. Gonzales said that the recommendations were under consideration by the Executive Committee and that the budget is being reviewed to determine how much funding is available for the various components of a new president/member orientation program.

Mr. Thomas Shortbull discussed two recommendations made by the North Central Accreditation Agency during a recent site visit to Oglala Lakota College. The recommendations were: (1) Tribal Council members should not serve on the school's Board of Trustees; and (2) the Board should not be in the personnel business.

- MOTION:** Dr. Joe McDonald moved to accept the minutes of the 2000 summer Board meeting.
SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- VI. Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Shanley called upon Ms. Valerie Walker, AIHEC's Finance and Business Manager to present the FY 1999 audit report, the current financial report, and the proposed FY 2001 budget. The reports and the proposed budget were presented.

- MOTION:** Mr. Keith Jewett moved to accept the reports presented.
SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- MOTION:** Dr. McDonald moved to accept the proposed FY 2001 budget as presented.
SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Primm raised an issue relating to AIHEC's ANA SEDS grant proposal. He said that the ANA had indicated that it might disqualify proposals submitted by

individual Tribal Colleges if the college or colleges were included in AIHEC's proposal. Ms. Gonzales explained that staff was aware of the problem and that a disclaimer statement had been included in the SEDS grant proposal that would eliminate this problem.

- VII. National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Conference Funding.** Dr. Bordeaux discussed a request from NIEA to give the association \$1000 to make up for a shortfall in their conference funding. A donor had withdrawn its support.

MOTION: Dr. Bordeaux moved that AIHEC give NIEA \$1000 to make up a deficit in their conference funding due to the withdrawal of a donor's support.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- VIII. Report by Program Development and Evaluation Manager.** As the newest member of the AIHEC staff, Ms. Katharine Clute presented a document in which she outlined how her area can contribute to AIHEC's goals and objectives.

She then discussed adding a new objective to Goal 3 of AIHEC's strategic plan that would certify that all educational and professional Federal internship experiences offered to TCU students meet the educational and cultural needs of the students.

MOTION: Mr. Erich Longie moved that the new objective be added to Goal 3 of AIHEC's strategic plan.

SECOND: Mr. Bordeaux seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

This matter will be referred to the Student Initiatives and Activities Committee, chaired by Mr. Jim Tutt.

- IX. Kellogg Initiative Report.** Ms. Gonzales referred members to the Kellogg report prepared by Ms. Mia Strickland, Program Assistant. Ms. Gonzales reported that as the NAHEI Initiative is closing out, AIHEC is continuing to build on its work with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in order to sustain the effort in some way and to continue AIHEC's partnership with the Foundation. She reported that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has invited AIHEC to submit a strategic plan with 10 priorities to guide work over the next two to three years relating to the changes taking place in American Indian higher education. Mr. Paul Boyer is drafting the plan.

Ms. Gonzales said that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation remains committed to the Tribal Colleges. And, although Kellogg's funding resources will be limited in the future, the staff of the foundation has agreed to assist AIHEC in approaching other foundations.

Ms. Gonzales then reported on a recent meeting with the leaders of the Maori tribal college movement. Following their attendance at the Tribal College Technology Prosperity Game in Palo Alto, CA, Maori representatives visited Sinte Gleska University and Oglala Lakota College. She noted that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has provided a small planning grant to, in part, develop plans

to eventually launch a world indigenous people's organization dedicated to furthering the interests of indigenous controlled institutions of higher education. A planning session will be held in New Zealand this coming spring. Twelve AIHEC presidents will be able to participate in the planning meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who are interested in going to New Zealand. It was agreed that Mr. Tom Davis be allowed to sign up based on his previous work with the Maori.

- X. Tribal College Journal Report.** Ms. Marjane Ambler, Editor, discussed the marketing plan that had been developed to broaden the circulation of the *Journal* and make it more attractive to new readers.

MOTION: Dr. Elden Lawrence moved to accept the *Tribal College Journal* marketing plan as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Briggs distributed a list indicating the number of *Tribal College Journals* distributed to each TCU.

- XI. Cultural Learning Centers Initiative.** Ms. Anne Edinger and Mr. Antonio Ruales circulated various articles and photographs regarding recent openings of the cultural learning centers. Ms. Edinger then reviewed the status of projects that have gone forward since last spring, including those at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Sitting Bull College, United Tribes Technical College, Little Priest Tribal College, College of Menominee Nation, and Sisseton Wahpeton Community College. She also noted openings at the Institute of American Indian Art on March 28, Bay Mills Community College and Fort Peck Community College on June 16, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College on July 14, and Sinte Gleska University in August.

Ms. Edinger reported that building material/equipment donations from large national companies have subsided due to the lack of a national public relations campaign focused on the cultural learning centers.

She said that she is preparing progress reports for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and AIHEC that will address reasons why some schools' cultural learning centers have not moved forward.

She also reported that a film on the cultural learning centers is nearing completion.

Looking to the future, Ms Edinger raised the issue of how the buildings will be sustained.

In closing, Ms. Edinger reported that Ramscale's work on the project would come to an end in January 2001. She said that it has been an honor to work with members of AIHEC on this project. And, she also thanked the members on behalf of Ms. Bruce and Mr. Ruales.

- MOTION:** Mr. Jewett moved to recognize Gail Bruce, Anne Edinger, and Antonio Ruales for all their hard work and efforts on the Cultural Learning Center Initiative.
- SECOND:** Ms. Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. Research Reports.

Alliance for Equity in Higher Education.

President Gipp encouraged all members to become more familiar with the work of the Alliance for Equity in Higher Education, which is composed of AIHEC, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Mr. Jamie Merisotis, President of The Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), briefly discussed the evolution and work of the Alliance. IHEP serves as the facilitator for Alliance discussions and public policy objectives.

Mr. Merisotis distributed and discussed the Alliance's first major policy report, *Educating the Emerging Majority: The Role of Minority-Serving Colleges and Universities in Confronting America's Teacher Crisis*.

Based on group discussions, there are two major strands of issues that will drive the Alliance's policy agenda over the next few years – the performance gap, including teacher education and remedial education, and the technology gap.

Initially, the Alliance received a \$200,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Pursuant to a new proposal, the foundation has committed to fund the Alliance for the next three years as part a collaboration of funders.

In the future, the Alliance will focus its agenda on:

- 1) providing more opportunities for the groups to convene to discuss common areas of interest
- 2) the issuance of policy reports
- 3) the development of a research and policy collaborative, and
- 4) perhaps the most important near-term goal is to establish a task force of presidents from the three organizations to set common policy objectives for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in 2003-2004. He expressed the need to get a bigger piece of the federal pie during the reauthorization process for the institutions represented by the Alliance.

Research and Database Initiative.

Ms. Gonzales reported that Dr. Jeff Hamley, AIHEC Director of Policy Analysis and Research, was scheduled to be at the meeting but had to fly home due to a family illness. Mr. Merisotis referred members to the comprehensive research report in the Board books that had been prepared by Dr. Hamley.

Dr. Shanley reported on the Research and Database Committee meeting during which the Committee focused on new directions that need to be taken relating to AIHEC's research and data collection efforts. First, there is a strong need to orient AIHEC and A*CF staff members about the history, structure, and operations of the Tribal Colleges. Staff members continually ask the same

questions. Therefore, the Committee suggested that a joint briefing for the two staffs be held independent of any other meeting.

In addition, the Committee recommended that the streams of data collected from the colleges be narrowed to two or three on an annual basis. A review of the data that is already compiled by the colleges for IPEDS, BIA, and AIHEC annual membership reports should be conducted and correlated with the information compiled by the Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP). After this analysis is done, staff can identify additional data they need for public policy and fund raising purposes. This should significantly reduce the number of requests going to the colleges throughout the year.

Dr. Shanley reported that the Committee discussed ways to finance AIHEC's research and data collection efforts. He noted that in order to ensure the sustainability of these efforts, Dr. Hamley's position is now funded by AIHEC's central fund. The private sector should be approached in a very defined, programmatic way, i.e. for specific projects or reports. It should not be looked to for supporting sustained data collection.

Mr. Merisotis reported that another policy report is being prepared as part of the ANA/SEDS project. *Building Strong Communities: Tribal Colleges as Engaged Institutions* will focus on the role of Tribal Colleges in strengthening their communities. He noted that a preliminary draft had been completed. Then he distributed and asked members to complete a short survey relating to this report.

Research Task Force.

Dr. Swisher reported that the Research Task Force had not convened since its last meeting. She said that it is trying to develop a research policy statement on Indian education. She asked that her report be deferred until a later date.

XIII. National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Welcome. Ms. Gloria Sly, President of NIEA, reported on the upcoming conference and encouraged AIHEC members to stay on for the meeting. She introduced the following members of NIEA's Board, each of whom gave brief comments: Mr. Juan Perez, NIEA's Vice President, who thanked the AIHEC board for \$1000 donation for the conference, Ms. Katherine Campbell, Ms. Alma Vince, Mr. Caleb Roanhorse, Ms. Cheryl Kulas, Ms. Gloria Grant, Mr. Kerry Dean Byrd, Ms. Carole Anne Heart, Ms. Marilyn Charging, and Mr. Timothy Begaye. Ms. Sly also introduced Mr. John Cheek, NIEA Executive Director, and other NIEA staff present. In closing, she announced the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between four Indian education organizations (AIHEC, NIEA, NISBA, and NCAI) at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday.

XIV. Diabetes Initiative. President Gipp opened the discussion about diabetes by stating that diabetes is among the top health issues for American Indians. Ms. Gwen Hosey with the IHS National Diabetes Program discussed the formation of the Diabetes Education and Research Coalition and her work with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. In addition, she has begun to work with the AIHEC colleges to catalogue what is happening at the TCU level with respect to diabetes education and research.

Ms. Marsha Azure said that the purpose of the proposed coalition is to broaden the infrastructure and capacity of the AIHEC colleges and universities to deliver diabetes related programs through a partnership with the IHS National Diabetes Program and other agencies working with diabetes prevention and control.

The proposed Coalition would be co-chaired by a representative appointed by the AIHEC board and another from the IHS National Diabetes Program. Its objectives would include:

- Advocate for AIHEC colleges and universities involvement in diabetes education research
- Identify existing AIHEC diabetes related programming
- Identify funding resources
- Develop diabetes education and research program networking and programs
- Explore ways to strengthen outreach to all tribal communities in diabetes education and research

She then asked the AIHEC Board to approve the proposal that establishes the basic structure of the coalition and its goals and objectives.

MOTION: Dr. Primm moved to endorse the basic structure of the coalition, including the AIHEC co-chair position, and its goals and objectives, as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Alvin Windy Boy, Co-Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, spoke about the lack of federal funding for American Indians with respect to diabetes treatment and prevention.

Ms. Patricia Martin, member of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, discussed the role of tribal leaders in health care issues, including diabetes, and the important role that education plays in prevention and research. She indicated that at some point in the future perhaps an MOA can be developed between the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and the Tribal College presidents. She also mentioned the IHS National Diabetes Report that had been submitted to Congress in January 2000.

Mr. Alex Daniels discussed the summer research institute developed in collaboration between Diné College and the National Diabetes Prevention Center. He asked that the AIHEC Board endorse their summer program.

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved to endorse the work and involvement of Diné College regarding a summer research enhancement program in the area of diabetes prevention research with the National Diabetes Prevention Center (NDPC).

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion is agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

XV. Executive Session. The Board then recessed to meet in executive session to consider the nomination of Dr. Gerald Gipp as the next Executive Director of AIHEC.

XVI. Dr. Gerald Gipp. Upon conclusion of the executive session, the Board meeting reconvened.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved to offer Dr. Gerald Gipp the position of Executive Director position of AIHEC.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

XVII. Recess. The meeting recessed for lunch.

XVIII. Diabetes Coalition. After lunch, the Board resumed its discussion of the diabetes initiative.

MOTION: Dr. Bordeaux moved to appoint Dr. Primm as co-chair of the Diabetes Education Coalition.

SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Ms. Peggy Mainor will serve as the AIHEC staff liaison.

XIX. Legislative Report and Committee Recommendations.

Ms. Gonzales noted that because Congress is still in session, several final reports were not included in the Board books. These reports will be prepared and mailed to the Presidents as soon as Congress completes its work. She then reviewed the FY 2002 legislative priorities for Tribal Colleges developed by the Government Relations Committee during its meeting on the previous day. Core funding will remain the number one priority until the Tribal Colleges reach parity with mainstream community colleges. AIHEC will seek incremental increases annually over a three- to five-year period. In the next Congress, AIHEC will seek \$4500 per ISC under Title I. AIHEC will request that Title II monies be broken out. Ms. Gonzales then reviewed the complete list of FY 2002 appropriations requests developed by the Government Relations Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to accept the report of the Government Relations Committee.

SECOND: Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Briggs congratulated the staff for its efforts to increase funding, which this year totaled more than \$40 million in new funds for the Tribal Colleges. In addition, he suggested that Mr. John Romano, former Deputy Administrator of USDA's Rural Utilities Service, Mr. Tim Rieser, Minority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, and Ms. Carrie Billy, Executive Director of the White House Office on Tribal Colleges and Universities, be thanked for their efforts. President Gipp agreed to write letters to these individuals on behalf of AIHEC.

Ms. Meg Goetz then reviewed the Agriculture appropriations FY 2001 and the FY 2002 amounts requested for Tribal Colleges.

Mr. Phil Baird raised the question as to whether AIHEC had acknowledged the death of former Congressman Sid Yates (D-IL), who had been a strong supporter of Tribal Colleges.

XX. Land-Grant Policy.

Dr. Shanley recapped the discussion from the Membership Meeting regarding land-grant status for new AIHEC member colleges. Ms. Gonzales reported on the various options as to how this matter can be addressed and also some of the difficulties AIHEC could expect to encounter.

Dr. Klassen, President of White Earth Tribal and Community College, an affiliate member, discussed the problems her school has encountered in seeking land-grant status. She discussed the option paper on land-grant status that had been distributed at the Government Relations Committee meeting. She was concerned with the use of the term “accredited” in the option paper and wanted to clarify that the term matched the language as stated in the 1994 land-grant law. The provisions in the law require a college to be “accredited” or to be “making reasonable progress toward accreditation.” Dr. Klassen said that the term “accredited” is exclusionary towards institutions such as hers. Mr. Houser suggested the terminology in the policy paper read “eligible under the conditions of the Act.” Dr. Shanley, while acknowledging her point, said the discussion was not germane to the overall issue at hand.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to support the efforts of each individual new Tribal College eligible under the conditions of the Act to get onto the list of 1994 Institutions, with a new funds stipulation. AIHEC would not be involved in any advocacy efforts but would, if/when asked by any Hill office or an AIHEC college, express support for an AIHEC Tribal College’s individual efforts to be added to the current list of 1994 institutions with the stipulation that the legislation adding the new college as a 1994 includes language requiring additional funds will have to be authorized and appropriated to accommodate the addition of the new institution. The new college would be entitled to the proceeds from the endowment fund confined to the endowment corpus accumulated from the day of its recognition as a land grant college.

SECOND: Dr. Lewis seconded the motion.

AMENDED: Dr. McDonald moved to add “or an AIHEC college” after “if/when asked by a Hill office.”

Mr. Lewis agreed to the amendment.

OUTCOME: The motion was defeated by roll call vote.

There was a discussion of the terms “support” and “advocate”. Ms. Gonzales explained that “support” means that AIHEC would write a letter of support for an individual college, but not actively engage in “lobbying” on behalf of the institution. “Advocate” means that AIHEC would expend staff time and resources to engage in Hill activity on behalf of the individual college seeking to be added to the land-grant legislation.

- MOTION:** Dr. Bordeaux moved to support each new AIHEC Tribal College's efforts to get onto the list of 1994 Institutions to share existing funds. AIHEC would be involved in advocacy efforts and would express support for that individual AIHEC Tribal College's efforts to be added to the current list of 1994 Institutions.
- SECOND:** Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion passed by a show of hands.

Mr. Merisotis reported on HSIs' efforts to obtain land-grant status for approximately 68 existing four-year HSIs that currently have agriculture programs. The following individuals were appointed by President Gipp to serve on a joint committee regarding this effort: Mr. Briggs, Dr. Monette, Dr. McDonald, and Dr. Bordeaux.

- XXI. Student Financial Aid.** Mr. Clarence Hicks from the Direct Loans/School Relations office of the Department of Education discussed the Department's new electronic processing of student aid requests. Although the Department of Education is now using electronic communications almost exclusively, the Tribal Colleges are not yet using electronic processing of student aid. To remedy this situation, the Department wants to partner with TCUs to make sure that the colleges are ready to take advantage of electronic processing. The Department is holding a series of three electronic access conferences this year about new electronic financial aid products. All Tribal Colleges are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Ronald Selepak discussed the student profile of American Indian students prepared by the American Council on Education. He suggested that the Tribal Colleges take a proactive role in interacting with the student financial assistance office, which is becoming a performance-based organization. He further suggested that AIHEC invite the director of student financial assistance office, Mr. Greg Woods, to future AIHEC meetings to discuss how his office can better serve the Tribal Colleges.

- XXII. Executive Order Reports.** Ms. Gonzales presented Ms. Mainor's report. She said that high on AIHEC's priority list are the re-signing of Executive Order and advancing the Tribal College's agenda to both campaigns.

Ms. Carrie Billy said that the top priorities for her office are the continuation of the Executive Order and the staffing of the White House Office on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU). She said that the Executive Order must be re-signed by the new President. She indicated that the terms of the Presidential Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and Universities (PABTCU) board members would expire in September 2001. She encouraged AIHEC to start the process now to develop a list of recommendations for new members. Ms. Billy explained that she is a political appointee and must submit her resignation at the end of the year. Therefore, in addition to recommendations for the PABTCU board, AIHEC should develop a recommendation for her replacement as the Executive Director of WHITCU. She reported that her office would move within the next few months from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) to the Office of Post Secondary Education (OPE). She noted that the Alliance has drafted a letter

asking the Administration to move all three offices to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Ms. Billy reviewed the substantial progress that had been made in the last two years with respect to the five priority areas: sustainability, educational technology, facilities, community linkages, and community health and well-being. She noted that the implementation and action plan that she developed lays out a good roadmap and guidance for the future administration and her successor with respect to the five priority areas.

She suggested that recommendations for full funding of the Tribal College Act should be given early to the new administration's transition team.

Ms. Gonzales said that briefings regarding Tribal College priorities would be prepared for both campaigns. She then reported on the status of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the various departments and agencies.

Ms. Billy discussed progress on the National Blueprint for American Indian education. She encouraged as many people as possible to participate in the upcoming discussions that will be held during the NIEA convention.

There followed a discussion regarding the signing a joint agreement among four major Indian education organizations -- NIEA, AIHEC, NISBA, and NCAI.

Ms. Billy said that there would be one more meeting of the PABTCU Board.

President Gipp thanked Ms. Billy for all of her hard work as Executive Director of WHITCU and for her efforts on behalf of the Tribal Colleges.

XXIII. Global University for Indigenous Peoples.

MOTION: Dr. Bordeaux moved that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium agrees to participate in the planning for the establishment of a global university for indigenous peoples. It is the specific intent of this motion to support the continuation of discussions with Maori people and organizations, and to extend these discussions to include other indigenous peoples and organizations worldwide.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XXIV. Sites for upcoming conferences.

President Gipp reported that there are five regions in the rotation for the spring conferences. He noted that Great Lakes/Woodlands group had indicated that it is not prepared to take on the 2001 conference. Therefore, the Executive Committee decided on the following rotation schedule:

- 2001 South Dakota
- 2002 Montana/Northwest
- 2003 North Dakota
- 2004 Great Lakes/Woodlands
- 2005 Southwest/West

Another alternative would be to hold the conference in Canada.

Considerable discussion about the site for the 2001 spring conference then followed.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that the 2001 spring conference be held in Minneapolis or the Great Lakes/Woodlands area.

SECOND: Dr. Charles Stubbs seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The schedule for Spring Conferences for 2002 – 2005 will be decided at a later date.

Dr. McDonald raised the question of whether the basketball tournament should be held in conjunction with the annual spring conference next year, particularly in light of the fact that there are relatively few basketball teams in the Woodlands area. Most of the teams are in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. It was agreed the two events would be separated in 2001. For the 2001 games, the sequence of possible sites is Billings, Bismarck, then Sinte Gleska University.

Ms. Veronica Van Sloten announced that Bay Mills Community College would be willing to host the 2001 presidents' summer retreat.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that Bay Mills Community College host the 2001 presidents' summer retreat.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was unanimously agreed to by voice vote.

XXV. A*CF Report. Mr. Rick Williams, Executive Director, said that while it is important that the College Fund grow as an organization, it is also equally important that the College Fund never put its growth ahead of the Tribal Colleges.

With respect to construction, he reported that A*CF currently has an active and on-going relationship with 27 Tribal Colleges, while there are still three remaining colleges that have yet to apply for construction funding.

The College Fund has awarded 308 scholarships to American Indian students through the Gates Millennium Scholars Program.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation awarded A*CF \$8 million to be used over the next five years to support the Capital Campaign.

The College Fund has developed corporate partnerships with All-State Insurance and the Ford Motor Company. It is also continuing to work with its corporate sponsors to increase the overall support of the Tribal Colleges.

He reported that A*CF was working with Ms. Billy to sponsor the Tribal College Technology Prosperity Game.

Mr. Williams discussed his “Sixty-Day War” to increase revenues from major donors.

In June, A*CF launched a new campaign to raise money in Colorado with the intent to raise the College Fund’s visibility and resources at the local level.

Wieden and Kennedy has introduced a new advertising campaign titled “Invest in Our Strength”.

This fall, the College fund distributed \$50,000 to 31 colleges for scholarships.

Mr. Williams discussed the purchase of a new building in Denver and relocation of the College Fund’s offices. He said that they would eventually be closing out the New York office. However, the College Fund will probably always maintain a presence in New York because of the Gala.

Mr. Williams announced that he had invitations to the New York gala for members of AIHEC to give to prospective donors.

Several members raised problems with proposals being submitted by individual colleges to the Bush Foundation. Mr. Williams agreed to check into the matter.

Mr. Williams then asked the Board to approve a resolution to allow the College Fund to submit a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). He explained that the proposal is similar to the one submitted and funded in 1993 that created a \$3 million endowment. Eligible schools have been receiving the interest generated from this endowment to use for cultural preservation activities. The exact amount that would be available from NEH is uncertain at this time.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to allow A*CF to submit a proposal for National Endowment for the Humanities for cultural preservation and perpetuation.

SECOND: Dr. Shanley seconded the motion.

AMENDED: Dr. McDonald amended the motion by adding “provided that individual colleges would not be pre-empted”.

Dr. Shanley agreed to amendment.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

President Gipp raised an issue that will be discussed at the A*CF November board meeting regarding the Campaign Sii Ha Sin interest expenditures. Several colleges have expressed concern over what is happening to the interest being generated from their share of campaign funds. Although a portion of the interest generated goes to support the administration of the capital campaign, it is unclear how much interest is actually being generated and the exact amount that goes to support administration. President Gipp suggested that AIHEC should make a specific policy recommendation to A*CF regarding the actual amount or percentage of the interest that should be returned to the eligible colleges. Mr. Williams discussed in general terms the amount of interest generated and how much A*CF has used to date for administrative and resource development purposes.

After further discussion, President Gipp recommended that A*CF do what is necessary to maximize the amount of the interest income returned to each eligible school and to assure that the interest is distributed on equitable basis.

Dr. Shanley raised the issue of the eligibility of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to receive scholarship funds from the College Fund next year. To clarify the matter, Mr. Williams read A*CF's policy as contained in their bylaws regarding the distribution of scholarship monies. The last sentence of the passage he quoted read "New member AIHEC colleges shall be entitled to disbursement of funds after they are accepted into AIHEC."

Mr. Houser suggested that in any situation where organizations experience massive growth, communication lines tend to get muddled. He suggested that the AIHEC Board should receive more briefings during the year by A*CF to help AIHEC members better understand the choices and options available regarding A*CF issues.

XXVI. Technology Committee Report. Several reports were presented on different technology-related issues.

Tribal College Technology Prosperity Game.

Ms. Carrie Billy distributed the conference brochure and several news articles on the Prosperity Game. She then reviewed the basic format of the Prosperity Game. She noted the interim report, which had been distributed, and that a follow-up meeting is scheduled to take place in Albuquerque, NM on November 16-17, 2000. Following that meeting, a complete report will be written and distributed. She said that the recommendations will be a powerful tool to use with federal legislators and the Administration in securing funding for technology programs.

EDUCAUSE.

The largest organization that deals with the technology issues of post-secondary institutions is offering all AIHEC members a one-year free membership. Few colleges have signed up to date. Mr. Davis encouraged everyone to take advantage of this offer.

Mr. Barden discussed the NSF/EDUCAUSE "Advanced Network grant" project for HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs.

Williams Company Offer.

Mr. Davis reported that the Williams Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, through the National Leadership Council, has offered to do a thorough assessment of the technology and power needs of one Tribal College. Because the Williams Company is adamant that they will do an assessment of only one Tribal College, the Technology Committee decided to make the offer known to everyone. If any college is interested, they should get in touch with the National Leadership Council directly.

ADEC's NSF Proposal.

Likewise, ADEC wrote an NSF grant and wants to do a project regarding wireless/satellite connectivity with just one Tribal College. ADEC wants to study

the long-term cost considerations of this system as compared to land-based technology. Mr. Davis said that if any college was interested, he would give them the appropriate contact information.

Prosperity Game Website.

Mr. Davis reported that they are working on a prosperity game website, which they hope to have up in three weeks. The Tribal Colleges will be able to get timely updates on the progress of the Technology Initiative.

NASA proposal.

NASA has approached AIHEC regarding a \$1 million proposal. As part of the proposal, NASA would like to have a Tribal College liaison position within the agency.

NSF Funding.

The \$10 million for the NSF digital divide elimination program has been secured for FY 2001; however, Alaskan and Hawaiian colleges will be eligible to participate due to last minute language added by Senators Stevens and Inouye. The RFP is due out sometime in January and should be awarded some time in the spring. This is a competitive program despite discussions to make this funding available for all TCUs.

Meeting at Salish Kootenai.

A meeting will be held at Salish Kootenai College with various funders in November/December to talk with these individuals about how to deal with TCUs when they are seeking funding for projects that will include TCUs.

Maori NSF grant possibility.

The Kellogg Foundation is already involved in funding a planning meeting between the Maori colleges and the Tribal Colleges. NSF has an international library competition coming up.

MOTION: Mr. Briggs moved that a proposal be submitted to NSF to fund an International effort with the Maori for a joint program on native languages.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Army RFP.

Bay Mills Community College and Salish Kootenai College are interested in offering online courses at Army bases through an Army RFP that is currently in the bidding. Price Waterhouse is one of the main bidders and has agreed to include TCUs should they be granted the program. There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of TCUs participating in this RFP. It is up to each college to decide whether to participate.

XXVII. Activating New AMP Board.

Dr. Judy Gobert requested that the Board give its permission to allow the process to begin to activate a new Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) board.

MOTION: Dr. Shanley moved to begin the process to form a new AMP Board that would consist of two presidents from each of the five-regionally designated areas.
SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XXVIII. Election of four AIHEC presidents to A*CF Board.

President Gipp announced that there were four vacancies on the A*CF that needed to be filled by AIHEC presidents. He said that two current members, Dr. Bob Lorence and Ms. Carol Murray, were rotating off the board and that two additional positions had been created to balance the addition of non-AIHEC members to the A*CF Board.

The following individuals were nominated:

Mr. McDonald nominated Dr. Lewis.

Mr. Briggs nominated Mr. Houser.

Ms. Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray nominated Dr. Falcon-Chandler.

Dr. Bordeaux nominated Mr. Shortbull.

Mr. Houser nominated President Gipp.

MOTION: Dr. Primm moved to close nominations.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A secret ballot was conducted.

On the first ballot, the following individuals were elected to serve on the A*CF Board: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Falcon-Chandler, and President Gipp. There was a tie between Messrs. Houser and Shortbull. A second secret ballot was conducted. Mr. Houser was elected as the fourth AIHEC member to sit on the A*CF board

XXIX. Election of New AIHEC Officers.

The current members of the AIHEC Executive Committee are: Dr. David Gipp, President; Dr. Janine Pease-Pretty on Top, Vice President; Mr. Ron McNeil, Secretary; Dr. James Shanley, Treasurer, and Mr. James Tutt, Member At-Large.

President:

Dr. Joe McDonald nominated Dr. Shanley for the position of President. The nominations were closed.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to approve Dr. Shanley for president.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice President:

MOTION: Dr. Bordeaux moved to nominate Dr. Pease-Pretty on Top for vice president.

SECOND: Ms. Demaray seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: Dr. McDonald moved to close nominations and approve Dr. Pease-Pretty on Top by acclimation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary:

Mr. Houser nominated Ms. Della Warrior for secretary.

MOTION: Dr. Primm moved to close the nominations and approve Ms. Warrior as secretary by acclimation.

SECOND: Mr. Longie seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer:

Ms. Demaray nominated Mr. Briggs for treasurer.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to close the nominations and approve Mr. Briggs as treasurer by acclimation.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Member-At-Large:

Dr. Bordeaux nominated President Gipp for the At-Large Member of the Executive Committee. President Gipp declined. Dr. Stubbs nominated Dr. Verna Fowler for Member-At-Large and Ms. Carol Falcon Chandler nominated Mr. McNeil. Dr. Primm closed the nominations. A secret ballot was conducted. Mr. McNeil was elected as the Member-At-Large.

XXX. President's Report. President Gipp said that it had been a pleasure to serve as president of AIHEC for the past two years. He noted that the signing of the document creating the Alliance between AIHEC, NAFEO, and HACU was one the key accomplishments during his tenure.

He reported that he recently addressed the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, an organization dedicated to increasing the number of engineers from the African American, Hispanic, and American Indian communities. The group is very interested in holding roundtable discussions with AIHEC. Dr. Gipp encouraged greater participation in this organization.

President Gipp offered the following two recommendations to the Board for its future consideration:

- (1) The Board should continue to concentrate on leadership issues affecting Tribal Colleges and the communities they serve.
- (2) As the Tribal Colleges move forward under the Executive Order and continue to open doors to new resources, members need to keep in mind that they should always share those resources with all members of the AIHEC family so that growth happens at all schools.

He thanked Ms. Gonzales and the AIHEC staff for all their hard work and support. He said that the staff has an overall obligation to serve the membership in a fair and equitable way and has done so in the past. He also thanked Ms. Billy and her staff for their efforts.

He closed by thanking the members of the Board for giving him the honor to serve as AIHEC President.

Dr. McDonald, on behalf of all members, thanked Dr. Gipp for his outstanding and diligent job as President of AIHEC.

XXXI. Executive Director's Report. Ms. Gonzales said that this would be her last board meeting as Executive Director. She thanked everyone for the privilege of working for them.

XXXII. National Tribal University.

Dr. Bordeaux discussed the potential creation of a national tribal university, a concept that Senator Inouye has strongly supported in the past and continues to push for now.

MOTION: Dr. Bordeaux moved that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium agrees to begin a discussion with members of the United States Congress who have expressed interest in supporting the creation of a national Tribal Indian university. AIHEC's interest in these discussions include:

- (1) The programs to be offered at the university should support and extend programs offered at AIHEC member institutions. (Degree programs should not compete with those offered at AIHEC colleges and universities);
- (2) The university's offerings should be developed to make the best use of instructional technologies, including on-line and distance education, and
- (3) The university's programs should concentrate on professional fields – engineering, health professions, law, land and natural resources, business and public administration, and research, which are essential to the purposes of tribal self-determination.

SECOND: Dr. Shanley seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: A roll call vote was taken. 13 members voted yea; 7 nay; 7 absent, and 3 abstentions. The motion was agreed to.

XXXIII. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dr. Shanley moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by AIHEC Organizational Consultant, Jean B. Foster.
Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, on the _____ day of _____, 2000.

Ron McNeil, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium