

**2001 Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, MT
Trapper Ballroom**

**MINUTES
October 25, 2001**

- I. **Call to Order.** President James Shanley called the 2001 Fall Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
- II. **Invocation.** Mr. Henry Real Bird, President of Little Big Horn College, gave the opening prayer.
- III. **Roll Call.** AIHEC Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Gipp called the roll.

Members Present

Bay Mills Community College	Dr. Martha McLeod
Blackfeet Community College	Debra Davis
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Larry Belgrade
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet
Dull Knife Memorial College	Dr. Richard Littlebear
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	Lester Jack Briggs
Fort Belknap College	Carole Falcon-Chandler
Fort Berthold Community College	Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray
Fort Peck Community College	Dr. James Shanley
Haskell Indian Nations University	Dr. Karen Swisher
Institute of American Indian Arts	Della Warrior
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	Debbie Parrish
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College	Schuyler Houser
Little Big Horn College	Henry Real Bird
Little Priest College	Ann Downes
Nebraska Indian Community College	Dr. Ross Primm
Northwest Indian College	Dr. Tommy Lewis
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Red Crow Community College	Marie Smallface Marule
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	Dr. Carolyn Elgin
Stone Child College	Steve Galbavy
Turtle Mountain Community College	Dr. Carty Monette
United Tribes Technical College	Dr. David Gipp
White Earth Community College	Dr. Helen Klassen

Members Absent

Crownpoint Institute of Technology
D-Q University
Leech Lake Tribal College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College
Si Tanka College
Sitting Bull College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

IV. Introduction of Guests.

V. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the Spring and Summer 2001 Board meetings were presented.

MOTION: Secretary Lewis moved to accept the minutes.

SECOND: President Galbavy seconded the motion.

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

VI. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Briggs summarized the FY02 AIHEC Budget Highlights report and entertained questions from the Board.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to accept the financial report.

SECOND: Dr. Primm seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: President Briggs moved to accept the FY02 budget.

SECOND: President McLeod seconded the motion.

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

A request for quarterly program reports was discussed.

MOTION: President Houser moved to request that the Board receive quarterly reports on the programmatic progress of each grant contract.

SECOND: President Shortbull seconded the motion.

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

VII. President's Report. President Shanley reported on the accomplishments of the past year since his Presidency. These accomplishments include a revised Board committee structure, hiring a new Executive Director, restructuring the AIHEC central office, adding a new technology component, securing a new WHITCU Executive Director, implementing a successful transition to new Administration, and continued congressional successes, particularly in technology and construction.

Executive Director's Report. Dr. Gipp presented his annual report, a written copy of which was distributed to the Board of Directors. He reviewed key accomplishments for 2001 and areas of emphasis in 2002 were summarized in the report. Dr. Gipp referred the Board to the staff work plans, which implement the AIHEC Strategic Plan.

Dr. Gipp announced that Susan Faircloth is the new Director of Research and Policy Analysis. He then introduced Cheryl Bennett, the new Research Assistant, and Jillian Meyer, the new Administrative Assistant.

He reported that Anne Edinger will continue efforts on the cultural centers project and will begin working on the digital library project.

MOTION: President Lewis moved to accept the Executive Director's Report.

SECOND: President Monette seconded the motion.

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

VIII. General Remarks on Mr. Todd Lamb, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Education.

Dr. Gipp discussed the new relationship with Mr. Lamb and relayed Mr. Lamb's strong commitment to the Tribal Colleges, the WHITCU office, and the new appointment to the Presidential Advisory Board. Mr. Lamb is elevating the WHITCU position to the Secretary's office, reporting directly to the Undersecretary of Education. Ms. Victoria Thornton has been appointed as the Executive Director of WHITCU. The Under Secretary has created a new position devoted to Tribal Colleges and is working to appoint Ms. Veronica Gonzales to that position.

IX. AIHEC Committee Reports.

Development, Communications and External Relations Committee.

Chairman Lewis presented the committee's report.

MOTION: President Lewis moved to endorse the Harvard program and that AIHEC find candidates and fund three administrators as overseers.

SECOND: President Elgin seconded the motion.

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

Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee.

Chair Fowler presented the committee report.

MOTION: President Fowler moved that AIHEC continue discussions with the BIA on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop a BIA-TCU Special Education Teacher Preparation Program.

SECOND: President Galbavy seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Gipp added clarification that AIHEC Counsel review the MOU prior to enactment.

MOTION: President Fowler moved to further study the national articulation and transfer initiative and what it means to TCUs.
SECOND: President Primm seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Membership and Accreditation Committee.

Chairman McDonald presented the committee report.

MOTION: President McDonald moved to accept new membership criteria.
SECOND: President McNeil seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved for his committee to discuss and recommend a new dues structure at the February 2002 meeting.
SECOND: Dr. Lewis seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: President McDonald moved to rescind moratorium to accept new members.
SECOND: President Derby seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Core Operations and Support Committee

Chairman Shortbull presented the committee report.

MOTION: President Shortbull moved to adopt the Kellogg Funded Special Initiative Strategic Plan as a framework for action.
SECOND: President Galbavy seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: President Shortbull moved to recommend that AIHEC gain Department of Interior support to hire an outside consultant to provide technical assistance to help each TCU determine their actual needs in terms of funding.
SECOND: President Lewis seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: President Shortbull moved that the AIHEC staff work towards formula funding for Title III, section 316.
SECOND: President Demaray seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: President Shortbull moved that the Department of consult with AIHEC on the distribution of facilities, and further recommend that last year's grantees are not eligible, and the 22 remaining TCUs be eligible for support ranging from \$800,000 to \$1.1M per grantee.

SECOND: President Galbavy seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: President Primm asked for point of clarification regarding the intent of the committee and the impact of this action on NICC, a current grantee. President Monette asked for a restated motion so that TCUs that have received funds would not be eligible until all Title III schools have been funded

President Shortbull withdrew the motion.

MOTION: President Shortbull restated the motion and moved that TCUs that have received funds would not be eligible until all Title III schools had been served

SECOND: President Galbavy seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: President McNeil recommended an amendment to the motion, recommending that a TCU would be ineligible for 5 years after funding was received. President Shortbull recommended a 3- year ineligibility period.

President Shortbull withdrew the motion.

MOTION: President Shortbull restated the motion and moved that TCUs that have received funds would not be eligible for 3 years.

SECOND: President McNeil second.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote with one vote in opposition (President Primm).

MOTION: President Shortbull moved to recommend that USDA change the Tribal College Extension program from a one-year funding cycle to a two-year funding cycle.

SECOND: President Lewis seconded the motion.

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

President Monette commended President Shortbull for his work on core funding and suggested that AIHEC explore the possibility of working core funding into Title III. He further suggested that the core operation committee work on Perkins funding to develop a program for tribal college vocational education programs. President McDonald reiterated concerns for better vocational education programs.

Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

Chairman Monette presented the committee report, including four recommended motions as follows:

- (1) **Legislative and Funding Initiatives:** The Committee will propose a motion that:

“The AIHEC Technology Office and Congressional Affairs Office be directed to seek appropriate legislation – authorizing language and appropriations – to create: (1) Comprehensive TCU Broadband Implementation Strategy, including wireless and Internet2 connectivity; (2) TCU Technology Endowment for IT sustainability, similar to the USDA 1994 Land-grant endowment; (3) Increased funding for the National Science Foundation’s Tribal College & University Program (TCUP); and other initiatives to meet Tribal College technology needs.”

- (2) **Individual TCU Technology Plan:** The Committee will propose a motion that:

“The AIHEC Board of Directors supports efforts by the AIHEC Central Office and Technology Committee to ensure that every Tribal College has access to resources and tools to develop a comprehensive strategic Information Technology Plan. Member institutions will work with the Technology Office and Committee to develop such plans.”

- (3) **Committee Meeting Times:** The Committee will propose a motion that:

“When scheduling future committee meetings during or adjacent to AIHEC Board of Director meetings, the AIHEC staff should schedule Technology Committee meetings for longer periods of time -- such as two separate meeting periods -- to ensure that members and staff have sufficient time to discuss issues.”

- (4) **Approval of Technology Advisory Group:** The Committee will propose a motion that:

“The AIHEC Board of Directors does approve the establishment of a “Technology Advisory Group,” to be comprised of approximately 20 national members with expertise in technology, key industries, American Indian higher education and community development, and who are committed to furthering the AIHEC technology initiative and strategic plan.”

MOTION: President Monette moved to adopt the four motions of the committee.

SECOND: President Briggs seconded the motion.

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

President Monette announced that SIPI is hosting a GIS workshop in December 2001.

- X. American Indian College Fund Report.** Rick Williams, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund, presented a report on recent activities of the College Fund.
- XI. Tribal College Journal Report.** Ms. Marjane Ambler, Editor, presented a report on the recent activities and upcoming issues of the Tribal College Journal.
- XII. Other Business.**

Sitting Bull College and shortfall in BIA funding

Mr. McNeil reported on distribution error for core operational funding for Sitting Bull College in the amount of \$46,000 from FY 2001 appropriations.

MOTION: President McNeil moved to allow the Bureau of Indian Affairs to give Sitting Bull College \$46,000 off the top of P.L. 471 operating funds for FY 2002.

SECOND: President Shortbull seconded the motion.

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

Extensive discussion then occurred on the responsibilities of the BIA to rectify this situation

MOTION: President McNeil moved to direct the AIHEC staff to pursue a dialogue with the BIA to request \$310,000 taken FY 2002 PL 471 core operations funding be taken instead from TCU Endowment Funding through the secretary's discretionary fund.

SECOND: President Houser seconded the motion.

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

Opportunities for facilities funding in economic stimulus package

President Monette raised the issue that the economic stimulus package might be an opportunity to raise more facilities monies for tribal colleges. Opportunities will be explored with Meg Goetz and Sara Garland.

2002 Summer Retreat

President Shanley recommended that the next summer retreat be held in Canada.

MOTION: President Monette moved that the next AIHEC summer retreat be held in Alberta, Canada in conjunction with the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education.

SECOND: President Fowler seconded the motion.

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

Cultural Learning Centers

Anne Edinger presented a status report on the Cultural Learning Centers.

Land Grant

Phil Baird commended John Phillips for his work as tribal college liaison with the Department of Agriculture and raised the issue of holding a formal gathering in February in the Southwest to allow the 1994 land grant colleges to network on a variety of topics.

Announcements

President David Gipp addressed the board to thank everyone on behalf of UTTC and CIT for assistance with problems with his vocational education program and in particular the letters and memos that President Shanley sent out.

President McDonald presented President Shanley with a gift on behalf of Salish Kootenai College.

XIII. Election of AIHEC Executive Committee Officers and members to the American Indian College Fund.

MOTION: President McDonald moved to reappoint President Briggs and President Demaray to the A*CF Board.

SECOND: President McLeod seconded the motion.

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

President Shortbull and President Kerkvliet were also nominated to serve on the A*CF Board.

MOTION: President Demaray moved that nominations be ceased.

SECOND: President Falcon Chandler seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The nominations were confirmed unanimously by voice vote.

Nominations for the Member-at-Large position on AIHEC's Executive Committee were entertained, and President Swisher was nominated.

MOTION: President Houser moved to cease nominations.

SECOND: President Belgrade seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The nomination was confirmed to unanimously by voice vote.

Nominations for the Treasurer were entertained: President Briggs and President McLeod were nominated.

President McLeod was elected by ballot vote.

Nominations for the Secretary were entertained: President McNeil and President Monette were nominated.

President Monette was elected by ballot vote.

Nominations for the Vice President were entertained: President Fowler, President Shortbull, President Littlebear, and President Lewis were nominated. President Fowler and President Littlebear declined their nominations.

President Lewis was elected by ballot vote.

Nominations for the President were entertained: President Shanley and President Briggs were nominated.

MOTION: President McDonald moved to cease nominations.

SECOND: President Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: President Shanley was elected as AIHEC president by ballot vote.

XIV. Adjournment.

MOTION: President McDonald moved to adjourn the 2001 Fall Board meeting.

SECOND: President Briggs seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Minutes taken by AIHEC Staff, John Phillips.

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, on the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Dr. Carty Monette, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium