

**2002 Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza
Rapid City, SD
March 23, 2002**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** President James Shanley called the 2002 Spring Board of Directors' meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.
- II. **Invocation.** Dr. Joe McDonald, President of Salish Kootenai College, gave the opening prayer.
- III. **Roll Call.** AIHEC Executive Director Dr. Gerald Gipp called the roll.

Members Present

Blackfeet Community College	Debra Davis
Chief Dull Knife College	Dr. Richard Littlebear
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Lester Tsosie
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	Larry Anderson
Fort Belknap College	Carole Falcon-Chandler
Fort Berthold Community College	Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray
Fort Peck Community College	Dr. James Shanley
Institute of American Indian Arts	Ramus Suina
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	Debra Parrish
Little Priest Tribal College	Ann Downes
Nebraska Indian Community College	Robert Stands
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Sinte Gleska University	Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College	Dr. Elden Lawrence
Sitting Bull College	Ron McNeil
Stone Child College	Steve Galbavy
Turtle Mountain Community College	Dr. Carty Monette
United Tribes Technical College	Phil Baird

Members Present By Proxy

Haskell Indian Nations University	Dr. Verna Fowler
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Members Absent

Bay Mills Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
D-Q University
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Northwest Indian College
Red Crow Community College
Si Tanka/Huron University
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
White Earth Tribal and Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED WITH 20 COLLEGES RESPONDING TO THE ROLL CALL.

IV. Introduction of Presidents, Guests, and Staff

- V. Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the 2002 winter Board of Directors' meeting were presented by Secretary Carty Monette.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved to accept the minutes as presented.

SECOND: Dr. Fowler seconded the motion.

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

- VI. Treasurer's Report.** President Shanley asked Ms. Valerie Walker, Director of Finance and Administration, to present the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Martha McLeod. Ms. Walker reported that a new auditing firm, Rubino and McGeehin, Chartered, which specializes in non-profits, had been hired. Ms. Walker discussed the written financial report that was distributed. The report included: the draft auditor's report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; the comparative statement of financial position for the periods ending September 30, 2000, September 30, 2001, and March 15, 2000; AIHEC financial activity summary for the period ending March 15, 2002; and the financial activity report per grant.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to accept the Treasurer's report.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

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

- VII. Executive Director's Report.** Dr. Gerald Gipp presented highlights of his written report that was included in the board books.

VIII. AIHEC Committee Reports.

Membership and Accreditation Committee.

Chairman McDonald presented the Committee's report. He noted that three tribal colleges were preparing to apply for membership in the Consortium. In order to move forward with the membership process, the Committee recommended to the Board that the fee for a visitation team be increased \$2,000 because the current fee had been in effect for a number of years and had not taken into account rising travel costs. In addition, the Committee recommended that the fee be payable to AIHEC 30 days in advance of the visit instead of 15 days in advance.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that for the year ending December 31, 2002, the fee for a site visit by an AIHEC visitation team be

\$2,000 and that the fee be payable to AIHEC 30 days in advance of the visit.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

Institutional Operations and Basic TCU Programs Committee.

Chairman Shortbull presented the Committee's report.

With reauthorization of the Tribal College Act pending and in order for AIHEC presidents to make informed decisions regarding the best opportunity for securing funding for institutional operations, the Committee recommended to the Board that the AIHEC central office staff should study four separate options: 1) move the TCCUAA account out of the Department of Interior to another Department/Agency, such as the Department of Education; 2) stay in the Department of Interior (BIA); 3) stay with the BIA and seek supplemental operating funds, and 4) seek a single source funding for all AIHEC member institutions.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that the AIHEC staff study the various options for securing funding for institutional operations, guided by the distributed time line.

SECOND: Dr. Monette seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: After some discussion that other possible options should be included in the study, the motion was agreed to by voice vote. Diné College abstained.

Chairman Shortbull noted that the BIA had not audited most schools' student counts in more than six years. He suggested that the issue of CEUs should be addressed in the reauthorization of the Tribal College Act. The Committee agreed that the AIHEC staff should be charged with researching the prior "gentlemen's agreement" by the AIHEC Board regarding CEUs.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that the AIHEC central office staff research the AIHEC agreement of CEUs and study whether to include the CEU issue in the reauthorization of the TCCUAA Act.

SECOND: Dr. Littlebear seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Shortbull noted that AIHEC has a reserve or surplus funds and suggested that those funds be used to pay for an initial audit of Indian student counts for all 24 colleges funding under Title I of the Tribal

College Act. After the initial audit, the individual Title I institutions would pay the costs of periodic audits.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that AIHEC pay for an initial audit of all student counts out of the reserve/surplus funds and that subsequent periodic audits would be paid by individual institutions.

SECOND: Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was defeated by a roll call vote with 12 nays; 5 yeas; and 2 abstentions.

Chairman Shortbull asked the Board to consider a resolution proposed by the South Dakota Peace and Justice Center concerning access to post secondary education under reauthorization of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (PRWORA).

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved to adopt the distributed resolution that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium petition the United States Congress, now undertaking reauthorization of PRWORA, to accept successful participation in full-time post-secondary programs that lead to family-sustaining work as satisfying the entire Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) work requirement.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

Technology, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

Chairman Monette presented the committee's report.

Chairman Monette called upon Messrs. John Haas and Andy Conrad from Oglala Lakota College and Mr. Jay Roman with South Dakota Fibercom to discuss Oglala Lakota College's project to digitize historical and cultural information for curricula development and use. The OLC project is an initiative to create a web-accessible archive of Lakota culture and language in multi-media formats (text, audio, and video). OLC is seeking involvement and replication by other tribal colleges.

Chairman Monette and Ms. Carrie Billy, AIHEC's Director of Technology Development and Operations, explained that AIHEC and individual tribal colleges have the opportunity to expand the Consortium's partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian and indigenous people through a new "world indigenous digital collective" initiative. The goal of this project is to create a worldwide indigenous Collaboratory, through which native people can build partnerships, share resources, develop and implement strategies for preserving and

promoting cultural resources and practices, and stimulate knowledge creation. This collaborative project would build upon and coordinate with tribal college activities over the past two years, such as the OLC project.

MOTION: Dr. Monette moved that the AIHEC central office prepare a brief proposal for an "Indigenous Digital Communications Initiative;" and that it be submitted to the National Science Foundation and, as appropriate, other relevant agencies. In addition, institutions are encouraged to collaborate with Oglala Lakota College on its project to digitize historical and cultural information for curricula development and use. (For purposes of this motion, "collaborate" includes partnering, replication through use of template, and coordination.)

SECOND: Ms. Demaray seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Monette explained that a significant need exists throughout the tribal colleges to: (1) increase awareness of the fundamental and constantly changing role of information technology in the lifelong learning system; (2) manage the distribution of many and varied types of relevant IT information; and (3) disseminate information throughout the campuses regarding grant opportunities, partnership and program opportunities, and other new developments that are relevant to building and sustaining information technology infrastructure and programs. In addition, to support the development and implementation of cooperative projects and activities, TCU faculty, staff, and administrators need a collaborative space where they can meet, share experiences, discuss common concerns, identify areas of interest, and develop networking and emerging technology initiatives that will benefit the individual institutions and their communities. A website managed by AIHEC, with the assistance of experts at various TCUs, could meet these needs.

For the executive awareness and IT staff development components of the IT Communications Strategy, the AIHEC central office could conduct an ongoing survey of the IT information needs of tribal college presidents, administration and faculty; develop national, regional, and TCU-based workshops; and implement other outreach strategies, including the use of video conferencing and telecasts. For IT staff development, AIHEC should conduct needs assessments, host workshops, and maintain the web-based collaborative space.

MOTION: Dr. Monette moved that the AIHEC central office seek funding to develop and implement an IT Communication Strategy, which includes: (1) a web-based collaborative space that will serve as a centralized IT resource collection and dissemination point; (2) Executive Awareness; (3) IT

Staff Development; and that the AIHEC central office is further directed to ensure that all future grant proposals include a specific line item for technology and maintenance of the collaborative space.

SECOND: Ms. Falcon-Chandler seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Monette then presented two Committee recommendations.

The first recommendation was that the AIHEC Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee establish a "Task Force on Access to Higher Education for Students with Disabilities" and that the Task Force should identify issues, resources, and model guidelines for technology-mediated course delivery for these students. Dr. Fowler, Chair of the Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee, agreed to this recommendation.

The second Committee recommendation urged each tribal college to consider becoming a member of the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC). ADEC is an international consortium of state and land grant institutions providing distance education programs and services and currently offers tribal colleges a complementary membership. Membership request forms were provided those present at the meeting.

Research and Database Committee.

In the absence of Committee Chair, Dr. Swisher, Dr. Shanley reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting, but had no report or motions to present to the Board. He referred members to an announcement in the Board books regarding the upcoming research workshop that will be held at Haskell Indian Nations University April 17-19, 2002.

Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee.

Chair Fowler presented the committee's report. She noted that considerable time was spent working with the CDC to develop criteria and a process to award the \$110,000 grant to tribal colleges to advance public health curriculum and activities. She noted that an RFP will be coming from AIHEC on May 1 for two colleges to receive funding.

Development Communications and External Relations Committee.

Chair Demaray presented the Committee's report. She referred members to the discussion paper distributed regarding AIHEC's 30th anniversary celebration, which is planned for August 2002-July 2003.

Ms. Anne Edinger, Project Manager, announced that production of the new videos on the cultural learning centers is on target and will be available shortly.

Ms. Marjane Ambler, Editor of *Tribal College Journal*, announced that *TCJ* has a new brochure and encouraged presidents, when speaking to outside groups, to distribute copies of this brochure to their audiences. She also noted that the special 30th anniversary issue of *TCJ* would profile multi-generational tribal college student families. Any potential contacts should be forwarded to Ms. Ambler for follow-up. She also announced the public relations workshop that would be held during the spring conference.

Dr. Janine Pease-Pretty On Top was called upon to report on the recent visit by tribal colleges presidents to the Maori colleges, the Te Wananga of New Zealand. She distributed an initial draft of the report on this international outreach initiative. She then asked four presidents to report the group's experiences and findings on the four objectives that framed this international indigenous outreach project.

Dr. Bordeaux discussed Objective #1--"to begin the development of a world indigenous peoples organization dedicated to furthering the interests of indigenously controlled institutions." He reviewed the history of international outreach efforts by AIHEC since its inception.

Mr. McNeil reported findings related to Objective #2--"to allow tribal college presidents to explore linkages between the curriculum, Maori culture, and the Maori language."

Dr. Littlebear in discussing Objective #3--"to acquaint tribal college presidents with the Maori methods of education: said that the Maoris can serve as a model for indigenous groups around the world.

Dr. McDonald discussed findings under Objective #4--"to explore high technology and economic development linkages between tribal and Maori controlled colleges and universities."

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that the AIHEC President appoint a working group to begin to develop a world wide indigenous higher education consortium.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

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

President Shanley appointed the following individuals to serve on this working group: Dr. McDonald, Mr. Ron McNeil, Dr. Bordeaux, Mr. Rick Williams, Dr. Wayne Stein, Ms. Warrior, and Dr. Fowler.

A discussion followed about future funding for international outreach activities and the staffing needed to support these efforts. Dr. Bordeaux noted that Sinte Gleska University would continue its international outreach activities and would do so on behalf of all tribal colleges. Mr. Baird noted that the 20th anniversary AIHEC Student Congress would coincide with AIHEC's 30th anniversary.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved that the 20th anniversary of the AIHEC Student Congress be incorporated into AIHEC's 30th anniversary activities.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

President Shanley commended and thanked all of the committee chairman, committee members, and staff for their excellent work.

- X. **WHITCU Report.** Ms. Victoria Vasques, the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, presented her report and discussed a number of activities on which she and her staff have been working on behalf of the tribal colleges. Among the report items, she said that she is committed to finding someone at the Department of Interior to work on the priority issues of tribal colleges. She announced that the Department of Education had just hired John Bailey to deal with technology issues. She provided members with a list of her staff. She reported that Secretary Paige was very pleased with his initial meeting with AIHEC presidents and has directed senior Department staff to work more actively with the tribal colleges. She provided an update on the status of the appointment of the WHITCU board. She reported on the March 12 meeting in Washington, DC with liaisons from Departments and Agencies that are assigned to work with tribal colleges. She said that she would be making contacts and working with NIEA and NISBA.

President Shanley thanked Ms. Vasques for her report and for so quickly arranging a meeting with Secretary Paige.

- XI. **A*CF Report.** Mr. Rick Williams, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund, presented his report on recent activities of the College Fund and distributed a written report. He requested that a joint strategic planning meeting of the A*CF and AIHEC Boards be held. It was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled during AIHEC's 2002 summer retreat at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, provided that hotel space is available.

XII. New Business.

Appointment of Athletic Committee.

Dr. McDonald discussed the need to improve on the present AIHEC athletic programs, including developing playoff organization, reviewing eligibility requirements, and other related activities.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that the AIHEC president appoint a standing committee on athletic programs. The committee can be composed of presidents, student service directors, athletic directors, and a Student Congress representative.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

President Shanley appointed the following individuals to serve on the Athletic Committee: Mr. Phil Baird, Dr. Joe McDonald, Mr. Tuffy Lenderman, Mr. Juan Perez, Mr. Ed Stamper, and Ms. Lizz Demaray.

Appointments to Air Force Advisory Board

Ms. Vasques reported that she had received a request from Dr. Alain Hunter for at least two AIHEC representatives to serve on an Air Force advisory board along with representatives from HBCUs and HSIs. Dr. Hunter requested that the individuals have strengths in the Defense mission, i.e. engineering, math, and science. Recommendations received from the floor included: Leland Bordeaux, Dennis Klaus, and a name to be forwarded by Carole Falcon-Chandler.

XIII. Adjournment.

Mr. Robert Stands, Vice President of Administration, Nebraska Indian Community College, gave the closing prayer.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Dr. Bordeaux seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 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 _____, 2002.

Dr. Gerald "Carty" Monette, Secretary