

**2004 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting
Holiday Inn Grand Montana
Bighorn Room
Billings, MT
March 19, 2004**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** AIHEC President Dr. Joe McDonald called the 2004 Spring Board of Directors' meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. He announced that the Membership Meeting, which had been scheduled to precede the Board meeting, would not be held.

- II. **Opening Prayer.** The prayer was offered by Dr. David Yarlott, Jr., President of Little Big Horn College.

- III. **Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present

Blackfeet Community College	Terrence Whitright
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Cynthia Lindquist Mala
Chief Dull Knife College	Dr. Richard Littlebear
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Ferlin Clark
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	Dr. Donald Day
Fort Belknap College	Carole Falcon-Chandler
Fort Berthold Community College	Frederick Baker by proxy
Fort Peck Community College	Dr. Margaret Campbell by proxy
Haskell Indian Nations University	Clarena Brockie
Institute of American Indian Arts	Della Warrior
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	Debra Parrish
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibway Community College	Schuyler Houser
Leech Lake Tribal College	Leah Carpenter
Little Big Horn College	Dr. David Yarlott, Jr.
Little Priest Tribal College	Louis LaRose
Nebraska Indian Community College	Denine Morris
Northwest Indian College	Tammy Cooper-Woodrich by proxy
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Red Crow Community College	Marie Smallface Marule
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	Dr. Jeffrey Hamley
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Sisseton Wahpeton College	Dr. William LoneFight
Si Tanka University	Francine Hall
Sitting Bull College	Ron His Horse is Thunder
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	Dr. Joseph Martin

Tohono O'odham Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Dr. Robert Martin
Dr. David Gipp

Members Absent

Bay Mills Community College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
D-Q University
Sinte Gleska University
Stone Child College
Turtle Mountain Community College
White Earth Tribal and Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

IV. Executive Session. Dr. McDonald convened the Board in executive session. Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, discussed the status of AIHEC's budget for FY 2004 and other related matters. He introduced Mr. Maynard Davis, who succeeds Ms. Valerie Walker, as Director of Finance and Administration. In addition, there was a discussion about the need for better alignment between the Boards of Directors of AIHEC and the American Indian College Fund (A*CF) and a suggestion that this issue be a topic of discussion during the Summer 2004 Board of Directors' Retreat.

V. Resumption of regular session. After a short recess, Dr. McDonald reconvened the board in regular session at 9:30 a.m.

VI. Introduction of Guests.

VII. Secretary's Report. Dr. Donald Day presented the minutes of the 2003 Fall Board of Directors' meeting. A correction was noted by Ms. Hall on page 9 of the minutes under the list of individuals proposed to serve on the AIHEC Athletic Commission. The corrected list should include Bob Hall of Si Tanka University, not Sinte Gleska University.

MOTION: Mr. His Horse is Thunder moved to adopt the minutes as corrected.

SECOND: Dr. Yarlott seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

VIII. Treasurer's Report. Dr. McDonald noted that a financial report was not available and will be mailed to members as soon as it is completed.

IX. Executive Director's Report. Dr. Gerald Gipp referred members to the written activity report included in the Board books and gave a brief oral report. He also noted that with his heavy travel schedule and the amount of time he must spend away from the office, he was appointing Ms. Carrie Billy as his deputy to act on his behalf in his absence. Ms. Billy will also continue to serve as Director of Technology Operations and Development.

MOTION: Dr. Campbell moved to confirm Ms. Billy's expanded position and title as Deputy Director of AIHEC.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

X. Committee Reports.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

Dr. Yarlott presented the committee's report and the following motions referred to the Board by the committee.

Student Eligibility.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved to add the word "cumulative" in the 2.0 grade point average requirements for student eligibility in the AIHEC sanctioned basketball tournament and to clarify "satisfactory progress" to indicate that it is based on cumulative g.p.a. for any student who has completed or attempted one academic term.

SECOND: Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

AMENDED: The motion was amended to strike the words "basketball tournament" and insert the words "athletic competitions and tournaments" to clarify that this requirement applies to all AIHEC sanctioned athletic events.

OUTCOME: The motion, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved to require new incoming freshmen (first term) students to submit a grade check form with a "C" or better in each class to be eligible to play in AIHEC sanctioned athletic competitions and tournaments.

SECOND: Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

AIHEC Tournament Proceeds.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved to require that 75% of the profits of the net proceeds of the AIHEC sanctioned tournament go to back the host Tribal College or University and 25% of the profits go to an AIHEC Tournament account with the exception of this year's tournament in which Little Big Horn College will be allowed to keep 100% of this year's proceeds.

SECOND: Mr. LaRose seconded the motion.

AMENDED: The motion was amended to read "host Tribal Colleges and Universities".

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION**

SPONSOR: Because Dr. Yarlott's college would be the beneficiary of the motion this year, Mr. His Horse is Thunder recommended that he make the motion instead of Dr. Yarlott. There was agreement to the substitute motion sponsor.

OUTCOME: The motion, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

**DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS & EXTERNAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE.**

Dr. Littlebear presented the committee's report and the following motions referred to the Board by the committee.

Increasing Tribal College Journal Advertising Revenues.

MOTION: Dr. Littlebear moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors authorizes the *Tribal College Journal* – for a period not to exceed one year – to increase the maximum allowable amount of advertising from the current 30 percent to 40 percent.

SECOND: Mr. His Horse is Thunder seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Casino Advertising in the Tribal College Journal.

MOTION: Dr. Littlebear moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors authorizes the *Tribal College Journal* to accept advertising from casinos as long as it is in good taste and protects the integrity of the publication.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE.

Dr. LoneFight reported that a joint meeting between the Congressional and Federal Public Programs Committees was held. He presented the meeting report and the following motions referred to the Board resulting from the joint meeting.

Distribution of A*CF Scholarship Funds.

MOTION: Dr. LoneFight moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors requests that A*CF continue its present method of distribution of scholarship funds.

SECOND: Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote with three votes (Oglala Lakota College, Dine College, and Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute) in opposition.

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee On Vocational and Adult Education Issues.

MOTION: Dr. LoneFight moved to create an AIHEC Ad Hoc Committee regarding vocational and adult education comprised of the following members of the AIHEC Public Programs Committee: Dr. LoneFight, Dr. Otis, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Joseph Martin, Dr. Yarlott, Mr. Clark, Mr. Parish, Ms. Carpenter, Mr. Whitright, Mr. Houser, Dr. David Gipp, and Mr. Tutt.

SECOND: Mr. LaRose seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Development of AIHEC Standards of Conduct.

MOTION: Dr. LoneFight moved that the Executive Committee of the AIHEC Board of Directors explore the development of standards of conduct and potential sanctions for member institutions whose conduct negatively impacts AIHEC as a whole.

SECOND: Dr. Littlebear seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by vote with Oglala Lakota College voting against the motion. It is noted that Mr. Shortbull stated he was filing a complaint with the Executive Committee for not being allowed to speak on the previous motion.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. Fowler presented the committee's report.

She noted that Ms. Smallface Marule discussed the importance for her college and other indigenous higher education groups in Canada to work with tribal colleges in the United States and indigenous groups around the world. Ms. Fowler also reported that Red Crow Community College is seeking further clarification of its membership status.

Dr. Fowler noted that the committee had received letters of intent to file for applicant status from the following colleges: Red Lake Nations College, Wind River Community College, and Kumeyaay Community College a.k.a. D-Q University at Sycuan.

Dr. Fowler further reported that Comanche Nation College in Lawton, OK had submitted application for membership. However, the college was advised of several deficiencies following a site visit by committee member, Dr. His Horse Is Thunder. The central office will send a letter to the college with a report of the findings and recommendations.

RESEARCH AND DATABASE COMMITTEE.

Dr. Yarlott presented the committee's report in the absence of committee's acting chair, Mr. Galbavy. He presented the following motions referred to the Board by the committee.

Potential Impact on Tribal Colleges of Accountability Requirements Mandated by the Federal Office of Management and Budget and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors and the AIHEC central office should examine the potential impact of federally mandated accountability requirements on Tribal Colleges and Universities, from a regulatory and policy perspective; explore the ramifications of such mandates on the tribal colleges; and develop an appropriate response, legislatively and otherwise.

SECOND: Dr. Robert Martin seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

AIHEC-LUMINA DATA COLLECTION INITIATIVE; American Indian Measures for Student Success.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors should take an active role in the development of a definition of Tribal College and University student success and should support the AIHEC-Lumina initiative. Further, each tribal college should participate, to the maximum extent possible, in all activities associated with the initiative.

SECOND: Mr. Whitright seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Tribal College Accreditation Self Study Reports.

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors encourages each tribal college to share *electronically* its most recent self study and corresponding evaluation report with the AIHEC central office, with the understanding that AIHEC will use the studies and reports to gather information on broad issues and trends, as opposed to specific institutional information, and further, that at no time will any member of the AIHEC staff directly attribute or disseminate to the public any self study or report information of a particular institution.

SECOND: Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

AMENDED: The motion was amended to strike the last period and add “without prior written approval of that institution.”

OUTCOME: The motion, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

Ad Hoc Committee on the AIMSS Data Collection Initiative.

Dr. Yarlott presented the committee’s recommendation that an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee be established to provide direct and ongoing tribal college oversight and input into the AIHEC-Lumina AIMSS Data Collection Initiative and to work with the AIHEC central office in establishing the definition of American Indian Tribal College Student Success and that the Committee members should be appointed during the Spring 2004 Board of Directors’ meeting.

The Board concurred in the recommendation. The following individuals were named to the Ad Hoc Committee on the AIMSS Data Collection Initiative: Ms. Hall, Ms. Lindquist Mala, Dr. Robert Martin, Mr. Whitright, and Ms. Carpenter.

XI. Recess. After a brief recess starting at 10:50 a.m., Dr. McDonald called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

XII. American Indian College Fund Report. Mr. Rick Williams, A*CF Executive Director, presented a report on recent A*CF activities and the status of their fund raising activities, including the sale of A*CF products. He also distributed a survey to be completed by each TCU on their priorities with respect to capital projects. He noted that A*CF has been recognized by Readers’ Digest as one of the top twelve organizations in this country that deserves funding. He also announced that A*CF will not be administering the language immersion initiative. He concluded his report by suggesting that the AIHEC Board forward

a recommendation to the A*CF Board that A*CF provide AIHEC with an unrestricted annual allocation in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Dr. David Gipp moved that a recommendation be forwarded to the A*CF Board that it allocate \$100,000 each year in unrestricted funds to AIHEC.

SECOND: Dr. Fowler seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed by voice vote.

XIII. Office of Indian Education. Ms. Vicki Vasques, Deputy Undersecretary and Director of Indian Education – U.S. Department of Education, provided an update on the activities of the Office of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU) and the Presidential Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and Universities (PABTCU) for which she now has oversight responsibilities. She also discussed the status of the Office of Indian Education and two discretionary grant opportunities for Tribal Colleges and Universities related to teacher and school administrator training.

Ms. Vasques announced a \$24,500 grant to AIHEC to host a forum and prepare a report on projects funded by OIE since 1995, including advice and recommendations on future opportunities.

XIV. New Business.

New ANA grant opportunities. Dr. Gerald Gipp announced that AIHEC would apply for a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) under new guidelines that would allow AIHEC and the tribal colleges to be funded more directly and would allow for more capacity building activities. Dr. Gipp further noted that letter may be required from AIHEC member institutions to support a submission of this grant.

Summer Retreat. Dr. Gipp further announced that the summer retreat would be held at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, MT and that an effort will be made not to add days on to current schedule for special workshops or meetings as had been done in the past. The Summer Retreat will be held July 25, 2004 to July 28, 2004.

Board Training Workshop. Dr. Gipp also announced that in response to member requests for training for college board trustees/regents about their roles and responsibilities, a workshop presented by Dr. Perry Horse would be held on March 20, in Billings.

National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Grand Opening. Dr. Gerald Gipp asked if AIHEC should participate in opening activities of the NMAI

scheduled for the week of September 21, 2004. Dr. David Gipp suggested that AIHEC explore being treated as a delegation for the opening. There was general consensus that AIHEC pursue the suggestion.

WINHEC Accreditation Handbook. An accreditation handbook developed by the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) was distributed. Dr. Lionel Bordeaux and Dr. Janine Pease-Pretty on Top were unable to attend the Board meeting to discuss the handbook. He noted that Dr. Ray Barnhardt was instrumental in drafting the accreditation handbook and that questions or comments could be directed to Dr. Barnhardt.

2004 Fall Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting. Dr. Gerald Gipp asked Board members whether they wanted to hold the fall Board meeting in Washington, DC earlier in the fall so as to coincide with the grand opening of the NMAI or whether they wanted to hold in the meeting in November to coincide with the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention in Phoenix, AZ. No consensus was reached.

NASULGC Annual Meeting. Dr. John Phillips, AIHEC's USDA Liaison, announced that at its annual meeting this fall, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) will commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the 1994 Land Grant Institutions' land grant status. Tribal colleges are invited to attend the conference to be held in San Diego, CA on November 14-16, 2004.

Linkages to Canadian Higher Education Organizations. Ms. Smallface Marule – discussed the desire to link her college and other higher education groups in Canada with tribal colleges in the United States (particularly the western schools) through closer collaborations and exchanges. She noted that this discussion had been initiated at AIHEC's 2003 summer retreat in Blaine, WA.

Bob Lorence. Dr. McDonald stated that Dr. Bob Lorence, former president of Northwest Indian College, is gravely ill and in need of a liver transplant. Dr. McDonald suggested that Dr. Lorence be in members' thoughts and prayers.

Accreditation. It was noted that Mr. His Horse Is Thunder and Dr. Verna Fowler were on the ballot for the board of the Higher Learning Commission for the North Central Association Board. Also, Ms. Falcon Chandler was recently elected to the governing board for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

XV. Adjournment.

Dr. McDonald adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jean B. Foster, Special Assistant, Grants Oversight and Strategic Planning

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation.

Dr. Donald Day, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

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