

**2005 Winter Board of Directors' Meeting
The Holiday Inn Capitol
Washington, DC
February 13, 2005**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** AIHEC President Cheryl Crazy Bull called the 2005 Winter Board of Directors' meeting to order at 9:15 am.
- II. **Opening Prayer.** A prayer was offered by Mr. Gil Vigil, Chairman of the Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Nations University.
- III. **Roll Call.** Prior to calling the roll, Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, reported that D-Q University had closed its doors temporarily, but that a group of individuals was working to reorganize, regain accreditation, and reopen the college. He then called the roll.

Members Present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
Diné 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 Arts
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Little Priest Tribal College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Sitting Bull College
Stone Child College
Tohono O'odham Community College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College
White Earth Tribal and Community College

Represented By:

Michael Parish
Julene Kennerly
Cynthia Lindquist Mala
Dr. Richard Littlebear
James Tutt
Ferlin Clark
Patti Petite
Carole Falcon-Chandler
Rusty Mason
Dr. James Shanley
Venida Chenault
Della Warrior
Deborah Parrish
Dr. Betsy McDougall
Leah Carpenter
Dr. David Yarlott, Jr.
Louis LaRose
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Marilyn Pourier
Dr. Jeffrey Hamley
Carmen Taylor
Leland Bordeaux
Dr. William LoneFight
Ron His Horse is Thunder
Melody Henry
Dr. Robert Martin
Dr. Carol Davis
Phil Baird
Sonny Peacock

Members Absent

College of Menominee Nation
D-Q University
Nebraska Indian Community College
Red Crow Community College
Si Tanka University
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

IV. Introduction of members, guests, and staff

- V. **Secretary's Report.** Secretary Hamley presented the minutes of the 2004 Fall Board of Directors' meeting. He noted that the motions passed at the membership meetings held in Mesa, Arizona pertaining to membership dues and the special assessment would be included in the minutes of the annual membership meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to approve the minutes as presented.

SECOND: Dr. Hamley seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote

- VI. **President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.** Ms. Meg Goetz, AIHEC's Director of Congressional Relations, reviewed the key provisions affecting Tribal Colleges and Universities in President's Fiscal Year 2006 budget. She also that requested that tribal college presidents help facilitate a student letter writing campaign via fax and e-mail to members of Congress requesting their support in restoring the significant funding cuts affecting Tribal Colleges and Universities that were once again proposed in the President's FY 2006 budget.

VII. New Business.

Special Luncheon and Presentation: American University Programs

Dr. Gerald Gipp announced a special luncheon for tribal college presidents to be hosted by American University. Representatives from American University would make a presentation on the Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) program.

Tour of the National Museum of the American Indian

Dr. Gipp also announced that a special tour of the museum was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Funding for AIHEC participation in the World Indigenous Peoples Conference in Education (WIPCE) and the meeting of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC)

Dr. Gipp reported that Ms. Carrie Billy held preliminary discussions with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to sponsor AIHEC participants in the upcoming WIPCE and WINHEC Conferences this fall in New Zealand. The Foundation is expected to provide funding to sponsor approximately 10 AIHEC participants, who will agree to present papers. Interested individuals should contact Ms. Billy.

National Congress of American Indians

Ms. Jackie Johnson, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians, presented a report of her organization's recent efforts in Washington, DC with respect to the funding cuts affecting Indian Country that are contained the President's Fiscal Year 2006 budget.

She specifically recommended that AIHEC hold a meeting with James Kazel, Program Examiner at the Office of Management and Budget, to discuss how AIHEC and the tribal colleges could augment the data that OMB receives from the BIA regarding TCUs. This relates to the poor ratings tribal colleges are evidently receiving under the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) initiative, which is designed to evaluate government program performance.

2005 Summer Meeting

Dr. Gipp reported that AIHEC staff explored holding the 2005 summer at the facility suggested by Dr. McDougall. However, there were no accommodations available that would meet AIHEC's meeting and rooming needs at the facility. Dr. McDougall expressed concern that no one had communicated this problem to her.

Dr. Gipp presented a proposal from the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel to hold the summer meeting at their facility. The dates of the meeting would be July 9-13, 2005.

MOTION: Mr. Tutt moved to accept proposal presented by the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

SECOND: Ms. Falcon-Chandler seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Dr. LoneFight suggested a rotation schedule be established for which tribal college or colleges will host future summer meetings. There was a suggestion that Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College host the 2006 summer meeting. Additionally, there was concern expressed over whether Consortium business would be conducted at the summer meeting and that presidents need to know in advance what the agenda will be in order to justify the cost of traveling to the meeting.

VIII. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 11:15 am to discuss AIHEC's financial situation.

MOTION: Mr. Tutt moved to adjourn the Executive Session.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Executive Session ended at 1:10 p.m. and the general Board meeting was reconvened.

Based on discussion during the Executive Session, President Crazy Bull directed AIHEC staff to send an explanation of the draft FY 2006 budgets and the previous FY 2005 budget to all presidents.

IX. Working Group for assisting Tribal Colleges

MOTION: Dr. McDougall moved to establish a Working Group to develop a process for assisting Tribal Colleges in Need.

SECOND: Dr. LoneFight seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The following individuals volunteered to serve on the Working Group: Dr. LoneFight, Dr. McDougall, and Ms. Lindquist Mala (after June). Anyone interested in serving on the Working Group or who has an idea for the group was instructed to contact Dr. LoneFight or Ms. Lindquist Mala directly.

X. American Indian College Fund (A*CF) Scholarship Distribution

MOTION: Mr. His Horse is Thunder moved to establish a committee to look at the A*CF scholarship distribution issue and which may make recommendations or submit an analysis to the appropriate Committee of the AIHEC Board of Directors, or to the full Board.

SECOND: Mr. Tutt seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The following individuals volunteered to serve on the committee: Dr. LoneFight, Mr. Clark, Dr. McDougall, Dr. Shanley, Mr. Mason, Ms. Lindquist Mala, and Mr. Shortbull (in absentia).

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Shanley moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Minutes compiled by AIHEC Staff.

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

Jeff Hamley, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

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