

**2005 Spring Board of Directors' Meeting
La Posada Hotel
Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 2, 2005**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** AIHEC President Cheryl Crazy Bull called the 2005 spring Board of Directors' meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
College of Menominee Nation
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
Diné College
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Berthold Community College
Fort Peck Community College
Haskell Indian Nations University
Institute of American Indian Arts
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Sitting Bull College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Stone Child College
Tohono O'odham Community College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Members Present by Proxy

Little Big Horn College
Si Tanka University

Represented By:

Michael Parish
Bob Tailfeathers
Cynthia Lindquist Mala
Dr. Richard Littlebear
Larry Waukau
James Tutt
Maggie George
Debra Parrish
Carole Falcon-Chandler
Rusty Mason
Dr. James Shanley
Dr. Karen Swisher
Della Warrior
Dr. Betsy McDougall
Leah Carpenter
Dar Bales
Micheal Oltrogge
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Thomas Shortbull
Harold Gould
Dr. Joe McDonald
Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Dr. William Harjo LoneFight
Ron His Horse is Thunder
James Lujan
Melody Henry
Dr. Robert Martin
Dr. Carol Davis
Phil Baird

Proxy Held By:

Carole Falcon-Chandler
Ron His Horse Is Thunder

Members Absent

D-Q University
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Red Crow Community College
White Earth Tribal and Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

- III. 2005 Winter Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.** Ms. Leah Carpenter (appointed AIHEC Secretary by President Crazy Bull following the resignation of Dr. Jeff Hamley) presented the minutes of the Board of Directors' 2005 winter meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Carpenter moved to approve the minutes presented.
SECOND: Mr. Phil Baird seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

- IV. President's Report.** President Crazy Bull noted the passing of two individuals important to Indian education: Mr. Dave Risling, a founding representative of D-Q University and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in the early 1970s, and Wilhelmena "Buddine" Stewart, one of the first permanent professional staff members of AIHEC. She also read a letter from Ms. Renee Gurneau, President of Red Lake Nation College, thanking members of AIHEC for their prayers and support following the recent tragic events affecting their community.

- V. Treasurers' Report.** Dr. James Shanley, AIHEC Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a report and motions relating to the FY 2005 core budget and the FY core 2006 budget. He asked that the Board first consider the FY 2005 budget, then the FY 2006 budget, followed by a discussion and the establishing of membership dues beginning in FY 2006.

FY 2005 BUDGET:

MOTION: Dr. Shanley moved the adoption of version 1 of the Fiscal Year 2005 core budget of \$913,500, which includes \$210,000 in funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) under the technical assistance contract authorized under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act. In the event that the BIA provides funding at the FY2004 level of \$112,000, then the Board agrees to the adoption of version 2 of the FY 2005 core budget of \$848,500.
SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to adopt an annual budget. The issue focuses on the BIA distributing an

additional \$100,000 of FY 2005 funding appropriated under the Tribal College Act to the technical assistance contract line, per a verbal agreement between AIHEC and the BIA.

Executive Session. The Board of Directors convened in Executive Session to discuss the organization's FY 2006 proposed budget. Upon resumption of the regular session, the Board considered the following motions on the FY 2006 Budget and the membership dues structure beginning in FY 2006.

FY 2006 BUDGET:

MOTION: Dr. Shanley moved the adoption of version 1 of the proposed FY 2006 core budget of \$902,000, based on a total dues level of \$584,000 and with \$210,000 in BIA funding. In the event that the BIA provides funding at the FY 2004 level of \$112,000, then the Board agrees to the adoption of version 2 of the FY 2006 core budget of \$804,000.

SECOND: Dr. Joseph McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

FY 2006 DUES STRUCTURE:

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved that the membership dues for FY 2006 be set at a flat fee of \$18,000.

SECOND: Ms. Della Warrior seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was requested.

OUTCOME: By a vote of 17 to 8, the motion was agreed to.

Presidents Falcon-Chandler and Robert Martin and Acting President Bob Tailfeathers noted that had they been present at the time of the vote they would have voted yea.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF BUDGET:

MOTION: Mr. His Horse is Thunder moved that any unrestricted funds that come into AIHEC in excess of the approved budget be placed in a reserve account to be distributed in a manner determined by a vote of the full Board of Directors.

SECOND: Dr. Betsy McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

VI. Executive Director's Report. Dr. Gerald Gipp presented an oral report stating that there was a detailed written report of AIHEC activities included in

the Board books. He noted that the 2005 summer retreat is scheduled for July 9-13 at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel. He also noted that the 2005 fall meeting is scheduled for October 3-5 (October 2 is travel day) in Denver preceding the NIEA Annual Conference.

VII. AIMS Data Collection Update. Members of the AIMS Advisory Panel, led by Dr. Karen Swisher, presented a brief update and urged all member institutions to participate fully in the project.

VIII. Committee Reports.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Committee

Dr. Richard Littlebear presented the Committee's report and the following motions.

SUSTAINABILITY OF RURAL SYSTEMIC INITIATIVE K-12/TCU

LINKAGES:

MOTION:

Dr. Littlebear moved that the Board of Directors direct AIHEC staff to work with Tribal Colleges and Universities faculty and staff, the Congress, and the Administration to pursue short and long term strategies to sustain the best practices of the Rural Systemic Initiative. This strategy should include continued funding for existing sites and expansion of the initiative throughout all Tribal Colleges and Universities.

SECOND:

Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME:

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: Over the past several years, the National Science Foundation's Rural Systemic Initiative (RSI) has assisted a number of tribal communities in strengthening linkages between TCUs and K-12 schools, including the introduction of Math and Science standards into reservation-based K-12 schools, increased awareness and competency in Math and Science family-wide throughout the community; provision of professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers, and implementation of realistic strategies for better preparing Indian youngsters for higher level STEM education.

However, NSF has terminated the RSI program. Beginning in September 2005, nine TCUs will complete their 5-year award. By 2007, the other three TCU-RSI sites will have completed their awards.

Because of the demonstrated value of the RSI program and the clear need for stronger K-12/TCU linkages as strategies for improving STEM achievement, RSI best practices should be continued and expanded to other TCUs, particularly those with NSF-TCUP grants. Additional funding to focus on K-12

improvement would ultimately lead to significant improvements in the NSF-TCUP program and overall American Indian achievement in STEM education and research fields.

SUSTAINABILITY OF AIHEC’S NSF-TCUP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM:

MOTION:

Dr. Littlebear moved that the member institutions of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium recognize the need for and value of the technical assistance opportunities provided by the AIHEC Central Organization through the National Science Foundation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities programs and urge NSF and the Congress to continue this important initiative.”

SECOND:

Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME:

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: For the past three years, AIHEC has operated a technical assistance program for TCUs and developing Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving institutions. During that time, AIHEC has provided important assistance in preparing and submitting NSF-TCUP proposals, managing planning and implementation awards, development of STEM curricula, engaging in community-based strategic planning, leveraging other resources to maximize NSF-TCUP potential, and providing professional development. Although requests for technical assistance provided by AIHEC are on the rise and faculty continue to ask for professional development, networking, and mentoring at all levels, NSF-TCUP’s program officer has stated that AIHEC’s program is not needed and will not be funded after April 30, 2005. Funding for a non-Indian T.A. provider continues. The AIHEC program should be sustained, and all NSF-TCUP funding should be directed to Tribal Colleges and Universities, individually and collectively through AIHEC.

External Relations and Communications Committee.

Mr. Ron His Horse is Thunder presented the Committee’s report and the following motions.

STUDENT CONGRESS:

MOTION:

Ms. Falcon-Chandler moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors formally request a financial statement from the AIHEC Student Congress to be provided to all TCUs.

SECOND:

Ms. Cynthia Lindquist Mala seconded the motion.

OUTCOME:

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose:

Many of the committee members were not aware that the Student Congress had a \$255,000 endowment. It was established through a challenge grant from the Kellogg Foundation in 2001.

BIA OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION:

MOTION: Mr. Ron His Horse is Thunder moved that Dr. Sherry Allison and Robin Butterfield from the BIA's Office of Indian Education Programs be thanked for their presentation about the Comprehensive System of Professional Development and for reaching out to AIHEC five years ago offering resources to the colleges. The External Relations and Communications Committee also would like to extend an invitation to OIEP Acting Director Edward Parisian to meet with the AIHEC presidents to see how the groups can work together regarding professional training and special education.

SECOND: Ms. Leah Carpenter seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: Five tribal colleges have 4-year grants to train special education providers. However, when Congress reauthorized the Individual with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 (PL 105-17), it made significant changes to the way that funds will be distributed. According to the law, the money will now go directly to K-12 schools (BIA, contract and grant schools) and not through the Albuquerque office of OIEP. The OIEP is now studying the ramifications of this decision. It is possible that the office in Albuquerque will be closed and that in the future, any colleges that want to provide special education training to professionalize teachers and staff will have to contact the schools and offer services.

TCJ ADVERTISING/EDITORIAL RATIO:

MOTION: Mr. Ron His Horse is Thunder moved that the Board of Directors recommends that the Tribal College Journal continue to maintain a 40 percent advertisements to 60 percent editorial ratio in its magazine.

SECOND: Mr. Micheal Oltrogge seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: This change was made in March 2004 by the Tribal College Journal (TCJ) Advisory Board for a one-year trial period. The experiment has been successful. In addition, the growing number of tribal colleges who purchase advertising has created momentum. When other potential advertisers saw that tribal colleges supported their journal, they

began purchasing more advertising. These changes are making the Tribal College Journal more self-supporting, increasing from 45% self-supporting in FY02 to a projected 80% for FY06.

PARTNERSHIP WITH TRIBAL COLLEGE JOURNAL:

MOTION: Ms. Falcon-Chandler moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors recommends to all AIHEC spring conference committees in future years that they partner with the Tribal College Journal (TCJ) to sell program advertising, booth space, and sponsorships.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: In 2004, TCJ staff worked with the Montana conference committee to sell advertising and booth space. This generated additional revenue for the conference committee and for the TCJ. TCJ will contact its existing clientele, who want to reach the tribal college audience. This creates a win-win for the conference committees and for TCJ.

Public Programs Committee.

Dr. Robert Martin presented the committee's report and the following motion.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) GRANTS:

MOTION: Dr. Martin moved that AIHEC staff look into why a disproportionate number of TCUs are not expected to receive subsequent TRIO-SSS grants when their current grants expire and to look into an appeals process. Additionally, staff is to look at using the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) to get a set-aside or other remedy for TCUs with regard to funding of the Student Support Services program.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: Several colleges have received unofficial word that they will not be awarded a subsequent Student Support Services (SSS) grant once their current grant is concluded. Five colleges in North Dakota have reportedly gotten such an indication, three of them TCUs. Several Montana colleges have also received some indication that they will not receive a subsequent award.

AIHEC staff is charged with looking into why seven TCUs are not expected to get future funds, as well as seek a legislative remedy by proposing that a set aside be established for TCUs during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

EQUITY FOR TRIBAL COLLEGES:

MOTION: Dr. LoneFight moved that the Board of Directors adopt the following policy position: It is the position of AIHEC that tribal colleges should not be subjected to burdensome requirements regarding data collection, outcome measures or other federal requirements that are not applied to other minority serving, state chartered and private institutions and that such measures should not be used as a factor in determining the allocation of federal or other resources until such a time as they are equally, uniformly and generally applied to all institutions of higher education.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Research Committee.

Ms. Crazy Bull presented the Committee's report and the following motions.

BIENNIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE:

MOTION: Ms. Crazy Bull moved that AIHEC support a Biennial Research Conference. The Research Committee will establish a working group for the first Biennial Research Conference, which will include members of the Research Committee, Tribal College and University faculty, and representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

SECOND: Dr. Swisher seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: This effort is a continuation of the Research Committee's work to acknowledge and promote ongoing research at Tribal Colleges and Universities and provide professional development and educational opportunities for TCU faculty and students.

AIHEC RESEARCH PREAMBLE AND POLICY:

MOTION: Ms. Crazy Bull moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopt the following Research Preamble. Upon adoption of the

Preamble, the Research Committee's Working Group on an AIHEC Research Policy will:

- (1) develop a draft Code of Research Ethics for consideration by the Research Committee;
- (2) make recommendations on the circumstances under which AIHEC might need to adopt a formalized research policy, and
- (3) if necessary, make recommendations on such policy."

"AIHEC Research Preamble:

The Tribal Colleges and Universities of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium believe unique cultural connections exist between the descendants of indigenous peoples, their environments, and the world of those who came before. Because of these relationships, research must be accepted and engaged as a Sacred Quest when there is a search for answers to questions about Tribal Nations, communities, and families.

AIHEC believes that research conducted by, for, or in partnership with Tribal Colleges and Universities must honor, respect, and protect those attributes that distinguish indigenous peoples and cultures – Tribal sovereignty, spirituality, native languages and practices, Tribal homelands, families and communities, the traditional knowledge of Tribal elders, and the hopes for generations to come.

AIHEC will serve to promote the role of Tribal Colleges and Universities in defining and guiding scholarship that seeks knowledge. AIHEC will call upon such research to be conducted with integrity and in respectful, compassionate, and culturally-appropriate ways, always mindful of the sacredness of the natural and spiritual worlds of life.

As truthful answers come full circle to benefit the well-being of indigenous peoples, it is hoped that future generations will learn from these values along with the wisdom that is achieved and shared."

SECOND: Dr. Swisher seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose. During the fall 2004 Research Committee meeting, the Committee established a working group to develop a Research Preamble for AIHEC, based on a request from AIHEC's Indigenous STEM Evaluation Advisory Committee. This was a long-sought goal of several

AIHEC members, and we are pleased that Dr. Karen Swisher and Mr. Phil Baird have agreed to lead this important effort.

Athletic Committee.

Dr. Karen Swisher presented the committee's report and the following motion.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE:

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved that the resolution passed by the Board of Directors at its October 2004 meeting be clarified as follows:

A one hundred (\$100.00) annual athletic participation fee is required of each Tribal College and University (TCU) that sends sports teams to participate in AIHEC-sponsored/sanctioned athletic events. The \$100 fee must be paid to AIHEC by September 1 of the academic year in which the athletic competitions would take place. ***In the event that the host institution suffers a loss due to the tournament(s), this fund would assist them in recovering justifiable losses up to 75% of the total fund. The fund will also provide meeting costs for the Commission. (Travel costs would not be included as meeting costs.)***

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Statement of Purpose: This represents a clarification in an earlier resolution passed by the Board of Directors at the fall 2004 meeting. The language that is in bold and italics represents the new language.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

It was announced that President Crazy Bull appointed the four individuals to serve on AIHEC's Athletic Commission. Devona Lonewolf of Oglala Lakota College and Michele Spang of Chief Dull Knife College will serve as new members of the Commission. Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, and Judith Gipp of Haskell Indian Nations University were reappointed. These appointments are for a term of three years.

2005-2006 TOURNAMENT VENUE:

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to accept the offer of Dr. Swisher that Haskell Indian Nations University host the 2005-2006 Tournament.

SECOND: Dr. Betsy McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agree to by voice vote.

IX. Election of AIHEC Secretary.

An election was held to fill the vacancy created due to the resignation of Dr. Jeff Hamley as Secretary of AIHEC. Mr. His Horse is Thunder nominated Mr. Shortbull for Secretary. Dr. McDonald nominated Ms. Carpenter. Mr. Shortbull asked that his nomination be withdrawn. Ms. Carpenter was elected Secretary by unanimous acclimation.

X. American Indian College Fund Report.

Mr. Richard Williams, President and CEO of A*CF, presented a report on the Foundation's recent activities.

XI. Adjournment.

President Crazy Bull adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by AIHEC staff.

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

Leah J. Carpenter, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

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