



2007 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

GRAND HYATT DENVER
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 22, 2007

MEETING NOTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** AIHEC Chair Cheryl Crazy Bull called the 2007 Summer Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER.** A prayer was offered by Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.**
Richard Williams and Tammy Carlson, American Indian College Fund
Gloria C’Bear, Wind River Tribal College
Mrs. Lawrence Isaac
- IV. **ROLL CALL.** Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Regular Members Present:

Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
College of Menominee Nation
Fort Peck Community College
Little Big Horn College
Navajo Technical College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Sinte Gleska University
Sitting Bull College
Tohono O’odham Community College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Represented By:

Cynthia Lindquist Mala
Richard Littlebear
Verna Fowler
James Shanley
David Yarlott
Lawrence Isaac
Micheal Oltrogge
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Thomas Shortbull
Lionel Bordeaux
Laurel Vermillion
Olivia Vanegas-Funcheon
James Davis
David Gipp

Associate Members Present

Comanche Nation College
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa C.C.
Wind River Tribal College

C. Kim Winkelman
Debra Parrish
Marlin Spoonhunter

Regular Members Absent

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College

Diné College
Fond du Lac Tribal College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Berthold 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
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Stone Child College
White Earth Tribal and Community College

International Member Absent

Red Crow Community College

A quorum was not established. AIHEC Chair Crazy Bull announced that 14 members were present, a quorum was not established. She further announced that because a quorum was not present the Board would meet for information and discussion purposes only.

Chair Crazy Bull noted that at its 2007 spring meeting, the Board agreed to convene three meetings annually, in accordance with the guidelines of fiduciary responsibility set out in the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002. She suggested that AIHEC consult with an attorney to review the AIHEC Board's responsibilities under the Act. She also clarified that the 2007 summer meeting was held in Denver to reduce costs for TCU presidents also attending the American Indian College Fund Board meeting and/or the Department of the Interior- Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Conference.

V. REVIEW OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES. The minutes of the 2007 Spring Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by those present. No corrections were offered.

VI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR.

Chair Crazy Bull reviewed the meeting agenda as follows:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

o **BIE NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Chair Crazy Bull noted that 10 tribal college presidents were registered to participate in the Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) National Conference: Partnerships for Student Success that would be held July 24-26, 2007 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel.

- **AIHEC 2007 FALL MEETING**

Chair Crazy Bull reminded everyone about the 2007 Fall Board of Directors meeting that will be held October 21-24 in Honolulu, HI and asked that registration forms, included in the board materials, be filled out and returned to AIHEC staff during this meeting or faxed to the AIHEC Central Office as soon as possible. Several presidents stated that they were told that the AIHEC room block was full. AIHEC staff will check with the hotel on the status of the hotel block.

- **AIHEC 2008 WINTER MEETING**

The 2008 Winter meeting will be held February 5-6 in Washington, DC at the Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol.

- **AIHEC 2008 STUDENT CONFERENCE AND SPRING BOARD MEETING**

The 2008 Student Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held in Bismarck, ND on March 31-April 3. The AIHEC Board meeting will be scheduled once the final dates for the Student Conference are determined. Mr. Williams noted that the College Fund will hold its Board meeting prior to the start of the student conference and that they are interested in convening a half-day joint meeting with the AIHEC Board.

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES**

Chair Crazy Bull discussed the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide executive awareness/ professional development workshops for TCU presidents. She cited the workshops that were being provided at this year's summer retreat (*Managing Relationships to Create Change; A Case in Point: First Year Experience; and Care of the Caretaker: Keeping the Fires Lit*), as examples.

A survey was sent to all presidents in June 2007 by Carrie Billy, AIHEC Deputy Director, to gauge interest in and availability for an executive awareness workshop tentatively scheduled for September 6-7, 2007 in Bismarck, ND in conjunction with United Tribes Technical College's annual Tribal Summit and Powwow. To date, only 10 presidents have expressed an interest in attending a session in Bismarck.

There was also discussion about providing professional development workshops for TCU faculty. The Central Office staff has been previously directed to plan and conduct a Tribal College Faculty Leadership and Professional Development Institute.

- **AIHEC ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

Mr. Phil Baird (UTTC) suggested that a meeting of the Athletic Commission be held in conjunction with the September meetings at UTTC (noted above) to discuss the recommendation for a change to a "final four" format for the AIHEC basketball tournament. The Commission would present its recommendations to the AIHEC Board of Directors at the fall meeting in Hawaii.

DECISION REGARDING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WORKSHOP AND ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING: A decision was made to hold both the executive awareness/professional training workshop (two half-day sessions) for TCU presidents and an Athletic Commission meeting in conjunction with the UTTC's Annual Tribal Summit and Powwow in September.

Suggested topics for the executive awareness workshop in Bismarck were: financial accountability and management, including a discussion on critical problems cited by both the Departments of Education and Agriculture of failure by tribal colleges to submit timely financial reports. The Department of Education has reported to the AIHEC Central Office that more tribal colleges will have to go on reimbursements because they are not caught up with their financial reporting. The topic for the second day will be the North Dakota TCUs' state legislative initiative.

Other possible topics for future workshops include: student assessment, strategic planning, grant management and reporting, human resource management, health insurance, benefits and benefits management, and contract negotiation.

OTHER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The American Indian College Fund's 2007 Flame of Hope Gala will be held November 8, 2007 in the United Nation's Delegates Room in NYC.
- The annual conference of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) will be held November 11-13, 2007 at the Hilton New York, New York, NY.
- The First Americans Land Grant College and Organization Network (FALCON) annual conference will be held December 8-12, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

James Shanley, AIHEC Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, presented the Treasurer's report. Financial statements prepared by Jay Phillips, AIHEC Director of Finance and Administration, were distributed to Board members. Treasurer Shanley suggested if anyone had any questions regarding the reports, they should contact Jay Phillips directly at the AIHEC Central office. He reported that AIHEC is changing audit firms this year and that completion of the fiscal year 2007 audit is expected by December. Treasurer Shanley announced that a Finance Committee conference call will be held within the next two weeks and invited presidents to contact Dr. Gipp or Mr. Phillips with new business that they would like included on the agenda of the call.

Treasurer Shanley noted that there were no FY 2007 dues outstanding and all members were current with their payments.

Chair Crazy Bull suggested that TCUs should make payments to the AIHEC Student Congress and Athletic Commission when they make their annual dues payments to AIHEC. It is particularly important for the colleges to make these payments so that they do not repeat the situation of the 2007 spring meeting when facilities rental expenses depleted funds.

VIII. RECESS. Chair Crazy Bull recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened it at 10:50 a.m.

IX. AIHEC REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, reported that AIHEC currently has 34 members (31 regular members and 3 associate members) in the U.S, and one Canadian member.

Ilisagvik College (Barrow, AK) has submitted an application for regular membership. Presidents Crazy Bull and Lindquist Mala have agreed to conduct the required site visit. AIHEC staff will schedule a date for the visit.

In addition, the College of the Muscogee Nation (Okmulgee, OK) has indicated that it will submit an application for associate membership within the next two weeks and would like for their application to be considered at the 2007 fall Board meeting. Presidents Lindquist Mala and Warner have agreed to serve as the site visit team for this institution.

President Winkleman presented a brief update on the status of Comanche Nation College, reporting a new Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX).

PROPOSED NATIVE AMERICAN SERVING INSTITUTIONS: Board members present discussed the Bingaman amendment to the Higher Education Act, establishing a new Title III program for Native American Serving Institutions-Non Tribal (mainstream institutions that serve American Indians). There is concern that funding for these state institutions as “Native American serving” might reduce the amount of funding currently going to the TCU Title III program. A question was raised as to whether AIHEC would be denying potential funding to some tribal members attending mainstream institutions. (NOTE: In prior meetings, TCU presidents have unanimously agreed to oppose the creation of this new program on the grounds of equity, as well as limited funding.)

DEFINING REQUIREMENTS TO BE A TCU: President Shortbull raised a question about one of the new tribal colleges applying for associate membership in AIHEC that does not have its own facilities. The AIHEC Bylaws do not include a requirement for separate facilities. The general consensus was that a task force should be convened to review this matter and draft a policy statement defining a tribal college, which would address the facilities issue. Presidents

agreeing to serve on the task force are as follows: Lionel Bordeaux, Verna Fowler, David Gipp, Elmer Guy, Olivia Vanegas-Funcheon, and James Shanley.

AIHEC AIMS AND OTHER KEY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Carrie Billy reported that three tribal colleges had not yet submitted their required 2006 Part A AIMS data. She stressed the importance of, and need for, this data and referred to the motion adopted by the Board at 2006 Spring meeting, designating AIMS-AKIS as AIHEC's required annual membership report beginning with the 2006 reporting cycle.

Ms. Billy also cited the AIHEC Bylaws references to "Conditions of Membership" and "Member in Good Standing". The Bylaws state that if a member does not submit an annual report as required, it ceases to be a member in good standing and will lose its voting rights and participation in the AICF scholarship distributions.

AIHEC-KELLOGG SUSTAINABILITY GRANT REPORT

Ms. Billy presented a PowerPoint on the accomplishments under the AIHEC-Kellogg Sustainability Grant, which concluded on June 30, 2007.

The Finance Committee will discuss the feasibility of creating an AIHEC endowment, as a long-term method to sustain the AIHEC Central office operations and will report its recommendations back to the Board of Directors at the 2007 Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

In addition, it was agreed that an AIHEC Development Committee should be created to draft development and business plans for the Board's consideration at the 2007 Fall meeting. Presidents Crazy Bull, Shanley, and Vermillion will serve on the committee.

TRIBAL COLLEGE PRIORITIES

Gerald Gipp discussed the tribal college priorities survey as they relate to the goals in AIHEC's strategic plan, included in the Board materials. This survey will help the Central Office staff better focus on relevant grant opportunities that will meet the specific needs of tribal colleges. All presidents were asked to complete and return the forms before the end of the meeting.

X. AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND REPORT.

Mr. Richard Williams, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, presented a brief update on the recent activities of the College Fund.

- o The College Fund is finalizing the list of award recipients under the Lilly Foundation grant.
- o The College Fund's endowment has reached full funding of \$10 million. This initial \$10 million endowment will benefit only those tribal colleges that were in existence at the time the endowment was created. Another \$10 million endowment is being created to cover new colleges.

- Mr. Williams also announced that the College Fund would host a reception honoring David Gipp, President of United Tribes Technical College, at their office that evening to celebrate his 30 years as president of the college and as a leader of the tribal college movement.

XI. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

AIHEC Legislative Director Meg Goetz presented an update on FY 2008 Appropriations bills and other pending legislative matters. A highlight of the 110th Congress activities to date is the introduction of S.1779, the TCU-HHS legislation. President Shanley suggested that presidents carefully review this legislation and forward any recommended changes in language to the AIHEC Central Office. It was noted that even if enacted, this program most likely will not be funded until a new administration is installed.

XII. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT.

A closing prayer was offer by David Yarlott, President of Little Big Horn College. Chair Crazy Bull adjourned the meeting at 12.35 p.m.

Meeting notes prepared by Jean B. Foster, AIHEC staff.