



2007 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE BEACH RESORT & SPA
HONOLULU, HI
OCTOBER 24, 2007

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** AIHEC Board Chair, Cheryl Crazy Bull called the 2007 Fall Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER.** Richard Littlebear, President of Chief Dull Knife College offered an opening prayer, and all meeting participants introduced themselves.
- III. **ROLL CALL AND PROXY REVIEW.** Prior to the roll call, Chair Crazy Bull reviewed Section 4.09 of the AIHEC bylaws regarding the designation and use of proxies at AIHEC Board meetings, which reads:

“Each director may authorize another director to act for such director by proxy for the purposes of meeting the requirements of a quorum to vote on a particular proposal or to cast a vote for or against those types of proposals specified in Colorado law. No other proxy authorizations may be granted by a director. . . .”

Prior AIHEC practice had been to permit a tribal college president to designate a representative from their own institution to serve as their proxy at AIHEC board meetings. However, during the recent redraft of the AIHEC bylaws, we learned that this is in violation of Colorado law under which AIHEC is incorporated. The newly adopted bylaws recognized this prohibition. The Chair noted that the Board of Directors had previously directed staff to research other states, whose laws would allow presidents to designate representatives from their own institutions as proxies at AIHEC Board meetings, in which AIHEC might incorporate. AIHEC staff was directed to bring recommendations to the Board by the 2008 spring meeting about incorporating in another state.

Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Regular Members Present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
Diné College
Fond du Lac Tribal College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Berthold Community College
Fort Peck Community College
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa C.C.
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Navajo Technical College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
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

Represented By:

Michael Parish
John Salois
Richard Littlebear
Ferlin Clark
Patty Petite
Carole Falcon-Chandler
Russell Mason
James Shanley
Danielle Hornett
Leah Carpenter
David Yarlott
Elmer Guy
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Thomas Shortbull
Karen Radell
Joseph McDonald
Diana Canku
Laurel Vermillion
Jeffrey Hamley
Melody Henry
Olivia Vanegas-Funcheon
James Davis
David Gipp

Regular Members Present by Proxy

Cankdeska Cikana Community College
White Earth Tribal and Community College

Laurel Vermillion (Sitting Bull College)
Leah Carpenter (Leech Lake Tribal College)

Regular Members Present but No Valid Proxy

Haskell Indian Nations University
Nebraska Indian Community College

Karen Gillis
Diane LaPointe

Applicant Members Present

Comanche Nation College
Wind River Tribal College

C. Kim Winkelman
Marlin Spoonhunter

Regular Members Absent

College of Menominee Nation
Institute of American Indian Arts
Little Priest Tribal College
Sinte Gleska University

Applicant Members Absent

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

International Member Absent

Red Crow Community College

Twenty-four members responding, a quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. In the absence of Second Vice-Chair Lindquist Mala, Chair Crazy Bull presented the minutes of the 2006 Fall Membership meeting and the 2007 Spring Board of Directors meeting for approval. She also called attention to the meeting notes for the 2007 Summer Board of Directors meeting, which were included in the Board books. She noted that that the Board could not hold an official meeting this past summer due to the lack of a quorum. She reminded presidents that the AIHEC Board meets three times a year and that all presidents need to make a commitment to attend Board meetings, particularly summer meetings, in order for the Board to officially conduct necessary business.

MOTION: President McDonald [second by President Shanley] moved to accept the minutes of the 2006 Fall Membership meeting, as presented.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: President Gipp [second by President Vermillion] moved to accept the minutes of the 2007 Spring Board of Directors meeting, as presented.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR.

AIHEC OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008:

Chair Crazy Bull noted that the AIHEC bylaws, adopted during the 2007 Spring Board of Directors meeting, sets 2-year terms for AIHEC officers with elections conducted in even numbered years. Therefore, elections for new officers will occur at the 2008 fall Board of Directors meeting. AIHEC officers for 2007-2008 are as follows:

Cheryl Crazy Bull	Chair
Ferlin Clark	First Vice-Chair
Cynthia Lindquist Mala	Second Vice-Chair
James Shanley	Treasurer
David Yarlott	Member at-Large

2008 AIHEC MEETINGS:

Chair Crazy Bull reviewed the dates and locations for the 2008 AIHEC Board of Directors meetings as follows and referred presidents to the detailed memo in the Board books, which contains travel and hotel information:

AIHEC 2008 Capitol Hill Meetings
February 5-7, 2008

Washington, DC

AIHEC 2008 Spring Board of Directors Meeting
March 14-16, 2008
Bismarck, ND

AIHEC 2008 Board of Directors Meeting and Retreat
July 20-22, 2008
Polson, MT

AIHEC 2008 Fall Board of Directors Meeting
October 20-22, 2008
Seattle, WA

2008 AIHEC STUDENT CONFERENCE:

President Vermillion and Mr. Baird reported on the 2008 AIHEC Spring Student Conference, which will be held March 17-20, 2008 in Bismarck, ND. Additional information is posted on the conference website: <http://aihec.sittingbull.edu>. Mr. Baird noted that the format for the basketball tournament will remain the same and will precede the formal Student Conference.

2008 WINHEC and WIPCE ANNUAL MEETINGS:

The 2008 World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) will meet on December 3-8, 2008 in Melbourne, Australia with the 2008 World Indigenous People Conference on Education (WIPCE) immediately following on December 7-11, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Radell announced that Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College received full accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission on October, 12, 2008.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT.

AIHEC Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, James Shanley, presented the Treasurer's report and the motions from the Finance Committee meeting. He offered the following three versions of the AIHEC Central Office budget:

- Spring: Draft budget for the subsequent fiscal year.
- Fall: Revised budget for the current year.
- Spring: Final budget for the current fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY FY 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

MOTION: President Shanley moved [second by President Carpenter] that the Board approve the preliminary FY 2007 Financial Statements of the AIHEC Central Office.

DISCUSSION: A question was raised about the classification of \$5,000 to purchase a table at the American Indian College Fund Gala. There was a general agreement that this expense should be reclassified from the "unallowable cost" line item to an "entertainment" line item.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote with the understanding that the entry noted above would be reclassified as agreed upon.

APPROVAL OF REVISED FY 2008 OPERATING BUDGET:

MOTION: President Shanley moved [second by President Radell] that the Board of Directors approves the revised FY 2008 operating budget for the AIHEC central organization.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

President Shortbull objected to the omission of grants from the budget documents presented to Board members and asked why they were omitted. It was explained that the Finance Committee charged with review of the details of financial matters. It was reiterated that all Board members are invited to attend Finance committee meetings and can contact the Director of Finance for more detail on any budget item.

VII. AIHEC REPORT. Gerald Gipp referred members to the preliminary annual report included in the Board Books for a summary of the organization's key accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2007. The AIHEC 2007 annual report will be published in early 2008 and will contain the FY 2007 audited financial reports.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

AIHEC Director of Congressional Relations, Meg Goetz, presented an update on FY 2008 Appropriations process and other pending legislative matters. Ms. Goetz reported that while not official until the final budget is submitted to Congress next February, all indications are that the many months (and years) that AIHEC has worked on securing forward funding for the operating funds of TCUs has finally paid off and that it will be included in the President's FY09 budget.

IX. REPORTS OF THE AIHEC COMMITTEES.

Membership and Accreditation Committee.

President Carpenter, newly elected chair of the committee, presented a report of the committee meeting and subsequent motions.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF ILISAGVIK COLLEGE:

MOTION: President Carpenter [second by President Shanley] moved that Ilisagvik College is approved as a Regular member of AIHEC.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION:

MOTION: President Carpenter [second by President Gipp] moved that the College of the Muscogee Nation be approved as an Associate Member of AIHEC.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote, the Chair noting an objection.

SANCTION FOR VIOLATION OF AIHEC CODE OF CONDUCT: President Carpenter explained that although the Board approved a Code of Conduct at the 2007 Spring Board of Directors Meeting, no sanctions were proposed for those violating the Code. She then introduced a motion forwarded by the Membership and Accreditation Committee as follows:

MOTION: President Carpenter [second by President McDonald] moved that upon a motion by a Member of the Board citing a violation by a director of the AIHEC Code of Conduct *and* the affirmative vote of 75 percent of the directors in attendance at the meeting, the Board shall impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 on the director determined to be in violation of the Code of Conduct. The Chair shall notify the chair of the governing Board of such director's institution of the Board action.

DISCUSSION: As expected, there was considerable objection to the proposed sanction ranging from claims of potential violations of free speech and civil rights to confusion over what constitutes a violation (i.e., whether it is pursued on a case-by-case basis, whether it involves actions, deeds, or words) to the legality of enforcing a monetary fine.

OUTCOME: Without objection, President Carpenter withdrew the motion. The issue of possible sanctions for violating the AIHEC Code of Conduct was referred back to the Membership and Accreditation Committee.

AIHEC BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS: At the 2007 spring Membership and Accreditation Committee meeting, the AIHEC staff was charged with developing, in consultation with presidents McDonald and Spoonhunter, a job

description for the Board directors, include job descriptions for AIHEC Officers.

MOTION: President Carpenter moved [second by President McDonald] that the AIHEC Board of Directors job description be approved.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote; *with one Member responding as “not voting.”*

REVISED AIHEC MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK: Due to changes in the AIHEC Bylaws, adopted at the 2007 spring board meeting, the Membership Handbook required revision. In addition to ensuring that the Membership Handbook is consistent with the Bylaws, the revised Handbook provides for a more streamlined application process, clarifies requirements, and defines key terms.

MOTION: President Carpenter [second by President McDonald] moved that the Board approve the Revised AIHEC Membership Handbook.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

STEM Committee.

President Davis, Chair of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Committee, presented a report of the committee meeting and subsequent motions.

STEM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: President Davis explained that since 2004, the National Science Foundation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities program (NSF-TCUP) has been contracting with QEM, an outside technical assistance provider that was established primarily to serve Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Prior to 2004, AIHEC had been providing technical assistance to TCUs since the program’s inception.

MOTION: President Davis moved [seconded by President Gipp] that NSF implement a policy giving preference to an American Indian higher education organization when awarding technical assistance contracts or grants under the NSF-TCU program; Further, that the NSF consult with the TCUs and AIHEC to develop a technical assistance plan that addresses TCU STEM program needs and maximizes TCU resources.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote. President Davis reported on a WHITCU sponsored meeting between select TCUs and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security to discuss programs and funding opportunities for TCUs.

Institutional Engagement Committee/Athletic Working Group.

President Falcon-Chandler, Chair of the Institution Engagement Committee, reported that the Athletic Working Group debated changing the format of the basketball tournament, but did not reach consensus. However, a motion was being forwarded to the Board to increase the team entry fee to help cover rising tournament costs, such as fees for officials, security, and court rentals. Under the Athletic Commission guidelines, all increases in team entry fees must be approved by the AIHEC Board of Directors.

MOTION: President Falcon-Chandler [second by President Vermillion] moved that the team entry fee for the annual AIHEC basketball tournament be increased from \$500 to \$750 per team.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Development Committee.

Chair Crazy Bull reported that the newly established Development Committee recommended AIHEC Central office organize a leadership focus group of fundraising experts to advise AIHEC on developing a fundraising plan.

President Gipp expressed the need to organize a working group of TCU presidents charged with educating wealth gaming tribes, elected tribal leaders and others in Indian Country about Tribal Colleges and Universities. The following presidents agreed to serve on the “tribal giving” working group: Gipp (Chair), Mason, Shortbull and Falcon-Chandler.

Tribal College Journal Advisory Committee.

President Vermillion, Chair of the TCJ Advisory Committee, presented a brief report of its meeting noting that the TCU libraries were being advised to update back issues of the TCJ. President Vermillion also noted that a survey was being distributed in order to identify theme ideas for upcoming issues.

X. WHITCU REPORT.

Deborah Cavett, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU) office presented a report on recent activities of that office. She reported that President Bush signed an extension of Executive Order 13270 through September 30, 2009. The FY04/05 report of the Advisory Board to the President was published in late July and she indicated that all TCUs received copies of the report. The FY06 Advisory Board Report to the President is expected to be released in early summer 2008. A technical assistance workshop for TCUs will be held in Minneapolis, MN on November 28-

29, 2007. Sixteen Federal agencies are expected to present information on programs for which TCUs are eligible. At the conclusion of her report, President McDonald expressed the need for the Federal government to restore funding for the adult education grant program.

- XI. AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT.** Carl Duncan (IAIA), president of the AIHEC Student Congress introduced the officers of the Student Congress. He presented a final draft of a financial plan, constitution, and bylaws for the Student Congress. Said documents were referred to the Student Life Working Group for review.

President Shortbull presented a brief report on the 2007 AIHEC Student Conference and said that although the Conference ran a deficit, it was very successful.

- XII. AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND.** President Falcon-Chandler, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Indian College Fund (A*CF), reported that Richard Williams, President and CEO of A*CF, was unable to attend this meeting and in his absence, she presented a report on recent activities of A*CF.

President Shortbull said that he had previously asked Mr. Williams for a report on donations, but had not received a report. He asked if the level of donors to A*CF was decreasing. President Falcon-Chandler noted that Mr. Williams was working on a report.

- XIII. AIHEC USDA LEADERSHIP GROUP.** President Salois briefly discussed the status of the USDA liaison positions, which are to be located regionally at 1994 land grant tribal colleges. He reported that it appears that USDA has funding available for only two of the five proposed regional positions.

President Yarlott said that although there have been ongoing discussions regarding the tribal scholars program he had no progress to report.

Yolanda Garcia, the USDA-1994 Institutions liaison, has been reassigned to the USDA Human Resources and will no longer be working on behalf of the 1994 land grant institutions.

President Crazy Bull announced that she has resigned from the AIHEC-USDA Leadership Group. President Carpenter indicated an interest in filling the vacancy.

MOTION: President Yarlott [second by President Falcon-Chandler] moved that President Carpenter be appointed to fill the AIHEC vacancy on the AIHEC-USDA Leadership Group created by the resignation of President Crazy Bull.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

XIV. NATIVEVIEW REPORT. Mr. Baird gave a brief report on the recent NativeView Conference held in Bismarck, ND. He reported that NativeView is incorporated in South Dakota as a 501(c)(3) organization; James Rattlingleaf is serving as the organization's president; and that a decision has been made to allow only TCU representatives to serve as voting members on the NativeView board.

XV. FALCON REPORT. Mr. Baird reported that the First Americans Land-grant College Organization & Network (FALCON) will hold its third annual conference in Las Vegas, NV on December 7-12, 2007. The conference will focus on environmental research being conducted at 1994 Institutions, particularly relating to water quality and climate change.

XVI. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP: THE PACIFIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COUNCIL.

AIHEC hosted a lunch for Members of the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) and TCU presidents and other TCU representatives on October 23, 2007 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort in Honolulu, HI. Following the luncheon it was agreed that a working group be established to explore collaborative possibilities with the PPEC.

Goals of the working group:

- Identify commonalities
- Discuss the development of an MOU between AIHEC and PPEC (and if an MOU is determined useful, draft an MOU).

Collaborative possibilities include: faculty and student exchanges, online course sharing, land grant partnership opportunities and advocacy.

The following TCU presidents agreed to serve on the AIHEC-PPEC working group: Gipp, McDonald, Davis, Shortbull, Shanley, Vanegas-Funcheon and Winkelman.

Chair Crazy Bull urged new TCU presidents to volunteer to serve on task forces and working groups. She said that there has been a tendency for the "older" presidents to volunteer for everything with limited participation from newer presidents.

XVII. UPDATE ON 2006 AIHEC-AIMS DATA COLLECTION. Jason Kim and Linda Crasco from Systemic Research presented an update on the 2006 AIHEC-AIMS data collection efforts.

XVIII. RESIGNATION OF AIHEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Gerald Gipp announced his resignation as Executive Director effective June 1, 2008.

XIX. DISTRIBUTION OF A*CF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. President Petite expressed her concern and disappointment that the American Indian College Fund did not provide scholarship funds for Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College/Fond du Lac Tribal College students. She requested that the AIHEC Board of Directors make a formal request to the A*CF Board to reinstate those funds.

MOTION: President Petite [second by President Carpenter] moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopt a resolution calling for the American Indian College Fund to reinstate scholarship funding to the students of Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College/Fond du Lac Tribal College.

DISCUSSION: There was considerable discussion regarding the current accreditation status of Fond du Lac Tribal College and the fairness of excluding FDTCC student from these scholarship funds while the institution is in the transition period established by the Higher Learning Commission. It was noted that AIHEC, in recognizing the HLC established transition period, had provided a two-year grace period with regard to FDLTCC's membership status as a Regular (voting) member.

AMENDMENT: President Gipp [second by President Shanley] moved to amend the motion stating that a letter (instead of a resolution) be sent to the American Indian College Fund board encouraging A*CF to restore scholarship funding to the students of Fond du Lac Tribal (and Community) College and that the college remains a member in good standing during the approved transition period.

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

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION: President Shortbull [second by President Vermillion] moved to convene the board in Executive Session.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The open Board meeting reconvened after executive session at 12:55 pm

MOTION: President Vermillion [second by President Canku] moved to approve the search process for a new executive director that was outlined by Chair Crazy Bull.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: President Davis [second by President Falcon-Chandler] moved to recognize Presidents McDonald and Gipp for their years of service to AIHEC and the Tribal College Movement.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: President Clark [second by President Falcon-Chandler] moved that the meeting be adjourned.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Accordingly, President Crazy Bull adjourned the 2007 Fall Board of Directors meetings at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jean B. Foster, AIHEC staff.

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned being the Second Vice Chair of the Corporation.



March 16, 2008

Cynthia Lindquist Mala, Second Vice Chair
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Date