

**AIHEC 2011 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DOUBLETREE ALBUQUERQUE HOTEL
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** AIHEC Board Chair, David Yarlott, Jr., called the AIHEC 2011 Fall Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:29 a.m. (MDT)
- II. **OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTIONS.** An opening prayer was offered by President Shanley.
- III. **ROLL CALL.**
Carrie Billy, AIHEC President & CEO, called the roll.

Regular Members Present

Aaniiih Nakoda College
Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
College of Menominee Nation
Diné College
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Fort Berthold Community College
Fort Peck Community College
Ilisagvik College
Institute of American Indian Arts
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake Tribal College
Little Big Horn College
Navajo Technical College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
Sinte Gleska University
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

Carole Falcon-Chandler
Michael Parish
Billie Jo Kipp
Cynthia Lindquist
Richard Littlebear
Verna Fowler
Maggie George
Larry Anderson
Russell Mason
James Shanley
Brooke Gondara
Robert Martin
Debra Parrish
Ginny Carney
David Yarlott
Elmer Guy
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Thomas Shortbull
Debra Parrish (*by proxy*)
Luana Ross
Lionel Bordeaux
Laurel Vermillion
Melody Henry
Jane Latane
Wannetta Bennett (*by proxy*)
David Gipp
Wannetta Bennett

Regular Members Absent

Haskell Indian Nations University
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College

Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Twenty-six Regular Members having voted present, a quorum was established.

Associate Members Present

College of the Muscogee Nation
Wind River Tribal College

Associate Member Absent

Comanche Nation College

International Member Absent

Red Crow Community College

Official Representatives Present

Stephen Prue for Haskell Indian Nations University
Cathy Abeita for Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

President Martin presented the minutes of the AIHEC 2011 Summer Board of Directors meeting for consideration and approval.

MOTION: President Martin moved [seconded by President Lindquist] to accept the minutes of the AIHEC 2011 Summer Board of Directors meeting, as presented.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

President Gipp raised a question regarding an item in the executive committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2011, specifically, a decision by the committee that Dr. Carty Monette should continue as the TCUP Technical Assistance Program Director and Co-Principal Investigator on the new NSF TCUP grant submission. After some discussion, it was noted that the Board was engaged in a discussion regarding a personnel issue.

MOTION: President Crazy Bull moved [seconded by President Lindquist] to have an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 10:42 a.m. (MDT)

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The board meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m. (MDT).

MOTION: President Gipp moved [seconded by President Shortbull] to direct the AIHEC staff to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation to provide technical assistance to the Tribal Colleges and Universities under the NSF-TCU program,

but that no PI other than the Executive Director (sic) would be named and the position of program director must be competitively selected.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

V. PARTNER AND AFFILIATE REPORTS.

AIHEC 2012 Student Conference Update

President Shortbull gave a brief report on the 2012 Student Conference, noting that the AIHEC basketball tournament will be held in Rapid City just prior to the conference in late March. Jonnie Clifford at Oglala Lakota College will be the conference coordinator and information will be available soon on the OLC website.

President Crazy Bull asked whether workshops for faculty might be resumed. President Shortbull indicated that all requests for specific workshop topics be directed to Jonnie Clifford at OLC, as the 2012 AIHEC Student Conference coordinator.

AIHEC Student Congress

Burdette Birdinground, AIHEC Student Congress (ASC) President, reported that the AIHEC Student Congress hosted the 2011 Summer Leadership Conference at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND. This year, 30 students from 13 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) participated in the conference. The ASC is continuing to work on fundraising, creating a scholarship fund, updating its website, Facebook, and a TCU Student Exchange program initiative.

A*CF

Rick Williams, A*CF President & CEO, reported that general scholarship funds were disbursed for fall 2011. Each TCU received \$100,000 with the exception of three colleges because the Indian student count of these institutions was below 100 students.

Twenty-seven TCUs presented a "**Faculty Member of the Year Award**" in academic year 2010-2011. The award is sponsored by A*CF Board Member Kim Blanchard, administered by the Fund and provides \$500 to each TCU participating in the program. Five of the thirty-three eligible TCUs did not participate during the 2010-2011 academic year. All 33 accredited TCUs are again eligible to participate for the upcoming 2011-2012 academic year.

The Mellon Faculty Enhancement program seeks to increase the number of American Indians earning doctoral degrees and to improve the academic credentials, job satisfaction, and retention of TCU faculty. Mellon Fellows must complete their doctorate or other terminal degree program within one year of receiving the Mellon Fellowship, and are provided \$36,000 in fellowship funding and mentoring support. The College Fund is actively seeking applications from eligible TCU faculty for three fellowships to be awarded in spring 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic years.

The Mellon Research program is a three-year \$500,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to support scholarly research at TCUs. This program provides a \$34,000 fellowship award for a one-year research sabbatical for faculty teaching at TCUs, including a \$2,500 stipend for an undergraduate TCU student research assistant that is mentored by the research fellow. Recipients are expected to present at a research conference in their respective field and prepare a manuscript for publication. The student research assistant is to write an independent research paper and present it at a national conference

along with his or her faculty mentor. The College Fund is seeking applications for three fellowships to be awarded in spring 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic years.

Fall 2011 marks the second year of implementation for the **Embrey American Indian Women's Leadership Project**. The Project launched last fall with the selection of 20 American Indian women scholars enrolled at six different TCUs. The Embrey American Indian Women's Leadership Project is a four-year leadership program for American Indian women, who are TCU students with great potential for future leadership and the desire to earn a bachelor's degree. Funded by the Embrey Family Foundation, this \$1 million program is designed to develop each participant's leadership skills to create the next generation of Native female leaders. The women participate in leadership retreats, receive annual scholarships to obtain a bachelor's degree, and initiate leadership projects within each participant's respective community.

Wakanyeya Early Childhood Education Initiative: In July 2011, the Fund announced that College of Menominee Nation, Ilisagvik College, Northwest Indian College, and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute are the initial grantees of the *Wakanyeya* Early Childhood Education Initiative. The first annual convening of the *Wakanyeya* ECE Initiative was held in Denver, CO and attended by five representatives from each of the four winning institution. The planning phase of the initiative is September - December 2011. The implementation phase will begin in January 2012, and will continue through 2015.

Details of the program are included in the College Fund written report which is located behind Tab 4 of the 2011 Fall Board book.

The 2011 Flame of Hope Gala was held Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Seawell Grand Ballroom in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. A*CF honored the W.K Kellogg Foundation and Eloise Cobell during the event.

Rick Williams announced that he will be resigning as president & CEO within two years. A job description will be circulated for nominations. A*CF hopes to fill the position by September/October 2012. Mr. Williams hopes to stay on as a senior advisor to assist with the transition.

FALCON

President Guy reported that he presented the inaugural president's address at the FALCON Annual Conference held October 22-25, 2011 in Denver, CO. This year's conference theme was *Serving our Communities: Research, Teaching, and Outreach at 1994 Land-Grant Institutions*. He gave an overview of the written report which was included in the board book meeting materials behind Tab 4.

WHITCU Office

Mr. William Mendoza, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU), indicated his belief that President Obama will sign an executive order on TCUs by the end of the year. The White House Tribal Leaders Summit will be convened on December 2. Mr. Mendoza invited TCU presidents to attend the technical assistance workshop scheduled for October 26 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, to address issues of education in Indian Country. Mr. Mendoza further reported upcoming tribal consultation sessions to be held in Seattle, WA and Rapid City, SD. The WHITCU office is currently working on developing a plan of action for these consultation sessions.

John Gritts, U.S. Department of Education Management/Program Analyst, reported that this year's Federal Student Aid (FSA) Fall Conference will be held November 29 – December 2, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV and encouraged presidents ensure that their respective institution's financial administrators attend.

Mr. Gritts noted that all institutions of higher education are required to notify the Department of Education within 10 days of a change in an institution's business manager, president, or financial aid officers. He encouraged TCU presidents to create a plan/policy for the timely reporting of such staffing changes to the Department.

Audits are due on December 31 – after 90 days, the DoEd will begin assessing \$27,500 fines for each late audit submissions. Additionally, \$20,000 fines will be imposed for late submissions of IPEDs data. Mr. Gritts indicated that he would send out an e-mail message reiterating this information to all TCU financial aid and business officers.

Della Warrior

Ms. Warrior gave an update on the effort to launch a tribal college in California. Twenty-four tribes of California's 109 federally recognized tribes working together to develop a new California based TCU and are actively scouting a site for the college. The tribes are working on establishing a viable governance structure that will accommodate concerns of the various tribes. Additionally, they are seeking more support from southern California tribes. As currently planned, University of California at Davis is to be the accredited partner for the new CA-TCU.

President Bordeaux inquired about the 156-acre DQ University campus. Ms. Warrior responded that the former DQ University campus is still there that the facilities on the former DQ University campus have been condemned. Further, it is her understanding that most of the school's property and equipment has been stolen or vandalized and the water and land are contaminated, as well. She reported that some individuals have expressed interest in reviving DQ University, but those efforts may be waning. There has been some talk of establishing a center for juvenile delinquents on the site.

Board meeting activities were suspended for lunch at 12:42 pm. and resumed at 1:37 p.m.

VI. REPORT OF THE CHAIR.

AIHEC Code of Conduct

Per provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Chair Yarlott asked the board of directors to review the AIHEC code of conduct, which can be found behind Tab 3 in the fall 2011 Board book.

President Yarlott reported on several meetings recently he and other presidents recently participated in while in Washington DC, for various reasons.

Congressional Briefing: AIHEC along with our Alliance partners, HACU and NAFEO, conducted a briefing session for Congressional staff regarding our collective programs under HEA Titles III/ V (DoEd) and HUD. Presidents Shortbull and Crazy Bull did a splendid job of presenting the importance of these programs, behalf of the TCU programs.

Interior Appropriations Issue: Chair Yarlott and AIHEC staff met with Majority and Minority staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior to discuss the need to redefine the concept of level funding for Tribal College Act funding, given that the colleges are losing \$550 per Indian student despite seemingly level funding, because of large increases in enrollments over the past year. AIHEC staff also met with the Senate Appropriations staff and delegation members prior to the Congressional summer recess, soon after the BIE calculations of the FY 2011 disbursement revealed the problem.

Office and Management and Budget (OMB): AIHEC staff joined Presidents Yarlott and Fowler for a meeting with OMB Interior and Education staff. The presidents discussed the immediate need for redefining "level funding" to focus on the "per Indian student" allocation and not the overall pot of funds available for institutional operations of the majority of TCUs. Additionally, the presidents discussed the importance of Title III funding and retaining the annual discretionary funding for the TCU-Title III program.

U.S. Department of Education: Chair Yarlott and AIHEC staff met with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arnie Duncan, Deputy Secretary Martha Kantor and others at the department to discuss the TCU Executive Order and other issues of concern to the TCUs. The primary message from Congress and federal agencies during these various meetings was there are "no funds to be had" and this meeting echoed that same message.

Department of the Interior-AIHEC Leadership Group: The initial meeting of the Interior-AIHEC Leadership Group, established under the new MOU with the Department, was convened in September. One clear message came out of the meeting: While funding is very important, there are many other ways that the Department can help TCUs, such as loans of BIA equipment and personnel.

AIHEC 2012 Winter Meeting: The AIHEC 2012 winter meeting and Capitol Hill visits will be held February 13-16, 2012 at The Liaison-Capitol Hill hotel in Washington, DC. AIHEC will organize a reception to honor retiring Members of Congress that have been champions of TCUs. President Crazy Bull suggested that participants in the AIHEC 2012 winter meeting make a point of visiting the National Museum of American Indians to view the exhibit entitled: A Song for the Horse Nation, which will be at NMAI-DC from October 29, 2011-January 7, 2013. Additionally, the National Library of Medicine is interested in hosting a reception for the TCU presidents at the NLM-NIH during the February meeting. AIHEC is working the NLM staff on timing and logistics of such an event.

President Bordeaux reminded Board members of AIHEC's upcoming 40th Anniversary (October 2012) and asked that there be some plan to commemorate the occasion.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT.

President Shanley reported that the Finance Committee met with a quorum established. He announced that the annual audit of AIHEC is scheduled for the week of December 19, 2011 and is to be completed by the end of January 2012. Further the committee reviewed the 2012 990 form and the proposed budget for 2012 and offered the following motions for consideration of the Board:

MOTION: President Shanley moved [seconded by President Parish] that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopt the AIHEC IRS Form 990 for Fiscal Year 2011, as presented.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: President Shanley moved [seconded by President Guy] that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopt the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, as presented.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

It was noted that there is some technical assistance funding is being carried for the purpose of conducting the first meeting of all TCU chief academic officers in 2012.

VIII. AIHEC REPORT.

AIHEC Strategic Goal One: Institutional Advancement (Sustainability):

Ms. Billy reported that indications from the various appropriations subcommittees continue to look good for TCU programs. Most of the TCU programs for FY 2012 are on a path for level funding with the exception of the HUD-TCUP. The HUD-TCU program was eliminated primarily because the Administration did not support funding for any of the HUD-MSI programs in its FY2012 budget and continual carryover funds due to a paucity of applications being submitted and fundable. While the Interior accounts for TCUs appear to be level funded, due to a large increase in enrollments, which exceeded 1,660 in a single year, the actual per student allocation dropped by \$549 per Indian student. To maintain the per ISC allocation of FY2010, AIHEC has calculated that an additional \$9.2 million is required.

Ms. Billy reported that none of the 12 appropriation bills for FY 2012 was completed by the start of the new fiscal year. Partly due to the anticipated report from the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (aka "Super Committee") containing the committee's recommendations cut the federal deficit by a minimum of \$1.2 trillion over 10 years. Per the Budget Control Act of 2011 the committee has until November 23, 2011, to submit its formal recommendations.

The Native CLASS Act: In reviewing S. 1262, *The Native CLASS Act* to confirm that the amendments AIHEC had sought were included in the latest version staff discovered that a new provision was added to amend that Tribal College TCU Act to all Hawaiian Education organizations to charter a TCU. Senators Tester and Udall are members of the Indian Affairs Committee, and AIHEC put out an action alert to the presidents of the MT and NM TCUs and contacted directly, the staff of these two Senators and met with Senate Indian Affairs Committee staff to get the offending language removed. Our quick efforts were successful and the provision was not included in the October 20 mark-up of the legislation. Behind Tab 3 of the Board book is a letter signed by the AIHEC Executive Committee to the bipartisan leadership of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee expressing the concern of the TCUs of such a provision.

Executive Order: Despite repeated requests, AIHEC has not seen the TCU EO or received any updates since the June 29, 2011 meeting with senior U.S. Department of Education and White House staff on the matter.

The College of Muscogee Nation and Comanche Nation College are on track to potentially achieve accreditation candidacy status in spring 2012.

AIHEC Strategic Goal 2: Performance Accountability & Outreach:

AIHEC is working on a new strategy for making the candidates for the 2012 presidential election aware of the importance of TCUs and the need for increased funding due to their successes and growth.

Under a Lumina MSI Models of Success grant, AIHEC is working with Widmeyer Communications on state-based media campaigns to increase awareness of TCUs. TCU presidents were encouraged to send student success stories and even president profiles to the AIHEC central office to help bolster the success of this media effort.

Additionally, the Lumina Foundation grant is funding the upcoming AIHEC AIMS report on the TCUs, which is being re-written. It was noted that although AIHEC no longer publishes annual AIHEC AIMS reports, the AIMS data is always available and AIHEC uses it consistently to inform testimony, statements, and outreach/advocacy efforts. Presidents may contact Katherine Page at AIHEC for assistance with any questions related to AIHEC AIMS data.

AIHEC Strategic Goal 3: Strengthening Communities:

Recently, 32 projects received awards out of the 256 applications that were submitted to President Obama's community college initiative at the U.S. Department of Labor. One of the awards went to UTTC, as the lead institution in a TCU-based consortium. UTTC has indicated that it is willing to help other TCUs looking to apply for a CCI grant and is considering conducting a workshop at a future meeting.

AIHEC is working on several monographs that will highlight the TCUs' service to tribal communities, including Teacher Training, Native Language Revitalization, and as a supplement to the Tribal College Journal, TCU-based STEM programs.

AIHEC Strategic Goal 4: Student Engagement:

Valdon St. John has joined AIHEC as the new NASA OSSI Outreach Coordinator. Valdon (Cheyenne River Sioux) received an A.A.S. degree from UTTC and a B.A. in Biology from the University of Maryland. Before joining AIHEC, Valdon held teaching positions at Crow Creek Middle School and Takini High School in South Dakota. Over the next several months, he will be visiting TCUs and encouraging students to participate in the wide variety of NASA internship/research programs.

For some time, various TCU presidents and staff have requested an initiative or effort on behavior health issues, including suicide prevention, domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, etc. Two years ago, AIHEC partnered with the University of Washington to submit a comprehensive "NARCH" proposal to the National Institutes of Health, which would have helped us address these issues. Unfortunately, that proposal was not competitive due to a technical error. Now, we have the opportunity to partner with the federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to convene a "TCU Behavioral Health Summit" or workshop in early 2012. We are discussing with the SAMHSA the possibility of holding this event in conjunction with the 2012 AIHEC Student Conference in Rapid City, SD. Behind Tab 3 of the board book is a report on a DHHS-SAMHSA funded program: *Promoting Behavioral Health on HBCU Campuses – A Blueprint for Success*.

As included in the Summer 2011 board meeting minutes, President Shortbull expressed concern regarding the proposed overhaul of the GED exam by the American Council on Education (ACE). AIHEC contacted the ACE staff responsible for the GED exam re-draft and learned that (1) the change

will not happen overnight; (2) there will be two tiers to the GED (a) vocational and (b) career and college ready. One of the primary goals of the new GED testing is to have students arrive more prepared for college than they are now. The exam re-drafting process provides for field testing in 2012; pilot testing High School seniors in fall 2013; setting new "cut" levels following survey and analysis of the fall 2013 testing; and implement the two new tiers in 2014. AIHEC staff will prepare and send a letter to ACE requesting that TCUs and American Indians be included in any pilot or other testing prior to setting new "cut" levels. If desired, AIHEC will arrange to have an officer of the GED testing service speak to the presidents in February 2012. There was no immediate interest expressed in arranging such a meeting.

IX. AIHEC COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS.

President Vermillion reported that the Membership and Accreditation committee met with a quorum established and offered the following motions:

MOTION: President Vermillion moved [seconded by President Martin] that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopts the following amendment to the AIHEC Bylaws providing that the immediate past-chair to be required to serve only one term as Member at-large. The amendment is as follows: Section 6.01 of the AIHEC Bylaws is amended by inserting ", for a minimum of one term" before the period in the first sentence.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: President Vermillion moved [seconded by President Shanley] that the AIHEC Board of Directors admits Red Lake Nation College as the newest Associate member of AIHEC.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to voice vote, with one vote in opposition.

President Vermillion reported that the Tribal College Journal (TCJ) advisory board met via conference call and offered the following updates: Presidents were asked to respond to the electronic message sent by TCJ publisher, Rachael Marchbanks requesting that each president vote on her or his four favorite themes for upcoming TCJ editions. Additionally, TCUs presidents were asked to have their IT staff contact TCJ staff and assist in linking their college's website to TCJ site.

X. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICER: AIHEC Treasurer

NOMINATION: President Shanley nominated President Parish to serve as Treasurer.

SECOND: President Crazy Bull seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: President Parish was elected Treasurer by acclamation, effective January 1.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: Honoring of Dr. James Shanley

MOTION: Chair Yarlott moved [seconded by President Gipp] that the Board of Directors acknowledges and honors Dr. James Shanley for his service as president at several TCUs and his leadership as a member of the AIHEC board of directors, which includes service as president, chair, and most recently, Treasurer of AIHEC.

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

During an honoring ceremony and reception, President Shanley was presented with a hand painted drum from AIHEC, and several gifts from president. Honor songs were offered by President Spoonhunter and Albert Red Bear.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: President Vermillion moved [seconded by President Parish] that the AIHEC 2011 Fall Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m. (MDT)

Minutes prepared by AIHEC staff.

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

Robert Martin, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Date