



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

January 14th, 2022

LCOOC Boardroom

Minutes

Mission Statement

The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College mission is to provide Anishinaabe communities with post-secondary and continuing education while advancing the language, culture, and history of the Ojibwe.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to order – 10:03am
3. Roll Call – Jason Bisonette, Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Daryl Coons Jr.
4. Reading of LCOOC Mission Statement – Chairman Bisonette
5. Approval of today's agenda
Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve agenda as amended. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve previous minutes. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.
7. Public Comment - none
8. Student Senate Report – Tim Barber joined at 11:14am
Student Senate worked with LCO Child Support on Financial Literacy and Economic Mobility grant. Several subcommittees working on bylaws, student engagement, and looking at childcare. Student Senate plans to have bylaws done within next two months. Senate also working on fundraiser for LDF. Senate is reviewing student engagement survey results.

Childcare is a barrier for students but this wasn't accurately captured in the survey due to wording. Issues with childcare closing due to COVID and staffing challenges. Drop-in Center would be beneficial for students and community. Potential for LCOOC Program to assist with this. Student Senate will continue to work on this and make recommendations.

Amber Marlow is advisor for Student Senate. Looking to have more activities available for students at Outreach. Funds are available to offer archery and other activities at the various sites. Recommendation for Student Senate to rotate meetings at each site. AIHEC conference is virtual this year.

9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report – Lorraine Gouge



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Discussion regarding community development meetings and having BOR invited to meetings per discussion at the most recent board-to-board meeting. College wants to be at the table during discussions. Ms. Gouge will let Dr. Swagger know when meetings occur. Chairman Bisonette requested to sit in on meetings as well.

Financial Advisory Board isn't satisfied with the video for LCOOC Master Facility Plan. Recommendation to revise video through a lens of potential funders in mind. Plan was approved by previous TGB, may need to revisit with TGB. College still operating under the assumption that land lease is in place. Revised video will assist with getting things moving forward.

10. Financial Overview

There are a few items left for the auditors to review. There will likely be a finding for NSLDS. Enrollment reports with withdrawal dates should match dates reported on R2T4s. This has been a finding in the past, was removed last year. Turnover likely contributing to issue. Staff members met with NSLDS to get a better understanding of the factors contributing to issue.

Ms. Denasha continuing to work on draft budget with Executive Council. Multiple meetings to discuss COVID funding and sustainability. Financial aid office wrapped up fall semester, working on spring semester now. Subcommittee of Executive Council working on developing process for grants.

BvA sent out. Institution budget currently at 47%, under the 50% mark we should be at right now. Budget directors are doing a nice job planning, no longer doing last minute spending. Library BvA is off due to out of county fees. We don't get these payments until January or February. Funds will offset overage once applied.

Preliminary budget due in March. Board willing to have special meeting to review if not ready by March meeting.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve financial report. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

a. COVID Financial Report

Working on spend down Strengthening Tribal College funds through the Dept. of Ed. STC has expiration date this spring. Funds are eligible for a year extension if needed. A total of \$303,000 applied to student balances during the fall semester. Using the STC funds for this. Auditors are reviewing COVID funding compliance based on guidance they receive.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to accept COVID financial report. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.



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Procurement - HVAC upgrade bid from Central Sheetmetal Inc. for \$1,494,829.

Motion – Melissa Lewis motioned to authorize the President to enter into an agreement for HVAC upgrades with Central Sheetmetal in the amount of \$1,494,829. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

b. Charter schools

Charter schools will have their own department budget with liaison and other costs associated such as travel and supplies .

Break at 11:00am - 11:14am

11. President's Report

Making significant progress with Mole Lake and Forest County. College staff traveled to Mole Lake, 2 students registered during the visit. LCOOC has full support from their Mole Lake's Tribal Council. Forest County plans to visit, will look at our outreach sites.

Enrollment report - Up in numbers from this time last year. More than half of student body is attending part-time, 65%. Still work to do to get our students registered early. A total of 61 students registered in last two weeks. Red Cliff Outreach successfully registered 100% of their fall students registered for spring. Additional information requested for program enrollment for next meeting. Nursing program has 32 students. Recommendation to look at services focused on retention of Native American students in our nursing program.

Looking for consultant to conduct vocational trades feasibility study. Mary Bujold with Maxfield Research working on St. Croix feasibility study. Waiting for recommendation. EDU program submitted to HLC. Pilot running, seats for 10 students. Priority given to ECE students. Application to DPI for licensure sometime in February.

Numbers we report are different than numbers consumers might see in other reports such as IPEDS. IPEDS data is for first-time full-time students. The majority of our students are part-time so numbers are skewed when reporting.

Donor making significant contributions for student scholarship.

Motion – Daryl Coons Jr. motioned to accept President's report. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

12. Other – none

Lunch 12:03pm – 12: 23pm



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13. Executive Session

a. Personnel Issues

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to enter into executive session at 12:23pm.

Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

Chairmen Bisonette closed executive session at 12:33pm.

14. Next Meeting – February 18, 2022

15. Adjournment - 12:34pm