



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

April 17th, 2020

LCOOCC Main Campus in Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to order
3. Roll Call - Daryl Coons Jr, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Jason Bisonette, Melissa Lewis, Monica Chase, Marie Basty.
4. Approval of today's agenda
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment - NA
7. Student Senate Report - NA
8. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report - NA
9. Financial Overview – (February Reports)

So much has happened since the February reports. Our endowments have gone down and also our expenses. These reports aren't actual to what's going on right now. **(This is due to us not having a board meeting when the reports were submitted. We did not have a meeting due to Covid 19).**

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to accept the February Financial overview. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

10. President's Report

The college has closed all entryways into the college with only the 400 wing to get in. Only have essential employees at this time. Anyone who wants to enter the building will need to call Tina or Tamara to get into the building. Requiring everyone in the building to wear masks. All classes have been transitioned to online. Academic Dean and Dean of Students they are doing an analysis of what students are fully engaged, what students have gone MIA, and get some factual information on how our students are doing. We have been



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holding meet and greets with students via Zoom, 7-8 students participated. The one question that kept coming up was wondering how long this was going to last. We have emergency aid funds that are coming to assist with students needs during this time. Will be putting together a one page brief once we have the data on where our students are at. Really pushing faculty to register 100% of their students for summer and fall. Once we get closer to May 26, we will have a better idea if we will be continuing online for summer semester as well. Sent an e-mail to the faculty asking them to give a brief update on how each of their students are doing. Based on the response back from faculty, it sounds like everything is going pretty well. It sounds like the students that were doing well before this COVID-19, are still doing well and the students that weren't really engaged before are still not engaged. We are following the governor's orders and the TGB orders. We have our own plan for COVID-19 and have been submitting them to TGB. We have been included on a few meetings with TGB as well.

We are in a much better situation than other colleges since we are a tribal college. If it wasn't for AIHEC, BIE, and Department of Education we wouldn't be in such a good place. The Presidents decision to move into essential spending only was also helpful to conserve resources. We may have to access the line of credit but will be discussing that with Jill later. Additional funding will come from U.S. Department of Education and each tribal college will get a minimum of \$500,000 and the rest of the funds left will be split up based on Indian Student Count. This money will get to us the same way we receive the Title III funds. They are looking to add to that as well and we could be looking at getting at minimum additional \$950,000. With those two sources we are looking at an estimated total of about \$1.9 million. We received a list from the Department of Education and when we looked at LCO Ojibwe College on the list, was disappointed to see the amount that was listed. The amount that is currently listed is \$31,500. Half of that money will go to student emergency aid and the rest will go to other operational expenses. We looked at the list and noticed other colleges with lower enrollment were receiving higher amounts. Called Carrie and got together to discuss the data. The calculation is based off FTE and number of people who are exclusively distance education. The Department of Ed is basing these numbers off of 2017 and 2018 data reported by the college to IPEDS. We went back and did a review of that data and we learned that when Tyler reported the data, he reported 170 students were exclusively online. So we went back and Annette did an audit from the numbers that were reported. Annette found that actually, 22 students were exclusively online which means that is good for us. We are kind of in limbo right now because we are waiting for Carrie to talk to the Department of Education. Since IPEDS only lets you change data from the previous year, we weren't able to go back and change the data for 2017-2018. Going to be asking Department of Ed to run a new calculation with the actual IPEDS numbers. Jill will be waiting to submit the application until we can resolve this issue but Jill has everything ready to go. Not quite sure how much our award



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would change but hopefully it would be a good amount more. The more funds that we have, the more students we can help which can help students stay in school.

The BIE will be doing something similar. Jim and Karen drafted a letter to the governor stating that we would like to be on the top of the list. Also sent it down to Menominee Nation added some minor additions and sent with both signatures to the governor. We should be hearing soon what happens with that but that money is exclusively for higher education. If we do get considered in that, I would be sending a list of about \$3 million dollars for our needs.

We have got in early for the PPP Loan/grant money which is a paycheck protection program. It is for small business with less than 500 employees. Asked Jill, Tamara, Jim, and Karen to work on that and they got that in early to Chippewa Valley Bank. I was told by noon today, we will have the money in the bank about approximately \$650,000 to cover payroll. So adding all that together we are looking at about \$2.2 million and we will have to wait and see how the governor's funding goes and if the department of education gets back to us. We just have to make sure we keep an eye on the accountability and restrictions on each funding source. We will be putting together a budget on how all these funds will be spent.

Asking the board to make a motion for the loan. It would start out as a loan, if you use it towards payroll, then it turns into a grant that we don't have to repay. We aren't sure how summer and fall is going to turn out because of this COVID-19. This loan/grant helps us to keep people employed through difficult times. Looking at other grants and resources as well.

Motion – Daryl Coons Jr. motioned to authorize the president to apply for and participate in the payroll protection program for the purposes consistent with the Cares Act. Gary Gerber seconded motion. Motion carried.

Motion – Melissa Lewis motioned to approve the President's report. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

11. Other

The board training is ready and can contact Stephanie St. Germaine on how to access that. It is a PowerPoint presentation. Need to have it done within the next few weeks.

12. Executive Session

13. Next Meeting – May 15th, 2020.



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14. Adjournment

Motion – Kyle Van Acker motioned to adjourn at 10:03am. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.