



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

January 17th, 2020
LCOOCC Main Campus in Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer with Kyle Van Acker
2. Call to order at 9:10am
3. Roll Call - Jason Bisonette, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber, Marie Basty, Lorraine Gouge.

Daryl Coons Jr. arrived at 9:44am

Melissa Lewis arrived via zoom at 9:20am

Monica Chase arrived at 9:43am

4. Approval of today's agenda

Motion – Kyle Van Acker motioned to accept today's agenda. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to accept previous meeting minutes. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

6. Student Senate Report - NA

7. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report –

Going to Washington DC in early February and would like to see if there is anything the college needs TGB to talk about when they go on their trip. Working on scholarship and look into giving to the students (Golf, Embridge, Financial Services). Lorraine has been helping the higher education department get housed here at the college so that they can assist students with filling out their scholarship applications. LCO Higher Ed would still be supervised under LCO Tribal Government but they have to adhere to LCO Ojibwe College schedule. Dr. Swagger would like to do a 100% proclamation which would have the tribes asking students to sign that they would choose LCO Ojibwe College first and getting some education experience at the college first. Build that relationship with the students in high school at LCO and Hayward.



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Having a tribal director of higher education might help, then having all of advocacy for education.

8. Financial Overview –

Audit – we talked with Brandon yesterday and it's in the second review pool and will be done at the end of next week. We met with WIPFLI on Monday, we did state that we needed an onsite visit and only one visit. Did get a call from RSM and they are going to submit a proposal, out of the 6 we heard from 2 of them. February 3rd is the submission end date for the RFP.

We did interview for Financial Aid Director and Accounting Assistant but ended up reposting for both. We still have Jordan as LTE and she has been helping still with financial aid.

Approved Budget Summary– received our enrollment report yesterday. Increases in enrollment will translate in an increase of over 1-2 million dollars but doesn't include the tuition adjustments. With our allowance for doubtful accounts, we are doing really well. We have a really good system in place withholding the official transcripts and diplomas until they pay their balance in full.

Grant Activities – We did submit our Perkins and Work Base Learning grants to the state for next year. We will be submitting our TRiO grant next week and it's a 5 year grant for about 1.6 million. We have had TRiO since 1993 and we don't anticipate not getting it. Right now TRiO can manage 160 students, they don't have the capacity to manage anymore students. What we are doing with Achieving the dream is helping with our retention plan and if we were to not get TRiO again, then other staff would have to step up into that role to help students. We don't have a backup plan but we have a reserve to help if need be.

Statement of Financial Position – other receivables is higher than last year because of the state funding and we did just get a check for that this week and with TGB for TrANS.

Cash on Hand – We are low on our cash on hand, the lowest we have been in the last 5 years. It is mainly because of our payroll.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to accept the financial overview. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

Break – 9:51am – 9:56am

Melissa Lewis left meeting at 9:58am



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9. President's Report

a. Review HR Policies

Motion – Kyle Van Acker seconded motion to approve policy 4.6 changes. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

- b. Owner's Representative Interview (The Board of Regents will interview Mr. Mark Sweet, White Earth Ojibwe to serve as the College's Representative in putting funding and financing packages together to accomplish the building of the new campus). See President's written report for additional information. – Can tell that Mark definitely has some experience in development with the experiences he said that he had. Wondering how the LCO Ojibwe College would pay Mark if there would be upfront costs or if it would be based off of performance. Would like to find out how feasible it would be to come out of this project without any debt. CD Smith has the capacity to fully fund projects and would be a good option to partner with. The college is communicating with the tribal governing board about the land that they will be acquiring across the street and the tribe said they would be will to let the college have some say on the use of the land. Mark would be able to help put together the documents that we would need in order to try to get 8 (a) status. The college asked for 5 references and Dr. Swagger reached out to each of the references and received feedback from two of them that were positive.

Break – 11:36am – 11:51

Discuss with Mark Sweet about what kind of agreement he would be wanting to enter with the college.

Motion - Gary Gerber motioned to approve the president's report. Seconded by Daryl Coons Jr. Motion carried.

Jason Bisonette left meeting at 12:09

Motion- Gary Gerber motioned to go into executive session at 12:21pm. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

10. Other

11. Executive Session

12. Next Meeting – February 28th, 2020.

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13. Adjournment

Adjourn at 12:46 by Monica Chase.