



## Board of Regents Regular Meeting

August 26, 2022

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

### Minutes

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to order by Vice-Chair Monica Chase– 9:10am
3. Roll Call – Monica Chase – left at 12:40pm, Gary Gerber, Daryl Coons Jr., Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty - disconnected from Zoom at 11:37am, Melissa Lewis – arrived 9:14am, Jason Bisonette arrived 10:11am
4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement – Karen Breit  
The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University mission is to provide Anishinaabe communities with post-secondary and continuing education while advancing the language, culture, and history of the Ojibwe.

Revision- replace College with University

**Motion –Gary Gerber motioned to approve mission statement revision. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.**

5. Approval of today's agenda  
**Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve agenda. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.**
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes  
**Motion – Marie Basty motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.**
7. Public Comment -none
8. Student Senate Report -none
9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report – Lorraine Gouge  
Ms. Gouge attended the Chippewa Federation meeting. Red Cliff Tribal Chairman made special remarks about the University and the work to move out of Washburn and back into the tribal communities.

HEAB to potentially allow one tribal college representative on the board. LCOOU and CMN would need to alternate the seat. This situation is not ideal, but it's a start. Dr. Swagger- must continue to advocate for equal representation.



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### 10. Financial Overview

Final audit complete for FY20-21.

Wipfli started the audit for FY 21-22 in July. Things are going well. Projected completion sometime in December. Budget versus actuals for FY 20-21 came in under budget. Budget directors did a great job projecting. More revenue received than what was budgeted for.

Business office busy with Ellucian work. Staff are using Ellucian to complete requisitions. Next task is to work on project accounting (grants). Ellucian will make things easier by allowing for the option to have a grant year view instead of fiscal year view. October 1<sup>st</sup> planned for go live.

Difficulty to work in both Jenzabar and Ellucian. Waiting on reporting system to be set up for the financial statements in Ellucian.

Financial Aid Office - position posted for financial aid counselor. Department is busy getting ready for fall semester. A lot of students are applying for scholarships and grants ahead of time. FA Director travel to all outreach locations to work with students.

Grants -awarded two new ones from USDA. Currently working on developing better process for the grant approval and grant management. New process will include internal controls.

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

a. Financial Statements FY20-21

**Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to accept FY20-21 Audit Report. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.**

b. COVID Financial Report – no report

c. BHA Monthly Report – no report

Break – 10:14am- 10:30am

### 11. President's Report

a. Accomplishments to Goal

Important to give recognition to all the departments for their hard work. The University is making a big difference in the communities we serve. Need to measure the impact, e.g. Are students employed in the field they earned a degree in?

b. Annual Report

Need to benchmark our data against other institutions. Need a place to tell our story and how we impact the Communities we serve and impact.



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c. Partnership Discussions

Executive Council participated in a retreat focused on partnerships. The team compiled a list of boards and committees they are currently serving on, connections within their networks, and potential partners. This work will align with the strategic plan.

Discussion of boards and committees Regents serve on. Information will be shared with the Office of Advancement. Monica will send list of partners child support services works with.

d. Future Academic Programs– Biology & NAS

In the planning stages for a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Biology. This will provide a pathway for students interested in med school. Deb Anderson conducting feasibility study.

NAS Director focused on developing advanced Ojibwemowin courses and developing an immersion track for the elementary ed program. NAS faculty position posted to allow for the director to focus on language.

EDU program is not accepting students until August 2023. Accreditation through HLC was the first step in many required for the program to be approved for licensure. Provost Munive is working on the initial program application with DPI. The licensure application will follow.

A team traveled to Crandon for meetings at Forest County Potawatomi and Mole Lake. Student services and faculty participated in summer youth programming at Potawatomi while Dr. Swagger and Provost Munive met with Mole lake's new Director of Higher Education.

**Motion – Melissa Lewis motioned to accept the President's Report. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.**

12. Other

a. Travel Policy – advance versus reimbursement clarified.

The requirement to have a debit/credit card while traveling presents a challenge. Not everyone has one.

Daryl-policy needs section on emergencies and safety belt use.

Monica- tribe's travel policy currently being revised.

**Motion – Monica Chase motioned to approve travel policy. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.**

13. Executive Session – none



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14. Next Meeting – September 16, 2022  
Gary Gerber not attending.

15. Adjournment 12:42pm