



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

December 22, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to Order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:18 am.
3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Jason Bisonette, Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber
4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement by Chairman Jason Bisonette.

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.
5. Approval of today's agenda

Motion to approve today's agenda.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker

Abstain: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr.
7. Public Comment – Cali Quaderer-Cuddy and Kalianna Quaderer presented public comment.
8. Student Senate Report – None



9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report – David Bisonette will represent as Liaison for the Tribal Governing Board and was in attendance for meeting.

10. Financial Overview

Working on the FY2025 budget and meeting with our department managers to discuss their budgets. Will have “wish list” budget done in January to start discussion on what items we will keep in the draft budget. Draft budget will be presented in April and final budget in July.

For the financial aid policy and procedure, Kim went through and made any updates for the name change and software being used. This policy was already approved, we are just asking for approval of the revision as we added subchapter 12.19 – Department of Defense (Pg 25-27), to be in compliance with the Department of Defense. They were requiring these policies be added which are the ban against inducements, commissions and high-pressure recruitment tactics of service members, readmission of service members, and service members receiving approval from educational service officers or counselors within military service before enrolling at LCOOU.

Working on when we will be implementing new process for grants management and new documents to be used in the grants management process. No new grants to discuss this month.

Reviewed the statement of financial position, statement of activity, statement of cash flow, cash on hand, and ratios for November 2023.

Motion to approve Financial Report.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

- a. COVID Financial Report
- b. BHA Monthly Report

Break at 10:11 am – 10:18 am

11. President’s Report

- a. HLC accreditation midpoint visit update (assessment, reorganization to schools, cohesion of programs and leadership)



Multi-site visit in April for Bad River and Red Cliff. Midpoint visit will be in November 2024.

b. Annual Strategic Plan Review

The board will review the strategic plan progress and discuss potential updates during December's board meeting. November is the established permanent time of the year for this important review.

Motion to reaffirm the Strategic Plan.

Motion by Monica Isham, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

c. Annual Mission Statement Review

The board will review the existing mission statement and discuss changes if necessary. November is the established permanent time of the year for this important review.

Motion to reaffirm the Mission Statement.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

Ojibwe Tribal College Association is now an official organization. All 10 Ojibwe Tribal Colleges are represented on the Board. Next meeting in 30 days. They want to be incorporated in Wisconsin and under LCO code.

Residence Hall

Miigwech to our Tribal Governing Board, Mark Montano and namely Brian Bisonette for completing the approval process with respect to the lease and infrastructure plan. We are currently reviewing the plans with the engineers and architects. The project will be bid soon and assuming all goes well, we will plan to break ground Spring 2024 on the first-ever LCOOU residence hall. I appreciate each of you and everyone that contributed to the success of this project. Of course, we must not forget Senator Baldwin and her team. We would not be building this hall without their leadership.



Medical School Development

LCOOU and our potential partner are meeting as leadership teams to create the shared vision and begin to do the work necessary to make an LCOOU medical school become a reality on the LCOOU Nation. We are progressing and inching further toward this much needed facility for all tribal communities we serve. Board of Regents will meet with potential partner on January 8th, 2024, while they are here.

AIHEC President/CEO Search

President Swagger was nominated and accepted appointment to the AIHEC President/CEO search to replace Ms. Carrie Billy, former President/CEO.

Motion to approve President's Report.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

Break at 10:43 am – 11:07 am.

12. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:36 am.

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

- a. Academic update
- b. Student complaint (FYI)
- c. President's Contract

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 1:52 pm.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber



Motion to approve that the Board of Regents authorizes Dr. Swagger to enter into these negotiations and sign any contracts toward the \$74, 500.

Motion by Monica Isham, second by Kyle Van Acker.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber

13. Next Meeting – January 19, 2024

Next meeting will be moved to January 26, 2024. The University is closed January 19, 2024 for Treaty Day.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:02 pm.

Motion by Marie Basty, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber