



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

February 17, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer offered by Kyle Van Acker
2. Call to Order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:09 am
3. Roll Call
Present – Jason Bisonette, Gary Gerber, Marie Basty, Monica Chase, Kyle Van Acker
Absent – Melissa Lewis, Daryl Coons Jr.
4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement – 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 Monica Chase
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.
Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Kyle Van Acker
Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty
7. Public Comment - None
8. Student Senate Report - None
9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report –
Lorraine Gouge, Tribal Governing Board Representative, was present.
Lorraine said the daycare will be holding a meeting to find out the needs of the University students for childcare.
Hayward Community School District is looking for applicants for the JOM tutor position open up at the high school and intermediate school.



10. Financial Overview

Continued work on our FY23-24 budget and hope to have the draft to the board by March or April.

Business office and financial aid have been communicating with each other on current practices of our offices and how they interact. We are re-evaluating how that might change with the new system. We are in discussion about requiring FAFSA for students and what processes we will have in place for students and payment plans. Hope to have more information soon on what is decided.

Financial aid is busy getting ready to disburse students their aid for the spring semester. They are reviewing the applications they have received for scholarships and reaching out to students that they need additional information from. They have been busy with training in Ellucian as well and are currently uploading ISIR (Institutional Student Information Record) into the new system for next year. They should be going live in the fall semester as well as AR.

We are continuing to have our Account Receivable training with Ellucian and training on how to put charges on student's accounts, take payments from students, and recording other cash receipts. We will have three days of live simulation training February 28th, March 1st and 2nd.

Continue to monitor our current grants. Wes Wilson just sent out an application to Otto Bremer Trust. We have received funds from them previously for emergency aid and should know in the near future whether we will be awarded or not.

Motion to approve Financial Overview.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

a. COVID Financial Report

Read into record – reviewed and approved

Motion to approve COVID Financial Report

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

b. BHA Monthly Report



11. President's Report

The University is organizing a meeting with its team and representatives from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding of the master facility plan with a focus on the vocational trades facility.

Will be in continued contact with the general contractor in regards to the leaking roof that was replaced last summer.

Discussed the vocational trade facility. Presently, the architect is designing the facility to come up with some estimates for costs of materials, labor, square footage, etc.

Our auditor noted problems with our financial aid reporting. That problem was resolved and is not presently an issue in this audit period. However, we are still required to make corrections found in the 20-21 audit period. Right now, we are overdue. The Federal Student Aid Office is in contact with us and demanding this to be fixed. According to Provost, we are to report our progress to them by Monday, February 13th. Dr. Swagger will send out an email when issue is resolved.

The AIHEC annual student conference is being held March 4-7 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The University is sending a team of 9 students to compete and approximately 4 coaches/chaperones. AIHEC also held its annual Hill meeting where the tribal colleges and universities go to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional representatives. LCOOU did not attend but did send materials.

Our April board meeting will be held April 20-21 in Madison, WI, in conjunction with the WIEA meeting. Dr. James Pete is the WIEA Board Chair, President Swagger, will see about getting a meeting with WIEA's board while there.

Motion to approve President's Report

Motion by Monica Chase, second by Gary Gerber

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

Break – 10:17 am – 10:39 am

12. Other



13. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 10:55 am.

Motion by Monica Chase, second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 11:22 am.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Monica Chase

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

14. Next Meeting – March 17, 2023

15. Adjournment

Adjourn at 11:27 am