



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

January 20, 2023
9:00am – 12:00pm
LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer offered by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to order by Jason Bisonette at 9:13 am
3. Roll Call –
Present – Jason Bisonette, Monica Chase, Marie Basty, Daryl Coons Jr., Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis
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.
5. Approval of today's agenda

Motion to approve today's agenda.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Daryl Coons Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Jason Bisonette, Monica Chase, Marie Basty, Daryl Coons Jr., Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Correction to previous meeting minutes for Change Orders

Motion to approve Change Orders 4 in the amount of \$78,035 for the contract with Woodstone, Inc. which will revise the contract from \$1,619,115 to \$1,697,150.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Kyle Van Acker
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Monica Chase, Marie Basty, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis
Abstain: Jason Bisonette, Daryl Coons Jr., Gary Gerber
7. Public Comment – None



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8. Student Senate Report

Presented by Student Senate President, Lisa Schuman. Student Senate are working to update bylaws and hope to be done by the end of the year. They are planning an end of the year celebration, a spirit week and a fitness month.

9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report - None

10. Financial Overview

Presented tuition review. At this time, making recommendation to stay at our current rates of \$250 per credit for undergraduate and \$450 per credit for graduate.

Currently working on the first payroll through Ellucian. Looking to have payroll fully implemented within the next few weeks.

Starting budget management training in Ellucian on the 17th and will be learning how to manage our budgets within Ellucian.

Working with Ellucian to be mapped to the Argos software to be able to build financial reports.

Motion to approve Financial Overview.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

a. COVID Financial Report – Report presented and read into record.

Motion to approve COVID Financial Report

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

b. BHA Monthly Report

Break 9:49 am – 10:05 am



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11. President's Report

President Swagger will be preparing Esports, Mens and Womens Golf, and Mens and Womens basketball programs. He will prepare an assessment and then a plan for how to develop the programs.

LCOOU received official word from the Higher Learning Commission that the dates for the Standard Pathway mid-cycle will be held academic year 2024-2025 on November 4 and 5, 2024.

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium has lost two Presidents recently. President Stephanie Hammitt, President of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College passed away after a battle with cancer. President Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska passed away after a long battle with a terminal illness. Both will be sorely missed and made significant contributions to tribal students and communities.

LCOOU is working with Ms. Roxanne Delille, Bad River Tribal Member, to begin preparations for the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium accreditation.

Presented the final draft of the vocational trades feasibility study. Great news! Senator Baldwins office notified us that we were awarded an additional \$5,000,000 to assist in the construction of a vocational trades facility. We are now working with architects, the fundraising advisory board, and executive council to move forward with the construction of the facility and plan to raise additional funds.

LCOOU is going to commission studies for economic impact and return on investment. These will likely be prepared in the 2023 first quarter.

Ms. Karen Breit and Ms. Jessica Wagner-Schultz met Chairman Wiggins and team about plans with the University going forward. President Swagger requested the Chairman to serve as a special chairperson to call a meeting of all Ojibwe nation tribal leaders to come up with an educational plan for higher education. We also requested that he urge all chairs to attend our annual summit. Chairman Wiggins agreed to both requests. He is a great supporter of the University and we appreciate all of his help.

President Swagger and Jessica Wagner-Schultz met with the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council. President Swagger updated the Council on enrollment, debt owed, the move to a new building in the LDF community, and our changes

becoming a university and raising money for a master facility plan. The President requested the Council create subcommittee of the tribal council to



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assist the University with development of programs specifically for LDF. The Tribal Council directed the President to meet with their education committee and their higher education director.

Reviewed master facility plan along with map presented.

Motion to approve President's Report

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

12. Other

- a. Update Lease – Working with Tribal Governing Board
- b. Change Orders – No current change orders presented.
- c. Tribal Governing Board Years of Service Request –
Board will not partake with the Tribal Governing Board Years of Service recognition policy.

13. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:02 am

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to reconvene into open session at 11:40 am

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Gary Gerber

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

14. Next Meeting – February 17, 2023

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:45 am