



## **Board of Regents Regular Meeting**

June 16, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

### **Minutes**

1. Opening Prayer by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to Order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:19 am.
3. Roll Call  
  
Present: Chairman Jason Bisonette, Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis  
  
Absent: Gary Gerber – notified, Marie Basty – will be joining soon
4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement by Kyle Van Acker.  
  
**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: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes  
  
Motion to approve previous meeting minutes  
  
Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty  
  
Final Resolution: Motion carries  
  
Yea: Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty  
  
Abstain: Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr., Kyle Van Acker



7. Public Comment – None
8. Student Senate Report - None
9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report – None

Marie Basty joined meeting at 9:27 am.

#### 10. Financial Overview

Attached below is the budget verses actual for May and we are showing a good amount of funds underbudget and only have June left so we should be good with our carryover funds for next years budget. Just monitoring and working on year end in the month of June.

Received our list from the auditors and will be working on that list. All our items are due on 7/31/23. Will be reaching out to see when they plan to be on site and doing fieldwork for the audit. Also get a timeline of when they plan to complete the audit this year and will update the board.

Financial aid is gearing up to start disbursing for the summer term. They are planning to be done with disbursements for summer by July 17th so that we can close out student balances and start the balance migration into Colleague.

Started back up with our meetings with our accounts receivable team and planning to do another mini live simulation to make sure everything looks good to go before we go live in July. We plan to go live on July 25th for accounts receivable and will start billing for students for the fall term.

Training with TouchNet and planning to also do some more testing with them to make sure we have everything set up for students and ready to go by the go live date in July. Students will be able to make payments online, set up payment plans, and get on demand statements through TouchNet which will be really helpful to our students.

Recently awarded a grant from the American Indian College Fund for \$18,000 for Native Students Stepping Forward: Dollar General High School Equivalency Completion Program. This program will be to help support our GED/HSED students here at the University.

Several grants are being proposed to the executive council team that we are planning to apply for and will give updates if awarded.

First meeting with Argos on May 31st and it went well. We gave them a list of the reports that are needed by our office and the priority. They are well aware that the financial statements are very high priority and need to be done ASAP. I have another training session with them on July 17th to start report writing and getting our financial statements built.



Motion to approve financial overview

Motion by Kyle Van Acker, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

- a. COVID Financial Report – read into record – reviewed and accepted
- b. BHA Monthly Report

#### 11. President's Report

- a. Change order approval

Will be addressed in 12a.

- b. Land Lease

We need to discuss strategy. President Swagger met with Willard Gouge briefly about our plans. Since we don't have a lease, we haven't advanced any conversations with them. He let me know that their involvement will mean that we may have to extend our timeline. This potentially impacts our funding.

- c. Academic Update (Social work licensure, Teacher Licensure, NAS Teaching Licensure, K-9 Teaching Licensure, advisory boards)

President Swagger and Dr. Iken are preparing for the HLC visit in November 2024. They are also working with WIDPI officials to get the teacher education program licensed and three tracks approved in Native American Studies/Ojibwemowin, K-9 education, and social work licensure. We should be able to enroll teachers by January 2024 and the three tracks likely in the summer or fall 2024.

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

As stated earlier, we are preparing for this visit. Dr. Iken will be leading the writing of the Assurance Argument. She is scheduled to be on campus June 12, 13, and 14 to meet with the Executive Council and get people assigned to their roles, work on a timeline, and to begin working on a review of our academic assessment processes.

- e. AIHEC Student Conference

Melissa Crow and Tina Garner are our main points of contact for the roles we are playing. Daryl and Kyle are leading the archery competition and Mike Heim is leading the traditional plants competition.



f. Ojibwe Tribal College Association

We have a document regarding our incorporating choices developed by our lawyer. We will forward this to the other Presidents for their review. Once we have that issue resolved, our lawyer will work on articles of incorporation, by-laws, etc. We hope to have the Presidents here on campus during the Summit to do a major press conference.

g. Board of Regents/Administration Retreat – need to identify dates and location

Motion to approve President's Report

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Break 10:45 am – 10:57 am

12. Other

a. Change order ratification

Motion to ratify the approval of \$61,287 change order that was sent on June 01, 2023.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:02 am

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 11:03 am

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

b. Campaign Advancement

Jean Batemen from Bateman Consulting presented plan for campaign advancement along with Jessica Wagner-Schultz, LCOOU Director of Institutional Advancement/Marketing & Communications.



Motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:45 am

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

13. Executive Session

a. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

b. Enrollment update and concerns

c. Student advising

d. Advanced degree development

e. HEAB Update

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 1:35 pm

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Results from Executive Session - None

14. Next Meeting – July 21, 2023

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 1:35 pm

Motion by Monica Isham, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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