



## **Board of Regents Regular Meeting**

March 17, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

### **Minutes**

1. Opening Prayer offered by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to Order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:16 am
3. Roll Call

Present: Jason Bisonette, Daryl Coons Jr., Monica Isham, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber, Marie Basty.

Absent: Melissa Lewis - Notified

4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement – 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: Daryl Coons Jr., Monica Isham, Kyle Van Acker, Gary Gerber, Marie Basty.

6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Motion by Marie Basty, second by Gary Gerber

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Melissa Lewis entered meeting at 9:19

7. Public Comment – None



8. Student Senate Report – Lisa Schuman, Student Senate President, presented Student Senate report.

Student Senate by-laws are in final review.

Student Senate is working on End of the Year Block Party for May 13, 2023 from 3:00-7:00 pm.

Student Senate is having lunch with Dr. Swagger on March 23, 2023.

Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Business Bowl and 2<sup>nd</sup> in plant identification at the AIHEC Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report – Lorraine Gouge – Tribal Governing Board Representative

Discussed State Tribal Address.

Inquired if TRiO needs additional help.

10. Financial Overview

General Business Office:

Currently working with WIPFLI on our 990, will send the draft to the board once it is completed for approval.

Financial Aid:

Financial aid has been disbursing spring aid for little over a month now and things are going well. They have disbursed approximately \$263K so far and still have a bit of disbursing yet to do.

Financial Aid has also been working on communicating with our bachelor graduates to ensure that they are aware of the scholarship opportunities for graduates if they plan to continue on for their master's degree.

Ellucian Update:

Business Office had our live simulation last week and things went well with the accounts receivable module. We tested a variety of student types and billing to make sure everything is working right. Just a few things related to billing will need to be fixed and tested again later. We plan to go live with accounts receivable in July. We will need to work on getting our student account balances over to the new system.

Business office has a little bit of a break from Colleague training until the summertime so we will be working on any tasks that need to be completed before we go live with the accounts receivable module.



Grants:

Continuing to monitor and analyze expenditures for grants. There will be a few grants ending at fiscal year end and so just making sure that those grants are getting expensed before the end of the fiscal year.

Financials:

Brown Hendrix and Associates did mention that they are starting to investigate what the next steps are with getting the Argos system up and running for reporting. Hoping to have more news to share at next month's meeting. I have attached our budget verses actual report and cash on hand.

Motion to whomever we have our deposits with to secure our deposits on anything above the FDIC insured limits with top grade securities.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to approve Financial Overview

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

a. COVID Financial Report

Read into record – reviewed and accepted

Motion to approve COVID Financial Report

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

b. BHA Monthly Report – Read into record – reviewed and accepted

Break 10:35 am – 11:45 am

Daryl Coons Jr. left meeting at 11:26 am.

Tina Garner presented information for the WIEA convention on April 19, 2023- April 21, 2023.



## 11. President's Report

Commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Powwow grounds. If weather is a factor, the ceremony will be held at the LCO School gymnasium. Student awards ceremony will be held Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Board of Regents and Executive Council will travel to Madison for the WIEA conference. We will be having a dinner meeting with the WIEA Board on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Working on arranging meetings with officials in Madison.

Dr. Swagger had two meet and greets. One at Red Cliff and one at Lac du Flambeau. Both were well attended.

The Woodlands Tribal Colleges and Universities are beginning to organize and plan for AIHEC 2024 likely to be held in the Minneapolis Convention Center. This means that we will need to seek volunteers to help work with the conference.

Dr. Swagger wanted to mention the commitment from Gary Gerber for his 30 years on the Board of Regents.

Vocational trades building discussed in regard to initiating a feasibility study to create concept of vocational trades.

We have had our first planning meeting for the design of the dormitory. We will present our final recommendation to you and seek your input prior to finalizing the plan. We also are planning community meetings and meetings with students, staff, and faculty.

Karen and Jessica went to Marquette for some meetings. While they were there, they talked with Marquette about a possible meeting with the Medical School. The Medical School is not a part of Marquette but they do partner. The thinking is that our University would partner with the Medical School to help us develop our own medical school here which is a part of our vision and planning. We will keep you informed.

Discussion to increase nursing programs tuition to \$400 per credit hour. Executive Council approved the increase to \$400 per credit hour and to bring forward to the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept Dr. Swagger's recommendation to increase the nursing school tuition to \$400 per credit hour.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Kyle Van Acker.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to approve President's Report

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty



Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

12. Other – None

Break 12:22 pm – 12:50 pm

13. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 12:55 pm.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 1:20 pm.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

14. Next Meeting – April 21, 2023

15. Adjournment

16. Adjourn at 1:21 pm