



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

March 18th, 2022

LCOOC Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to order - 9:12am
3. Roll Call – Monica Chase, Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis, Marie Basty, Daryl Coons Jr. Kyle Van Acker, Jason Bisonette
4. Reading of LCOOC Mission Statement – Marie Basty
The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College 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 – Kyle Van Acker motioned to approve agenda. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried. Added procurement under other, changed budget year to 2022-2023.
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve previous minutes. Monica Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.
7. Public Comment -none
8. Student Senate Report-Mr. Barber
Still working on Kickapoloza event for end of the year. Senate is working with Ms. Petit for Covid protocols. Senate wasn't able to get funding to attend FLAO Conference in Seattle. Will make sure to include all tribal governing boards for the various locations we serve in future monetary requests. Bylaws will be approved within next week or two. Student purchased t-shirts and caps/gown, \$3000. Food is \$500, gifts under \$500. Also made donation to support AISES travel. Plan for a schedule of conferences student senate should attend, at least 2 or 3.
9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report - Ms. Gouge
Request from TGB to have a meeting to discuss funding from Senator Baldwin. Continued relationships with all students at all grades. Need to present master plan to TGB and ensure everyone is understanding of the property being leased. Need to have this done before we have architects and engineers on the ground. Need to be at the table.



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10. Financial Overview

Business office- working with auditors to get audit finished. They plan to have it done in April. Audit not being done impacts various areas including contributions of donations. Extremely frustrated with this delay, especially during college expansion. Issues on auditors end as to the reason for delay include turnover, new regulations, and COVID.

Meeting with Brett to continue working on financial analysis picking drivers and benchmarks of ratios. Working on uncollectable receivables write off. Ellucian discover meeting, was able to upload new chart of accounts into test environment. Financial aid disbursed all big items already. Will work on BIA and smaller items now. Continuing to monitor grants. Few grants are ending end of fiscal year so working with managers to get spent down, not waiting last minute.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve financial report. Melissa Lewis motioned. Motion carried.

a. COVID Financial Report

College spent down 84 percent of funding. Just this week Dept. of Ed sent out one year no cost extension. June 2023 new deadline for spending BIE funds out.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve COVID report. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

b. Charter schools - no report

c. Subcommittee for policy on uncollectable revenue

Dr. Swagger looking for volunteers to be a part of subcommittee. Volunteers act in limited authority.

d. Proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Charter school budget includes Sarah Hackett's consulting work.

Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to approve budget with changes more than \$10,000 brought back to the Board. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

Break - 10:16am -10:25am

11. President's Report

a. Mr. Bob Eck Introduction/Scholarship

Guest of honor. Chair and founder of Eck Family Foundation, Chair of Marquette College Board.

b. Annual tuition review

Annual review in November.



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- c. College of Menomonie Nation Board to Board Meeting
Propose board to board meeting with Dr. Caldwell and his team. Schedule later in June.
- d. Campus Expansion
Sent email regarding Omnibus Appropriations Legislation. College to receive 5 million for student housing. We will use this to help leverage other funds. Hoping to get 8-10 million dollars. At least 100 beds in the dormitory when all is said and done. We passed up opportunity to apply for low-income tax credits. We will apply for this in December for family housing. Meeting with TGB is critical to make sure we stay on track with our timeline.
Motion – Daryl Coons Jr. motioned to approve President’s report. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

12. Other

- a. Policy 5.819 Working Remotely
EC voted to end policy, with one member opposing. Policy was created due to COVID.
Motion – Monica Chase motioned to accept the President’s recommendation to dissolve Policy 5.819 Working Remotely. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.
- b. Education Assistance Plan Policy
This is in the budget approved. People will have to fill out an application that complies with federal law. This will pay off existing debt. Another part will go for tuition so employees will pursue educational opportunities.
Motion – Kyle Van Acker motioned to approve policy on Education Assistance. Gary Gerber seconded motion. Motion carried.
- c. April board meeting dates
- d. Procurement
Purchase of tractor, attachments and zero turn mower for farm use.
Motion – Gary Gerber motioned to authorize the purchase of a tractor, attachments and zero turn mower in the amount of \$64,737.44 from Tractor Central utilizing funds from Rural Development. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

13. Executive Session – none

14. Next Meeting – April 22, 2022

15. Adjournment -11:51am