



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

November 17, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer

2. Call to Order by Marie Basty at 9:21 am.

3. Roll Call

Present: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

Absent: Jason Bisonette, Monica Isham, Daryl Coons Jr. – All notified

4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement by 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 Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Motion by Kyle Van Acker, second by Gary Gerber

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

7. Public Comment - None

8. Student Senate Report – Ask Danielle for Student Senate President to join future meetings.

9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report - None

10. Financial Overview

- a. Audit review with Brian Anderson WIPFLI

Motion to approve audit.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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



We have attached our draft audit for the year and Brian Anderson from WIPFLI will be presenting the audit at our board meeting.

Continued work on our FY2025 budget with university team. Goal is to have our “Wishlist” budget completed by December to then start working on getting it balanced. Sent out training video to our budget managers on how to input their budget numbers into MyLCOOU, will save lots of time with having our budget managers adding their budgets in the system.

Our new staff accountant Melinda Gayken started, and we are happy to have her be a part of the team. She is doing a fantastic job already and looking forward to continuing to work with her.

Financial aid has been busy and is starting to wind down with disbursements. There are just a few awards left to disburse to students, otherwise she is wrapping up for the semester and starting to prepare for spring term.

We are mainly done with our Colleague training other than a few things such as year-end close out, 1098T training, and W2 training. Otherwise, we seem to be wrapping up with Colleague training.

No new awards to talk about for this past month but continue to work on our grant process and grants management. As I mentioned before this is part of my capstone project and excited to roll out the new process and procedure for how we are going to do our grants management.

We still haven't heard anything from Colleague about the organization that we will be working with to do our report writing and so I decided to build them from scratch in excel. I had WIPFLI provide me their working trial balance and their mapping for how they did our financial statements for FY2023. This helped me tremendously and I have been able to build our reports and also our financial ratios.

Reviewed Financial Aid Policy –
Added policies to Chapter 12.19 – Department of Defense
12.1901 Ban Against Inducements, Commissions and High-Pressure Recruitment
12.1902 Readmission of Service Members
12.1903 Service Members Contacting Educational Service Officers (ESO)



Increase Faculty, Staff and Adjuncts Christmas Bonus from \$500 to \$1000.

Motion for budget modification from \$500 Christmas bonus to \$1000 Christmas bonus for this year.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

- b. COVID Financial Report
- c. BHA Monthly Report

Motion to approve Financial Report.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

11. President's Report

- a. Academic Update
- b. HLC accreditation midpoint visit update (assessment, reorganization to schools, cohesion of programs and leadership)

Getting ready for the accreditation multi-location visit set for April 2024. Application is being completed for the multi-location visits.

- c. Annual strategic plan review
Moving to December's agenda.
- d. Annual Mission statement review
Moving to December's agenda.

OTCA

We are awaiting the incorporating documents to be completed by our Attorney. We were hoping to have a press conference during the Summit. We were unable to host the press conference during the Summit. Therefore, we are planning a time in the near future. We will keep the Board apprised. We hope Board members will be able to attend and show support to the other OTCA Presidents.

Residence Hall

Received approval from TGB for the sewer system design to finish the plans for the infrastructure. Thank you to Brian Bisonette for working on getting the approval.



Medical College

President Swagger and the likely partner on this development are in ongoing conversations and planning for the Medical School.

Motion to accept President's Report
Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Kyle Van Acker
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

12. Other

- a. Establishing an email account on website for people needing to contact the Board of Regents

Motion to provide update to the website on the Board page to include information about monthly meetings schedule and public comment section on the agenda.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

Break at 10:55 am – 11:05 am

13. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:07 am.
Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Melissa Lewis
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

- a. Academic update
- b. Student complaint (FYI)

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 12:55 pm.
Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Kyle Van Acker
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty

14. Next Meeting – December 15, 2023

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:56 pm.
Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Gary Gerber
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Yea: Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Kyle Van Acker, Marie Basty