



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

October 20, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to Order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:09 am
3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Jason Bisonette, Marie Basty, Gary Gerber, Melissa Lewis, Daryl Coons Jr., Kyle Van Acker

Absent: Monica Isham

4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement by 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

Convene into Executive Session after #8 – Student Senate Report.

Add Fiscal policy approval under #12 – Other

Motion to approve today's agenda.

Motion by Marie Basty, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

6. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Kyle Van Acker

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Abstain: Melissa Lewis



7. Public Comment - None
8. Student Senate Report – None
9. Executive Session

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 9:13 am.

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

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

Motion to reconvene into Open Session at 10:52.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

Break 10:52 am – 11:03 am

10. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report (awaiting TGB selection)

11. Financial Overview

Still working on the audit and hoping to get that wrapped up soon. We are still working on getting the last few enrollment verifications that the auditor was requesting.

Sent out an e-mail to get the ball rolling with FY24-25 budget. We have asked our department managers to start having conversations and set up meetings with their areas to have discussion on what the budget needs are for next year. It's important to make sure everyone feels included with the budgeting process. I would like wishlist budgets by the end of November and will be training our budget directors how to enter their budgets into Colleague. Attached is our Fiscal Policy and Procedure up for board approval.



FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid has started their disbursements for the semester. Seems all is going well with running financial aid in Colleague. Attached is Kim Revoy's report.

COLLEAGUE UPDATE:

Student accounts receivable is continuing to work well in Colleague. We finished add/drop and census date so things have settled for billing, we are looking at fall semester revenue at around \$581,560. We have also ran our first round of student refunds and it seems to work really well in the new system. Students can put their own banking information in MyLCOOU so they can receive their refund via direct deposit.

Still communicating about TouchNet and getting students to sign up for payment plans. We hope to do a larger effort at this now that financial aid is being disbursed and can see what students need to have a payment plan. Our lead accountant will be reaching out to students with balances to work with them on signing up for a payment plan.

GRANTS:

Been extremely busy with grants the last few months. Continuing to work on the official process and forms to help streamline grants management.

The university was recently awarded a large grant with the Department of Education. The grant is called Ozhitamaadizoyang Project (The making it ourselves project). This grant is a five-year grant in the amount of \$2,321,207. The project director of the grant is Kristy Phillips, education faculty. This grant's focus is to address the Native American teacher retention initiatives and wanting to create a program that will be replicable for neighboring indigenous communities to do the same. The goal of this project is to develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of our services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of Native students attending preschool, elementary, and secondary schools in our designated service area.

The university was recently awarded \$50,000 from National Science Foundation for Planning Cyberinfrastructure Strategic Planning. This project will be managed by our IT Director, Tristan Stevens. This grant is a one-year grant ending 8/31/24.



The university was recently awarded \$70,000 from National Science Foundation with collaboration with Northwestern university. This grant is the Strengthening Resilience of Ojibwe Nations Across Generations (STRONG). This grant will be managed by Deb Anderson, science faculty. This grant is a one-year grant, ending 7/31/24. LCOOU will help to co-develop curriculum to support STRONG to generate community impact and to help generate useful and useable data and tools that support Ojibwe Nations.

The university was awarded a grant through Sovereign Equity Fund for \$200,000. This is a two-year grant, ending 8/31/25. The project director for this grant will be John Patrick, Native American Studies Faculty. This grant is to advance cultural foodways and will provide opportunities to further food sovereignty.

The university was notified recently that we are going to be a part of a joint proposal with the University of Hawaii-Hilo and University of Alaska Southeast. This project is called Aanikoobijigeng: Connecting Generations. This will be a five-year grant with a total award of \$6.6M.

FINANCIALS:

Still waiting about when we will get back into the Argos training. When our audit is complete, I would like to use their mapping to help possibly create a excel spreadsheet that I might be able to use for financials.

Motion to approve Financial Overview.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

- a. COVID Financial Report – Read into record – Reviewed and accepted
- b. BHA Monthly Report – Read into record – Reviewed and accepted

12. President's Report

a. Academic Update

Aundrea Worthing – Founding Dean of Career and Technical Education/Chief Academic Officer presented the Academic Update.

Migrating Jenzabar and Colleague

Student registration moved back to October 30th.

Working on student handbook.



Scheduling faculty times for Spring.

High priority working with Directors in HUS & Nursing departments for accreditations.

Aundrea & Lydia working through all the grants to support all the departments.

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

Simultaneously, we are working on the HLC multi-site location visit happening Spring 2024. The visiting HLC peer reviewer is coming from University of Wisconsin Superior. We are in contact with Dr. Rogers of UW Superior and planning the details of her visit and preparing the documentation needed.

April Outreach Sites visits are as follows –

Red Cliff April 12, 2023 8:15 am

Bad River April 12, 2023 1:30 pm

Karen Breit – Chief of Staff presented.

State Representatives on Campus and in the area for the fentanyl round table.

Brief overview of institution and advancements

Master facility plans presented by Mark Montano

Fundraising efforts presented by Jessica Wagner-Schultz

Representatives want to be partners working together in economic and work force development.

Motion to approve President's Report.

Motion by Melissa Lewis, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

13. Other

- a. Personnel policy approval regarding leave

Motion to approve Policy 9.4 Personnel Leave Policy.

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Marie Basty

Final Resolution: Motion carries



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

b. Advancement policy approval

Motion to approve Advancement Policy.

Motion by Daryl Coons Jr., second by Melissa Lewis

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

c. Fiscal Policy & Procedure approval

Motion to approve Fiscal Policy & Procedure

Motion by Gary Gerber, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

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

14. Next Meeting – November 17, 2023

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 pm.

Motion by Marie Basty, second by Daryl Coons Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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