



Board of Regents Regular Meeting

October 21, 2022
9:00am – 12:00pm
LCOOU Boardroom

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer offered by Daryl Coons Jr.
2. Call to order by Chairman Jason Bisonette at 9:12am
3. Roll Call - Jason Bisonette, Monica Chase, Marie Basty, Daryl Coons Jr., Gary Gerber, Kyle Van Acker, Melissa Lewis.
4. Reading of LCOOU Mission Statement – 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
Melissa Lewis motioned to approve the agenda. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.
6. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Melissa Lewis motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Gary Gerber seconded motion. Motion carried.
7. Public Comment - None
8. Student Senate Report – Lisa Shuman, newly elected Student Senate President presented the Student Senate report. The Student Senate had their elections in September and inaugurated at the 7 Generations Summit. The Student Senate meets on Wednesday.
9. Tribal Governing Board Liaison Report - None
10. Financial Overview
Business Office - Brian Anderson with WIPFLI reached out on Wednesday to give us an update on the audit. They are doing some testing on our Work Based Learning grant and then after that will be wrapping up the audit. He said the financials are in good shape and just doing some minor cleanup and review. Planning to have the financial statements for the audit completed by the end of the month.



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Business Office processed student charges in September, and expensed \$682,236 in revenue for the fall semester. May see this increase if University is able to increase the B-term enrollment as well. Budgeted \$774,000 for the fall so will plan to make up with the B-term or within the spring semester.

Received our BIE 471 funds for our ISC. We budgeted \$1.3M and ended up receiving \$1.7M.

Will plan on presenting a tuition review next board meeting and still working out a process for program viability and course review.

Attached the budget verses actual for September. Starting the budget planning process for FY22-23 and sent out the budget worksheets to budget directors that will be due back to Lydia on November 4th.

FINANCIAL AID - Financial aid has been working very hard to get disbursements ready for students. They processed their first disbursement the week of October 10th. They are still working with their scholarship committee on the institutional and AICF applications to get those disbursed soon.

GRANTS - Our grants management committee met in September to go over the fiscal policy section that refers to grants management. We are still working on grant proposal forms and the process for applying, post award, managing, and grant close out.

FINANCIALS - Scheduled for Argos training for report creating in our Ellucian system on December 6th – 8th. Will be able to work on getting the financial statement reporting set up in Ellucian

a. COVID Financial Report – Department of Education funds to be spent down by June 2023. Quarterly reports submitted for COVID financials.

b. BHA Monthly Report – Report presented in packet.

Break 9:53 – 10:07 Gary Gerber motioned to approve break. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

11. President's Report

Our annual summit was held and was very well attended. Chii-Miigwech to Jessica WagnerSchulz and her team, Karen Breit, the College of Menominee Nation Team, and the UW System, namely President Jay Rothman. Per our Board Chair Jason Bisonette's urging, we had a half-day devoted to the State of the Child. The sessions were very well attended and powerful.



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The 40th Anniversary celebration was held October 13th. The event was very well attended. ChiiMiigwech to Jessica Wagner-Schulz and her team for creating such an amazing experience.

President Swagger and Karen Breit traveled to Bad River and met with Chairman Wiggins and Higher Education Director Stephanie Julian. We discussed our organizational relationship and plans for moving forward and expanding our offerings and student population. The Bad River Tribe has committed new financial resources to higher education and the chairman discussed plans to increase space for the University. We will continue to work on these new developments and keep the Board apprised. We are very thankful to Chairman Wiggins, Stephanie Julian, and the Bad River Tribal Leadership and Community for entrusting their higher education needs to the LCOO University.

The OTCA association held its inaugural meeting October 13, 2022. President Swagger chaired the meeting. Seven of ten Presidents participated. The OTCA board members elected President Swagger as Founding Chair, President Bedell (Bay Mills) as Founding Vice-Chair, and President Montgomery (Leech Lake) as Founding Secretary-Treasurer. The Board decided to table the conversation regarding options as to how to organize (state 501(c)3 or tribal) for the next meeting. This will give each President time to visit with their legal advisors and others to be prepared to discuss their perspectives. Overall, the meeting was exciting and finally off the ground and moving forward. Chii-Miigwech to Karen Breit, Mark Montano, and Jim Schlender for helping us get to this point. This development will be great for Ojibwe Country. A major press event is being planned for next year to make the announcement.

President Swagger is preparing a report for the Board to review at their November meeting. The report will be submitted to your lco.edu email addresses. It will be sent in the first week of November. Please be prepared to discuss the report and come with ideas for other goals you would like us to pursue.

Daryl Coons Jr. motioned to accept the President's report. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

12. Other

- a. Update Lease - Per our TGB Liaison, Lorraine Gouge, she and Brian Bisonette met about completing the lease. Brian will be meeting with Mark Montano. The TGB met and needs clarification before finalizing the lease which is why the meeting with the University needs to take place. In the meantime, the University is completing the work it can in preparation of receiving funding to construct the first-ever single-student dormitory.



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- b. Architect Selection – Seven companies sent in request for qualifications. Performed an on-site interview of two companies.

Motion to approve to authorize the President to negotiate the terms with LSE.

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

- c. Change Orders –
a. HVAC contract increase requested is \$214,239.78 for change orders 1 thru 7.

Motion to approve the change order as it states in the request 1 thru 7 in the amount of \$214,239.78.

Kyle Van Acker motioned to approve. Marie Basty seconded motion. Motion carried.

- b. Siding Contract increase requested if \$104,967 for change orders 1 thru 3.

Motion to approve the change order 1 thru 3 in the amount of \$104,967.

Melissa Lewis motioned to approve. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

- d. Name Change Resolution –

Motion to accept the resolution to change name to Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University.

Melissa Lewis motioned to approve. Daryl Coons Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried.

Lunch Break 11:50 am - 12:11 pm

Marie Basty left the meeting at 11:50 am and returned at 12:21 pm.

Gary Gerber left the meeting at 11:50 am and returned at 12:13 pm.



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13. Executive Session

Daryl Coons Jr. motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:12 pm. Melissa Lewis seconded motion. Motion carried.

Gary Gerber motioned to adjourn from Executive Session at 12:53 pm. Kyle Van Acker seconded motion. Motion carried.

14. Next Meeting – November 18, 2022

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 12:54 pm