

Sisseton Wahpeton College
Regular Meeting
(Auditorium)
Board of Trustees Minutes
3/19/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM.

Roll Call:

Big Coulee	Marijo Keeble	Present
Buffalo Lake	Heather Larsen	Present
Enemy Swim	Janell Williams	Present
Lake Traverse	Jessica Redthunder	Present
Long Hollow	Izola Flyinghorse	Present
Old Agency	James Bird Jr.	Present
Veblen/Heipa	Marie Renville	Present
Tribal Council Ex. Officio	Gypsy Wanna	Present
Student Council	Aja Redwing	Present

Roll call has been established.

Others Present: President Dr. Erica C. Holmes, Dean of Student's Vince Owen, Dean of Academic's Scott Morgan, Human Resource Manager Deb Anderson, Delvin Lufkins, Melissa White and Recorder Lauren E. Owen.

Opening Prayer given by Tribal Council Ex. Officio Gypsy Wanna.

Janell Williams the Board Chairman chaired the meeting.

Roll call was taken a quorum was established.

Motion 1: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the agenda. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Question by Trustee Keeble. Motion voted passed.

Chairwoman Williams opened the floor for public comment and there were none.

Reading of the Mission Statement.

The board was informed that board minutes from January were included in their packets.

Motion 2: Motion made by Trustee Flyinghorse to approve the minutes of 2/20/2024. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Bird. Motion voted passed.

- President Holmes presented the final report of the Interim President Rhonda Labatte. This report established the new president signature authorities and also the change of the meeting location for the board of trustees meeting.
- President Holmes gave her monthly report and highlighted events that happened at the 2024 AIHEC Conference.

- President Holmes gave details on recognizing Women’s History Month and acknowledged students and Staff and local representative Tamara St. John and the first President Yvonne Wynde.
- Congratulations was extended by President Holmes to the Women’s basketball team on winning the AIHEC championship and congratulations was also extended to the Men’s basketball team as runners up at the tournament.
- President Holmes invited Student Senate President Aja Redwing to give further updates on the AIHEC 2024 awards.

President Holmes recommended moving to using a consent agenda for Board meetings.

Student Senate Report: Aja Redwing reported on the 2024 AIHEC and herself and Aaron Koop were seated at the national level on the AIHEC Student Council.

Dean of Academics Reported:

- Scott Morgan reported that the Registrar, Nursing Director, Network Administrator, and the Dean of Academics attended two-days of virtual training in Jenzabar.
- Final adjustments on the substantive change requests to HLC for the B.S. in Elementary Education and the B.S. in Early Childhood are being made in preparation for review by the President.
- SWC is exploring the options for offering upper Addiction & Diversity Counseling courses and potentially a recognized emphasize under the B.S. in Behavioral Science.
- The Dakota Language Apprentices have continued meeting weekly with Tiospa Zina language teachers.

Office of Institutional Research, Planning, & Programs

- SWC is currently collaborating with the North Dakota TCUs and NDSU to submit a GRANTED proposal.
- The Land Grant Coordinator has been working on a USDA proposal.
- The new lithium-battery uninterruptable power supply units were wired for use in the server.

Dean of Students Reported:

- Missy Kohl has completed the GED certification for Pearson Vue Testing.
- Pool tables for the students have arrived, one will be in the student union center and the other will be in the dorms.
- Spring break is March 11th – 15th, 2024.

Question: Trustee Renville asked about civil rights courses.

Answer: Courses offered discuss civil rights within their content.

Question: Trustee James asked about financial aid training and scholarship workshops.

Answer: There are video presentations on E-Learning for students to access.

Motion 3: Motion made by Trustee Larsen to receive the college reports (President’s Report, Human Resource Report, Dean of Academic’s Report, Dean of Student’s Report

& Institutional Research and Planning Report). Second by Trustee Redthunder.
Question by Trustee Bird. Motion voted passed.

District Concerns:

Big Coulee District:

- ✓ Delvin Lufkins gave a presentation regarding his proposal for a mustang program that he would like to partner with the college on.

Buffalo Lake District:

- ✓ None

Enemy Swim District:

- ✓ None

Old Agency District:

- ✓ None

Long Hollow District:

- ✓ Board Orientation

Lake Traverse District:

- ✓ None

Heipa/Veblen District:

- ✓ None

Motion 4: Motion made by Trustee Bird to adjourn. Second by Trustee Redthunder.
Motion voted passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.