

Sisseton Wahpeton College
Regular Meeting
Classrooms 1 and 2.
Board of Trustees Minutes
10/15/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.

Roll Call:

Big Coulee	Marijo Keeble	Present
Buffalo Lake	Heather Larsen	Present-late
Enemy Swim	Janell Williams	Present
Lake Traverse	Jessica Redthunder	Present
Long Hollow	Izola Flyinghorse	Present-late
Old Agency	Rhonda Kampeska	Present-late
Heipa	Marie Renville	Present
Tribal Council Ex. Officio	Gypsy Wanna	Present
Student Council	None	Absent

Other Present: President Dr. Erica C. Holmes, Vice President of Student Services Vince Owen, Vice President of Academic Affairs , Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Pelzel, Grants Writer Lee Ann Tallbear, and Sisseton Wahpeton College Recorder Lauren E. Owen.

Opening Prayer given by Izola Flyinghorse.

Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Motion 1: Motion made by Trustee Renville to approve agenda, removing the Cleary Report to the November 2024 Regular Meeting and to move the closed session to 6:00 PM at this meeting. Second by Trustee Kampeska. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed.

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

Reading of the Mission Statement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

HLC Focus Visit Exit Session:

Trustee Williams apprised the Board of Trustees that the HLC Focus Visit Exit Session went well and it ended positively. The Focus Team was very pleased with all of the participation, comments and feedback. They were very pleased with the overall participation and the warm welcoming each day. They extended their thanks to all that assisted in preparation. President Holmes informed the board that the final report will be ready in December.

Board of Trustees Approved November 19, 2024: Motion #2.

Voices of Our Ancestors Program:

A roundtable discussion was held with Tribal Council on October 10, 2024 and it went positively as some members of the board were present, Dakota Studies Program Staff and other college staff participants. A presentation was provided at this meeting and President Holmes will provide copies of it to the board upon request.

Motion 2: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to accept the draft resolution of "Voices of Our Ancestors" Program. Second by Trustee Renville. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed. 7/0

2025 Annual Report:

A presentation was provided to the board by the CFO regarding the 2025 Annual Report. The report consisted of operational unrestricted funds and grants. The board had questions about the Lease funds the college obtains from the Sisseton Wahpeton College Foundation. There were questions about the ownership of the foundation and it was requested by Trustee Redthunder and SWO Ex. Officio, that documentation be provided at the next board meeting on the structure of the foundation, history and governing bodies of it.

CONSENT AGENDA

College Reports:

President Report:

- President Holmes informed the board that the election process for new Student Senate representatives closed today so at the next regular meeting, that student will be present.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting for 9/17/2024.

Motion 3: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the 9/17/2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Renville. Question by Trustee Larsen. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Consent Agenda.

Motion 4: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Trustee Renville. Question by Trustee Larsen. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Change of Discretionary Trustee for Principal Insurance

Motion 5: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the Change of Discretionary Trustee for Principal Insurance removing Rhonda LaBatte and Jeanette Gravdahl as plan trustees as neither are the college anymore. Then approve Dr. Erica Holmes and Jennifer Pelzel as new trustees and Gretta Lavergne as the Primary Security Administrator. Second by Trustee Larsen. Question by Trustee Renville. Motion voted passed. 6/0 1 not voting.

Action Item: Bank Signor Update

Motion 6: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve Bank Signor Update approving the addition of Gretta Lavergne SWC Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, as bank signor for payroll purposes. Second by Trustee Larsen. Question by Trustee Renville. Motion voted passed. 6/0 1 not voting.

Action Item: Weapons Policy

Motion 7: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the Weapons Policy. Second by Trustee Keeble. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Probationary Period Policy

Motion 8: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the Probationary Period Policy. Second by Trustee Keeble. Question by Trustee Larsen. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Board Conflict of Interest Policy

Motion 9: Motion made by Trustee Flyinghorse to approve Board Conflict of Interest Policy. Second by Trustee Kampeska. Question by Trustee Keeble. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: 2025 Annual Budget

Motion 10: Motion made by Trustee Keeble to approve the 2025 Annual Budget. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Question by Trustee Redthunder. Motion voted passed. 7/0

DISTRICT CONCERNS:

Big Coulee District:

→ None.

Buffalo Lake District:

→ None.

Enemy Swim District:

→ None.

Old Agency District:

→ None.

Long Hollow District:

→ Will discuss in closed session.

Lake Traverse District:

→ Will discuss in closed session.

Heipa District:

→ None.

Motion : Motion made by Trustee _____ to go into Executive Session. Second by Trustee _____. Question by Trustee _____.

Motion : Motion made by Trustee _____ to adjourn. Second by Trustee _____. Motion voted passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren E. Owen
Recorder