

Sisseton Wahpeton College  
Regular Meeting  
Classrooms 1 and 2.  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
11/19/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.

Roll Call:

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| Big Coulee                 | Marijo Keeble      | Present      |
| Buffalo Lake               | Heather Larsen     | Present-zoom |
| Enemy Swim                 | Janell Williams    | Present      |
| Lake Traverse              | Jessica Redthunder | Absent       |
| Long Hollow                | Izola Flyinghorse  | Present      |
| Old Agency                 | Rhonda Kampeska    | Present      |
| Heipa                      | Marie Renville     | Present      |
| Tribal Council Ex. Officio | Gypsy Wanna        | Present      |
| Student Council            | Shelby Leaf        | Present      |

Other Present: President Dr. Erica C. Holmes, Vice President of Student Services Vince Owen, Vice President of Academic Affairs Julie Buckman, Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Pelzel, Education Specialist Kelsey Stadtler, Human Resources Gretta Lavergne 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 Kampeska to approve agenda. Second by Trustee Renville. 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:**

**Clery Report:**

- Report given by V.O.
- Rhonda Kampeska gave her card to Vince for future use regarding domestic violence.
- No questions were asked.

**New Programs:**

- Julie presented the board some new program documents:
  - Plumbing, the lab is being created.
    - When they graduate will there be places to apprentice? Answer was Yes.

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- Rhonda Kampeska said Ervin Dumarce is available and the housing may take some students as well and she will set up.
  - President said HR is working on getting instructors hired for this program.
- Casino management certificate
  - Have their manager complete this and eventually get their associates. On the tree is listed the trees.
  - Summer will be implemented or at the latest in the fall.
  - This will be accelerated at 8-week courses. Every 8 weeks they will have different ones.
  - Question by trustee Kampeska, it does not say anything about NIG
- Early Childhood education
  - BA-120 credit hours.
  - Template of transcript evaluation form with course description.
  - Kelsey Stadtler education developer.
- Elementary education
  - K-8 grades, BA 122 credit hours.
  - Sample transcript evaluation form with course description.
  - Also included different tracts, if they do the Dakota language, they will get a Dakota language certificate.
  - Kelsey Stadtler education developer.
  - Question: when to start. Answer fall of 2025.
- Culinary to AA
- Esports is starting as a club level and that will give faculty time to develop into a program. SWC will be the first to have esports and its being added in AIHEC. There are a lot of student benefits to retention. They can earn money.
- MA for 2026.
  - Answer, Julie said its covered in the compliance portion of the courses.

#### **Foundation:**

- We met about this in the student session.
- Response from attorney. It is a legal entity. I recommend the foundation and express the concerns and ask for documents for the donor's intent. (President will forward to chair)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **College Reports:**
  - **President Report:**
    - President Holmes announced and introduced the new student body president Shelby Leaf.
      - They would like to get healthier food options and growing stations in the dorms.
  - Came up with some programs and new employee incentives.
  - December there will be a Christmas bonus \$400.00.
    - Anyone can purchase a gift.
  - Looking at different ways to recognize employees.

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- Rolled out the motivosity program for employee incentives.
  - Lauren is heading up the two-spirit club. This was covered by the grant.
    - Explained in flyers.
- Shared a grant history and we had a meeting with ECIV's and the overview was well received.
- Radio station issue is a work in progress as there is a court date but she has been working with the Chairman's office. They would have 90 days or more, and the college would keep the storage unit. Still waiting for final confirmation on the agreement. Marie said she thought it was all worked out. There were issues with space and they considered that an illegal eviction of the college. We are going to keep the storage shed and put it in writing before Friday. Janell said her district made a motion to give the \$10K back to the radio station and she explained the situation to her district. They went on record and the majority of her membership voted to give the \$10k back. She explained that it is the President's responsibility. Leave it to the president. It was noted that it has been expressed to the Board of Trustees and the Chairman is working to resolve the issue.
- **Human Resource's Report**
  - Going over her report.
  - What is the question. Who are your new people? Joy Johnson and Dereck Blacoon were hired. Language was Kaleb Brushbreaker. IT is Kendall Miller.
  - No further questions,
- **CFO's Report**
  - Also handed out a budget and gave an actual.
  - Gave her report.
  - Any questions? Describe audit prep. She does through every account. CFA check that for grants and have to do a single audit. Go through all of the grants and make sure they are correct. Brady Martz. She prepares for the auditors. Janell said it would be beneficial for the board to be here for the final results after the fact. Had to change the scope of the audit to audit the internal controls. Different scope of audit.
- **VPAA's Report**
  - Gave her report.
  - Are there any questions. Did council approve their voices of ancestors funding. Gypsy will double check. One week the check will be here, per Jennifer. Acton item.
- **VPSS's Report**
  - Gave his report.
  - Working on retention
  - Working on emergency aid
  - Finished IPEDS
  - Navigators up front are happy and smiley.
  - Financial aid, working on this making it easier for students to receive help

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- Extension is still working on clean up
- Working on attendance recording.
- Are there any questions?
- Students have been experiencing computers crashing.
- What is the question for the foundation. What is that used for. Needs more scholarships for 2025 and look at time frames to issue scholarships.
- Vince oversees 4 different grants. The Native art grant is in his hands.
- Have a meeting on Thursday about getting a discount.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

***Action Item: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting for 10/15/2024.***

**Motion 3:** Motion made by Trustee Keeble to approve the 10/15/2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Kampeska. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed. 5/2

***Action Item: Consent Agenda.***

**Motion 4:** Motion made by Trustee Kampeska to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Trustee Renville. Question by Trustee Keeble. Motion voted passed. 6/1.

***Action Item: Time and Attendance Policy.***

**Motion 5:** Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve the Time and Attendance Policy. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Question by Trustee Keeble. Motion voted passed. 6/1.

***Action item: Recognize and Approve B.S. 4-year Programs for HLC (9/3/2025 Amendment)***

**Motion 6:** For the Board of Trustees to recognize and approve the Bachelor of Science four-year programs for (B.S.) Early Childhood Education and (B.S.) Elementary Education for the Sisseton Wahpeton College. Motion By: Trustee Redthunder. Second by: Trustee Renville. Question by: Trustee Larsen. MVP 6/0.: Motion Passed.

***Action Item: Recognize and Approve AA and Certificate Programs for HLC (9/3/2025 Amendment)***

**Motion 7:** For the Board of Trustees to recognize and accept the Associate of Arts two-year program for Paralegal Advocacy, and the Certificate one-year programs for Casino Management and Plumbing. Motion By: Trustee Redthunder. Second by: Trustee Renville. Question by: Trustee Larsen. MVP 6/0.: Motion Passed.

## **DISTRICT CONCERNS:**

Big Coulee District:

→ None.

Buffalo Lake District:

→ None.

Enemy Swim District:

→ None.

Old Agency District:

→ None.

Long Hollow District:

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→ Will discuss in closed session.

Lake Traverse District:

→ Will discuss in closed session.

Heipa District:

→ None.

**Motion 6:** A motion was made to go into closed session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren E. Owen  
Recorder