Diné College Special Board of Regents Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2011
KUSD Central Administration Building
Kayenta, Arizona
1:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Regent Atility

II. Roll Call
   - x Fannie Atility
   - x Laurence Gishey
   - x Georgeett Cook
   - x Louise Scott
   - x Loretta Draper
   - x Andrew Tah
   - Clinton Jim

Staff & Guests:
Phyllis T. Begay, Priscilla Weaver, Marie R. Etsitty, Pat Connie, Curtis Ray Benally, Evelyn M. Meadows, Maxine Roanhorse-Dineyazhe, Edison Connie, & Roberta Frank.

III. Invocation
Provided by Regent Cook

IV. Approval of Agenda
   Agenda read by Regent Draper.
   Motion: Regent Gishey with the switch of Executive Session with Items to be Discuss. Executive session with board then will call in people to come into the executive session.
   Second: Regent Scott
   Vote: 5/0/0

V. Executive Session
   ENTER Executive Session at 1:30 PM
   EXIT Executive Session at 4:30 PM
   Motion: Regent Gishey
   Second: Regent Jim
   Vote: 5/0/0

Regent Atility – For the record there was no motion, second but we did go into executive session at 1:30 p.m. and exit at 4:30 p.m. The discussion was on the college interim president and some of the directives that had been requested of the board. Ma’am President, please stand at the podium. The Board of Regents that are present here had a lengthy discussion and has two directives to be fulfilled immediately.

   Directive One
   On May 20, 2011, all the applicants available thus far will be package and furnish for pick up by Regent Gishey and Regent Atility on Friday by 9:00 a.m. These are the presidential applicants.
   On May 23, 2011 at the regular board meeting, the regents will review all applications and set schedules for interviews.
   On May 24-27, 2011 travel arrangements and contacts to all applicants will be made to set interviews.
   On June 24, 2011 is the deadline for applications and it will be close.
   On June 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. the board meeting will be held at Tsaile Campus and the announcement of new president will be made and we will also have a reception.

   Directive Two
   On May 20, 2011 by 9:00 a.m. the fiscal year 2012 budget will be shared electronic with the board.

Regent Atility – Members of the board, is there any other that I may have forgot? Thank you.
Interim President – I have some questions/clarifications ma’am President. Thank you for these directives. On May 23 at regular board meeting please repeat what the board wanted.

Regent Activity – At the regular meeting in Window Rock the regents will review all applications and set schedules for interviews.

Regent Gishey – For your information and some clarifications tomorrow all the applications that came in thus far will be furnish to Fannie and myself. As you remember the board authorized two board members to serve on the committee. Don’t forget there is a committee that is involve as well from the faculty. Make sure what your furnish us they get that and we get their input as well and get it to the board on these applications. So we will review the four or five applications over the weekend and if any merits an interview for the 24th travel arrangements will be made for them. If the interview becomes positive then it will continue until the announcement is made. Things will be happening simultaneously after the 23rd. The deadline will be still open on the 24th and those applications will be shared will be shared with the committee. The announcement will be made on June 30 of the new President and a reception may follow. We will need to accommodate the new person. There may be a 30 day transition and we will negotiate when he/she will begin work. We may need to consider travel expense for the selected person. The final hiring will be done by the board. We would like your cooperation on getting those packets ready for us (referring to Evelyn Meadows).

Interim President – After we give you the applications who will pick them up or would you like them to be delivered to you?

Regent Gishey – Either way, you can deliver confidential information through FedEx right?

Interim President – On the budget, each individual department have not submitted their budgets yet. So that will be until the end of this month. Ron has not sent out the budget forms to create their own budgets.

Regent Gishey – When does the tribe want that information?

Interim President – Those are due quarterly and the next one is due in June. We can sent some figures as an institutional budget.

Regent Gishey – We would like to see some benchmark and the idea is to have the board to be involve in the budget process.

Interim President – May 24th you said to make travel arrangements for the applicants, will the committee be contacting the applicants to set up dates?

Regent Gishey – Well you’re the chief administrator, the board just give directives. The committee should be making the contacts but we expect that these deadlines are met.

Curtis Ray Benally – Ya’at’eeh. Ron and I are co-chairing the presidential selection committee and want to clarify that Interim President Elsitty is not on the committee because she is a potential candidate. It was mentioned that you and Fannie will pick them up tomorrow so which on is it? Are you picking them up or do want us to mail them?

Regent Gishey – Both.

Regent Activity – We are going to be there at the college tomorrow.

Mr. Benally – We will work with HR to get the applications ready for you. There were at least four potential candidates but two were disqualified.

Regent Gishey – No we want to look at all of them. We want to know the reason why the two were disqualified.

Mr. Benally – Committee membership is not complete. The Acting VP of Academics furnished us five names but only one has committed. We need to revisit that too.

Priscilla Weaver – What did you say about faculty?

Mr. Benally – We tasked you to provide the five faculty names.

Ms. Weaver – We have four committed and one alternate.

Mr. Benally – We need the names.

Ms. Weaver – Ok. Faculty Association produced those names.

Mr. Benally – Other piece I need to check with Ron on the staff membership.

Regent Gishey – You can furnish those names when they are available by Monday?

Mr. Benally – Yes, we’ll try.

Interim President – The staff association met yesterday so those names should be coming.

Regent Jim – Thank you each and every one of you for all the work that you do. With that in mind, ma’am President I’m going to call for, yes sir.

Mr. Trebon – Could I ask the direct be clear that Regent Gishey asked for an executive session and that was approved by the board prior going into executive session. Can the record reflect that motion and vote.

Regent Gishey – So I have to make the motion?

Mr. Trebon – No you already did but I want the record to reflect that was made and approved.
Regent Gishey – Let the record show...
Roberta – Regent Gishey motioned to approve the agenda with the switch of the executive session and items of discussion and Regent Scott seconded and vote of 5/0/0. But when it went to enter executive session it wasn’t put on record that they went in at 1:30 p.m. and there was no motion, no second, and no vote.
Mr. Trebon – Right, I just want to clarify that there was a motion
Regent Gishey – To reflect the record we went into executive session at 1:30 p.m. and exit executive session at 4:30 p.m. so that motion is on the table and Regent Jim second.
Regent Atclitty – Call for the vote? 6/0/0

VI. Items to be Discuss
1. Diné College Administrative Leadership

VII. Next Meeting Date
Regular Board of Regents Meeting – Academic & Student Affairs
Date: May 23, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Diné College Window Rock Center, Window Rock, Arizona

VIII. Adjournment @ 4:58 pm
Motion: Regent Jim
Second: Regent Scott
Vote: 6/0/0