Diné College Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

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<th>Present:</th>
<th>Dr. Tommy Lewis Jr., Sharon Toadecheenie, Theresa Hatathlie, Devon Begay, Nelson S. BeGaye, Johnson Dennison, Anderson Hoskie (arrived at 9:29 a.m.), Greg Bigman (arrived at 10:10 a.m.) (Quorum of 5 is met) 8 Regents in attendance.</th>
<th>Location: Diné College Tsaile Main Campus, BOR Conference Room 620C. Tsaile, AZ</th>
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**Agenda**

January 11, 2019 minutes approved on February 15, 2019. Motion by Regent Begay, Second by Regent Dennison. Vote: 6-0-0.

I. **Call to Order:** Regent Dr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Regent Toadecheenie conducts roll call.

III. **Invocation:** Regent Dennison provided the prayer for the meeting.

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Regent Dennison to amend and approve the agenda, Second by Regent Toadecheenie.

Amendment 1) add item “K”, Approval of Resolution to fund the Diné College Foundation $100,000 from Diné College to help in the start up, and note for that MOU is forthcoming from legal counsel. Amendment 2) Motion to move items 4D, 5E, 6F, 7G, 8H, and 10J, and 11K as consent items then moved under action item 3C.

Vote on amending motion: 7-0-0.

Vote on approving motion: 7-0-0.

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<td>▪ Revise agenda as noted.</td>
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V. **Introduction of Guest and Staff**

- Greg Bigman, BOR President
- Sharon Toadecheenie, BOR Secretary
- Johnson Dennison, BOR Member
- Anderson Hoskie, BOR Member
- Devon Begay, BOR Member

- Joy Thompson, Director of IT
- Velveena Davis, Executive Director OIPR
- Janeen Tapaha, SA Vice President
- Barsine Benally, FA President
- Crystal Cree, Policy Analyst
- Dr. Peterson Zah, Consultant
## Public Comments
- Dr. Aronilith, Faculty, expresses his appreciation for community for dedication, prayers, and concerns for the institution.
- Regent BeGaye expressed his appreciation for the Board of Regents, Dr. Roessel, and Diné College Community.

## Announcements
- Navajo Nation Inauguration, January 15, 2019, at Fort Defiance HS Event Center at 9:00 a.m.
- Navajo Nation Council Winter Session, January 28 - February 1st, at the Navajo Nation Council Chambers located in Window Rock, AZ at 10 a.m.
- Achieving the Dream 2019 TCU’s, February 19-22, 2018, Long Beach, California

## Approval of Meeting Minutes & Work Session Minutes
The minutes were removed from the agenda since items were not included within the board packet for review.

## Reports
### Oral Reports
1. **Office of the President – Dr. Roessel, President**
   - The quarterly report and its common data points reflect across all departments. There will be monthly meetings will be held to discuss and ensure its alignment. Dr. Zah provided a Diné College Foundation update. He expressed his appreciation for Regent
BeGaye with his assistance in helping with the endowment resolution to Navajo Nation Council. The Scholarship Fundraising Gala initial goal of $100,000 was exceeded, reaching $200,000. Chris Balzano, Legislative Consultant reports his efforts in seeking additional Capital Outlay funding for the Shiprock campus. Drafting legislation on including tribal college student seeking funding for NM Lottery Scholarships. The board budget should be included within the board packet. There is concern of stipends budget is 1/3 spent in the 1st quarter.

- Regent Hatathlie inquires about the stipend reduction mentioned in Scottsdale.
  - *Regent Bigman does recall a reduction of stipends amounts for the Foundation. There might be a later discussion in a work session to switch to bimonthly meetings. The governance committee has worked on a system; however, more work is needed before implementation. The goal is to have the quarterly reports useful for Navajo Nation Council quarterly reports.*
  - *Dr. Roessel notes the quarterly assessment will help with elements that may not be easily tracked in quarter reporting, such as graduation rate.*
- Regent BeGaye recommends attempting for the Síhasin request a second time.
- Regent Bigman encourages vice-presidents improve internal processes for better tracking for quarterly reports. Efficiency of Programs is key for all Departments.
  - *Dr. Roessel mentions that VP Lewis attended training for Program Economics and recommends the Deans also attend.*

### 2. Staff Association – Janeen Tapaha, SA Vice President

Ms. Tapaha advised the Staff Association Bylaws have been reviewed by the executive team. The bylaws have been forwarded onto legal for review. Trisha Roy has been elected as the associations new secretary.

### 3. ASDC Report - Devon Begay, ASDC President

The last ASDC meeting was held in November. There were two issues (check and GCB
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Room 106) that were going to be addressed within reports, however it has been resolved. Reports smooth enrollment process and excellent customer. ASDC President commends President for his leadership and its showing in the staff customer service level

- Dr. Roessel acknowledges the O&M staff for maintaining campus during inclement weather during the Christmas break.
- Regent Bigman notifies College President of faculty having requested data from Navajo Nation Enterprises. Regent Bigman motions for directive to develop working agreements with Navajo Nation Council programs, integration of classes and services in collecting data for academic purposes, Second by Regent BeGaye.
- Regent Dennison acknowledges Regent BeGaye; along with staff and administrators for working together.

DIRECTIVE: To develop working agreements with Navajo Nation Council programs, integration of classes and services in collecting data for academic purposes, Second by Regent BeGaye.

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Motion by Regent BeGaye to accept oral & written reports with one (1) directive, Second by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 6-0-0.

Follow-Up Action:
- Replace Provost executive summary provided 1.11.19, replacing previously provided report within board packet.
- Regent Bigman motions for directive to develop working agreements with Navajo Nation Council programs, integration of classes and services in collecting data for academic purposes, Second by Regent BeGaye.

Responsible POC: BOR Executive Assistant
X. Old Business

- Action Item 1 “Approving the Board of Regent Statement of Commitment Form and Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Form.”

Regent Hatathlie motions to recall resolution, second by Regent Toadecheenie.
Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie
Discussion: Regent Bigman notes the resolution and work has been developed within the Governance Committee. The process will identify conflicts of interest for regents and assists with transparency and improved governance.

Regent Lewis motions to amend Whereas #2, “The Board of Regents established a Governance Committee tasked with providing policy and guidance; and governance for the Board of Regents; and” & Whereas #5, “The Governance Committee reviewed, evaluated, and modified several documents over the past 3 months to best fit the college’s needs.”

Motion for approving motion: 8-0-0.
Motion for amending motion: 8-0-0.

- Action Item 2 “Approving Amendments to the Diné College Master Investment Policy and Certain Appendices..DRAFT SAMPLE.”
No motions for action Item 2.

XI. New Business

- Action Item 3 “For consideration and approval to update and revise the Diné College By-Laws to adopt a consent agenda for Regular Board of Regents meetings

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve resolution, second by Regent Toadecheenie.
Regent Toadecheenie read into record.
Discussion: Regent Dr. Lewis comments that a work session held prior to the regular meeting similar to public schools. Regent Bigman notes the committee work would assist in that review process, so thorough review should be taking place before it is a consent agenda item. Regent Hatathlie mentions grammatical errors that need correcting.
Vote for approving motion: 8-0-0.

Regent Toadecheenie motions to approve 4D, 5E, 6F, 7G, 8H as consent agenda items, second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Vote: 8-0-0.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Action Item 4 “D” - Approval of participation in a Tribal Colleges and Universities Graduate Outcomes survey of our Diné College alumni to be administered by Gallup.

- Action Item 5 “E” – Approving and Authorizing Diné College Staff Association Constitution and By-laws, for the governance of Diné College Staff Association.

- Action Item 6 “F” – Approving and Requesting from the Higher Learning Commission an Institutional Status Change from a Two-year to a Four-year institution, and to offer Bachelors, Masters, and Terminal Degrees.

- Action Item 7 “G” – Approving and Authorizing Diné College to enter into an agreement with Cuba High School. Subject: Dual Credit.

- Action Item 8 “H” - Authorizing the College to approve the Diné College 2019-2020 General Catalog Subject: 2019-2020 General Catalog (Attachment).

Regent Toadecheenie read items 4D, 5E, 6F, 7G, 8H into record.

Discussion: Regent Bigman requested clarification of legal review noted on Staff Association Bylaw and General Catalog. A request for further clarification of the determination of quorum.

Regent BeGaye called point of order seeking clarification of the requested
discussion or a debate, as it would remove items from consent item approval.

Mr. Upshaw states consent agenda items generally are for routine items. The procedure allows for a regent that determines any item(s) that require debate or discussion to motion to remove as a consent agenda item. Then the College President would move that item off the consent agenda.

Regent Toadecheenie notes all the items discussed at prior meetings. She supports moving forward. Regent Dr. Lewis agrees and states committee involvement before moving to consent agenda item is important. Regent BeGaye stresses that staff ensure legal review complete and properly edited.

Regent Bigman motions for directive for Dr. Roessel to ensure that legal review is completed before implementation.
  • Dr. Roessel discerns that vice presidents are responsible for the legal review in their respective areas prior to their authorization of a resolution coming before the board.
  • No second, motion fails.

**Vote for approving motion for consent items: 8-0-0.**

- Action Item 9 “I” – Approval of participation in a Tribal Colleges and Universities Graduate Outcomes survey of our Diné College alumni to be administered by Gallup.
  
**Regent Toadecheenie read into record.**

Discussion: AIHEC initiative encourages for data collection. PI would need to obtain certification through online application. Gallup has national and international recognition
  
- Regent Toadecheenie questions associated costs.
  
- Vice President Nez indicates the American Indian College Fund (AICF) will pay related fees for associated TCUs.

**Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.**
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- Action Item 10 “J” - Approving and Requesting from the Higher Learning Commission an Institutional Status Change from a Two-year to a Four-year institution, and to offer Bachelors, Masters, and Terminal Degrees.

  Regent BeGaye motions to approve, second by Regent Begay.
  Regent Toadecheenie reads into record.
  Discussion: Dr. Willeto shares his thought this would be a momentous day when the resolution is approved. It would support the vision of the founders of the college. He expressed this as a marker for the next 50 years as a four-year institution. Dr. Issac, 1st ASDC President of the College now Dean of Diné Studies and Education, supports resolution and deems pivotal in the institutional transformation.

  Vote for approving motion: 8-0-0.

XII. Executive Session:

  Regent Hatathlie motions to enter executive session, second by Regent Toadecheenie.
  Enter: 12:32 p.m. Vote: 8-0-0. Dr. Roessel, HR Director and Legal counsel remain for executive session.

  Regent Toadecheenie motion to exit executive session, second by Regent Begay.
  Exit: 1:21 p.m. Vote: 7-0-0.

No directives were provided after exiting executive session.

XIII. Next Meeting:

- Board of Regents Regular Meeting
  Friday, March 8, 2019, 9 a.m.
  Proposed Location: 620C BOR Conference Room.
  Tsaile, AZ

XIV. Adjournment:

  Motion to adjourn by Regent Hatathlie, second by Regent Toadecheenie.
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| Vote: 8-0-0. |  
| Discussion: None. |  
| Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m. |  

*Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Cury, Diné College Board of Regents Executive Assistant*