



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

Meeting Name: Board of Regents Regular Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM MDT

Meeting Start Date: 07/10/2020

Meeting Location: Teleconference/ GCB ITV room 210, South Shiprock Campus

Zoom webinar: <https://dinecollege.zoom.us/j/99133003832>

Or Join by Phone: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 99133003832

Minutes – Approved on September 11, 2020.

Regent Toadecheenie motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Tso. Vote: 5-0-0.

I. Call to Order. The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:09 AM Friday, July 10, 2020, with Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call. Regent Bigman conducted roll call.

- Regent Greg Bigman, President
- Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President [Teleconference]
- Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Secretary [Teleconference]
- Regent Johnson Dennison, Member [Teleconference]
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member [Teleconference] (arrived at 9:51 AM)
- Regent LeTanya Thinn, Member [Teleconference]
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member (arrived at 10:03 AM)
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

III. Invocation. Regent Thinn provided the meeting prayer.

IV. Approval of Agenda. Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Regent Thinn. Regent Bigman motioned for an amendment to move resolution "Approval of supplemental CARES ACT budget priority plan for Diné College" to New Business Item A, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote on approving motion: 6-0-0

Vote on amended motion: 6-0-0

V. Introduction of Guests and Staff

Dr. Monty Roessel	Merle Dayzie	Winifred Jumbo
Bo Lewis	Amanda McNeill	Amberia Tolino
Marie Nez	Dr. Joseph A. de Soto	Michelle Cury
Dr. Geraldine Garrity	Dr. Shazia T. Hazim	
Glennita Haskey	Dr. Mark Bauer	

VI. Public Comments (Time Limit of 3 Minutes). None.

VII. Announcements

- A. Board Recognition to Dr. Bauer, Dr. Hakim, and Dr. de Soto.
- B. July 15, 2020, Associated Students of Diné College Meeting on Wednesday, at 1 PM by teleconference.
- C. July 22, 2020, Diné College Staff Association Regular Meeting on Wednesday, at 2:00 PM by

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. April 3, 2020 Work Session Minutes, Teleconference
- B. April 17, 2020 Work Session Minutes, Teleconference
- C. May 22, 2020 Work Session Minutes, Teleconference

Regent Hatathlie moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Regent Thinn.

Vote on approving motion: 6-0-0

IX. Consent

- A. Written Reports
 - 1. Office of the President- Dr. Monty Roessel, President
 - Projects and Operations
 - OIPR
 - 2. Office of the Provost- Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Provost
 - 3. Office of Finance & Administration- Bo Lewis, VP
 - 4. Office of External Affairs- Marie Etcitty-Nez, VP
 - 5. Office of Student Affairs- Glennita Haskey, VP

Regent Hatathlie motions to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0

X. Reports

A. Oral Reports

- 1. Office of the President - Dr. Monty Roessel, President.** President Roessel reports summer enrollment decreased more than projected. The consideration of realignment of the college in response to lowered enrollment, new environment and priorities in light of COVID-19. Discussed preparations to promote best practices, COVID-19 protocols, and offering training for the re-opening of campuses and centers for both staff and students. Received an additional \$1.5 million from BIE and ED. An additional grant of \$3.5 million is pending. The colleges priorities has been submitted to NM for capital projects. President Roessel also acknowledges Regent Thinn's efforts in her role as ASDC President providing platforms for students' stories, concerns, and help in the recovery process from COVID-19.

 - Regents Thinn and Hatathlie expressed their appreciation to Dr. de Soto. Regent Dennison expressed his appreciation of President's Roessel efforts in collaboration with other Higher Ed. Institutions.
- 2. Office of External Affairs Report - Marie Nez, VP.** VP Marie Nez reports on requested information IDC expenditures, policy, and procedures. Reviewed the policies approved in 2015 and mentions indirect cost rate.

 - Regent Bigman mentions concern for unspent funds within the IDC account. The policy references policy possibly being outdated to assist with departments and grants office in utilizing funds. How can the board assist with grants requests? VP Nez advised policies aligned with the uniform guidance outlines the use of funds. IGO Director Amanda McNeill reports the expenditures show expenditures that were not approved by the grants committee and violate policy; request for grants manager position approved by grants committee and has been held by budget coordinator; irregular reporting from OFA.
 - Regent Bigman notes issues regarding policy should be addressed to the governance committee. Further discussion and questions will be held during executive session.
- 3. Associated Students of Diné College (ASDC) - LeTanya Thinn, ASDC President.** ASDC President Thinn reports meetings and activities since last board meeting: 5.28.20 & 6.17.20 regular; 6.29-30.20 work session; 7.1.20 Java & Jini; and upcoming meetings scheduled 7.15.20 regular; 7.17.20 work session. Realigning re-election process with Constitution to be hosted in Spring. The goal to have new officers by 1st week of April. A focus on onboarding for ASDC. ASDC President shares the website shows outdated and little to none information regarding coronavirus impacts for new and returning students.

4. **Faculty Association (FA) Report - Jeannie, FA President.** FA President Jeannie Lewis advised there was nothing to report.
5. **Staff Association (SA) Report - Winifred Jumbo, SA President.** SA President Winifred Jumbo introduced Amberia Tolino. Amberia Tolino provided her introduction as SA Secretary. The next meeting will be held at 2 PM on July 22, 2020. Updates to the SA page on the website are in progress.

XI. Old Business. None.

XII. New Business

A. Action Item - "Approval of supplemental CARES ACT budget priority plan for Diné College."

Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Thinn. Regent Toadecheenie read resolution into the record.

Discussion: President Roessel provided an overview of details CARES budget priority plan. Regent Bigman moves to amend Whereas #6, 2) IT upgrades and student support. In addition, moves for the directive listed below, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. No discussion on amendment and directive.

DIRECTIVE: Regent Bigman motions for directive allow President to create accounts and expenditures that align with the purpose of the funding outlined in #6; allow President to accept COVID funding that aligns with priorities outlined in #6.

Vote on amending and directive: 7-0-0.

Vote on main motion: 7-0-0.

- Dr. Roessel inquires of any updates on the CARES ACT and proposals with Navajo Nation. Regent Tso advised are still in process with no updates.

B. Action Item - "Approving and Authorizing Diné College to enter into an agreement with Nizhóní Christian Academy. Subject: Dual Credit."

Regent Hatathlie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Toadecheenie read the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Dual Credit Coordinator Winifred Jumbo provided background on potential partnership and advised the school is focused on computer-related courses and business courses.

- Regent Toadecheenie inquires of accreditation of the school Ms. Jumbo advised accredited under the state of New Mexico as a private school.
- Regent Tso inquires of determining factors for consideration of dual credit program. Ms. Jumbo advised the school administrator reached out to

Crownpoint Campus and serving primarily Diné students. Considered establishing a potential pathway for students to Diné College.

- Regent Dennison asks for the size of the school.
- Regent Bigman requests to include the physical address and also seeks to offer certificates.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

C. Action Item - "Approval of Diné College President and Board of Regents goals for 2020-2023."

Regent Hatathlie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Bigman read resolution into the record.

Discussion: The goals clearly identifiable, data included, yellow highlights will be updated to exact figures, the bottom of the sheet shows alignment with board goals.

- Regent Hatathlie inquires of staff salary increase within goals. Dr. Roessel notes within the spreadsheet.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

Lunch Recess 12:12 PM – 12:50 PM Roll call: [Teleconference: Regents Hoskie, Toadecheenie, Hatathlie, Thinn, Dennison] [In-person: Regens Bigman and Tso].

D. Action Item - "Approval of contract with Don Isaacson as Diné College's Arizona legislative lobbyist in the amount of \$48,000."

Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Tso. Regent Toadecheenie read resolution into the record.

Discussion: Regent Bigman requests the President to work with the Director of Legislative Affairs to keep Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Nation President updated with lobbying efforts. Grammatical correction to include written amount.

- Regent Toadecheenie asks if the amount is annual. Dr. Roessel confirms annually.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

E. Action Item - "Approval of proposal submission to the Association of Native Americans (ANA) to develop a data resource center at Diné College to monitor, research and track Murder and Missing Diné Relatives."

Regent Tso moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Hatathlie.

Regent Toadecheenie read resolution into the record.

Discussion: Dr. Mark Bauer informed of the collaborative efforts to partner with various organizations to set up a data institute.

- Regent Toadecheenie and Hatathlie commend the proposal.
- President Roessel asks on behalf of Dr. Bauer, if Regent Tso would represent as the chair of the HEHSC on the NARCH advisory group.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

VIII. Executive Session (If Deemed Necessary). Regent Hatathlie moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie at 1:14 PM Vote 6-0-0. Regent Hatathlie moved to exit executive session, seconded by Regent Dennison at 2:24 PM Vote: 7-0-0. Board President Regent Bigman moved for a directive to President Roessel to hire consultant to review the IGO and OFA to improve policies, effectiveness, efficiency between the two departments; engage with Navajo Peacemaker to resolve the internal conflict between the two departments; in addition, reaffirms prior directive to provide a report of IDC expenditures to the Finance, Audit, Investment Committee no further than 3 years back, Jan 2017. Seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 7-0-0.

IX. Next Meeting Dates

- a. Board of Regent Special Meeting- Friday, July 24, 2020, 9 AM MDT
- b. Board of Regents Committee Meetings - Friday, August 14, 2020, time varies.
- c. Board of Regents Regular Meeting - Friday, September 11, 2020, 9 AM MDT

X. Adjournment. Regent Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Regent Hoskie at 2:27 PM Vote: 7-0-0.