# Diné College Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

## Agenda

**January 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes approved March 11, 2022. Motion by Regent Lester, Seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Vote: 5-0-0.**

I. **Call to Order:** The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:26 AM Friday, January 14, 2022, with the Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

II. **Roll Call:** Taken by Regent Toadecheenie

III. ** Invocation:** Provided by Regent Hatathlie

IV. **Oath of Office:** Dr. Harold G. Begay, Superintendent of Diné Schools, sworn in by Board Treasurer Regent Tso

V. **Approval of Agenda**
   Motion to approve agenda as presented with no amendments.
   Motion to approve by Regent Toadecheenie. Seconded by Regent Tso.
   Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

### Follow-Up Action: None

### Responsible POC: N/A

VI. **Introduction of Guest and Staff**
   - Dr. Monty Roessel
   - Dr. Fred Boyd
   - Benita Litson
   - Dr. Geraldine Garrity
   - Michelle Cury
   - Bo Lewis
   - Thomas Bennett
   - Rosalind Smith
   - Marie Nez
   - Velveena Davis
   - Dr. James Tutt
   - Tristan Black
   - Andrea Christelle
   - Dr. Rajneesh Verna
   - Malcolm Bob
   - Crystal Cree
   - Glennita Haskey
   - Terra Lamotte Harvey
   - Tristan Black
   - Rose Graham

VII. **Public Comments**
   - There were no public comments presented.

VIII. **Announcements**
   A. January 10, 2022, Diné College Holiday, Martin Luther King Day
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### B. January 24 to 28th, Navajo Nation Council Winter Session

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<td>Motion to approve consent items: action items &amp; written reports by Regent Toadecheenie and motion seconded by Regent Hoskie.</td>
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1. **Office the President – Dr. Roessel**

   President Roessel reviewed the Executive Summary Report.
   - The presented report is a working document.
   - Data analysis with monthly and yearly trends to identify strategies for staff and faculty

   Regent Begay inquires if the information within the data has been shared with the faculty. President Roessel explained the uploaded summary report complied late last night for the board meeting. Provost Garrity elaborated the data was been shared outside of the report as KPIs by the Deans to their domains. In addition, the data committee, strategy

   Dr. Begay requests follow-up report from faculty Regarding the pass/fail

   President Roessel & Provost Garrity
committee, and Achieving the Dream team disseminate the data to the faculty.

President Roessel provides an oral report highlighting items within his written report.

- Cloth masks are no longer allowed, now requiring surgical or N95 face masks for college employees and students.
- Impact of Omicron variant and the adoption of new CDC guidelines.
- Lower enrollment and impact on future funding once ARPA funding is no longer able to offset. The offering of the 50% tuition grant addressed 26% of students. A larger approach to look at categories of action: financial, academic, student barriers.
- Diné College Act is pending the report being received at the congressional level. A complete report is needed to move forward with the bill. Currently, the college is seeking bill co-sponsorship.

Board questions/ comments:

What is the status of the courses providing Navajo Language & Culture courses? How much money is needed? What projections are available on the offering of the courses?

- Dr. Roessel responds the estimated budget was one million: with half for software and another half for content.

What is the analysis from DPI on the CARES funds?

- DPI director is no longer with the college. Follow-up is needed and will report back to the board.

Data points important for self-development as individuals and institution as a whole. Usage of data for improving the culture and provide quality education.

- Dr. Roessel advised work toward costing models incorporated with APR.

What is the feedback process for students?

- How are we addressing lower enrollment?
  - Vice President Haskey shared the Student Success Initiatives include and progress being made to improve:
    - Online enrollment
    - Withdraw intervention strategies
    - Student Debt
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<th>2. Associated Students of Diné College - Earlson Manson, ASDC President</th>
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<td>The student association report was not provided during this meeting</td>
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<th>3. Faculty and Staff Association – Winifred Jumbo, SA President &amp; Rosalind Smith FA President</th>
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<td>Staff Association President Ms. Jumbo coordinated events in honor of Native American History Month by hosting native foods demonstration. The December jacket drive provided gift bags or stockings to elders in the local community of Tsaile, Wheatfield, and Blackrock Senior Citizen Center. The residence life program drive provided items to meet students’ daily needs. The association is sharing TED talk series for staff development and is providing a range of topics.</td>
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<td>➢ Regent Dr. Begay expressed his appreciation for the collective effort of staff development and is providing a range of topics.</td>
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<td>Faculty Association President Ms. Smith- December meeting voted in new Secretary/Treasurer Rajneesh Verna. A review of current tasks for academic committees was reviewed with the Board of Regents. The details are included in the written report. Dr. Verma provided his introduction as a newly elected officer.</td>
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### Old Business

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<th>Action Item – Approval of Water is Life Center Core Laboratory Equipment Purchase from Thermofisher.</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Discussion: Dean Tutt provided an overview of the need for the specialty equipment and three quotes. Dr. Verna explained each equipment’s function and how the purchase will facilitate the needs of both the college and Navajo Nation. Currently, students served only as sample collectors but now would be able to experience the full scientific process to include analyzing data.</td>
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<td>Q&amp;A:</td>
<td>Did you receive approval from the Navajo Nation IRB? The research is focused on the ecosystem and would not require Navajo Nation IRB.</td>
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| Amendment 1: | Include the amount $358,305.34 in the title and throughout resolution as needed |
| Resolution Sponsor | Resolution Sponsor |

| Amendment 2: | Include language that would clarify the reasoning for sole-sourcing. (Note: Three proposals provided; |
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Board comments were shared providing personal accounts of uranium exposure to their surrounding communities. A consensus of support for the resolution. The resolution sponsor welcomed regents to contact them and share any recommended ideas for the Water is Life project.

Motion to approve by Regent Bigman. Seconded by Regent Dennison. Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie.

Motion to approve two (2) amendments by Regent Bigman. Seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.
Vote for amending motion: 6-0-0.

2. Action Item – Approving and supporting Diné College to submit a proposal and plan to Navajo Nation ARPA Fund in the amount of $13,604,358.52.

Discussion: President Roessel states the prior resolution was approved in December and this resubmission only change has the amount included within as requested by the Department of Justice.

- Regent Bigman request consideration and recommendations
  - The title should include how we are going to mitigate the use of the ARPA Funds.
  - Inside the justification could use some clarification because inside the ARPA compliance lists educational needs and indicates that school-level data to be tied to performance.
  - Rephrasing of requests to relate and show in response to the health response pandemic.
  - Designate one person, President Roessel or VP Lewis.
  - Regent Bigman further recommends including the impact

- Dr. Roessel advised the proposal is for the Navajo Nation ARPA. The report provided to the HEHSC at the Shiprock Groundbreaking assessed ways that Diné College could assist: Culture camps, Relearning ceremonies, fighting however, two do not fit the application needs.)

Clarify & Elaborate on the justification sections as recommended in

President Roessel
COVID with culture. President shared the overview for all included projects within the application and justifications.
  - Can add to the charts to further clarify as requested & elaborate on the justification.

Motion to approve with recommendation to clarify / elaborate justification section by Regent Bigman. Seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

3. Action Item – Approving and Authorizing Diné College to enter into an agreement with Pinon Unified School District No 4. Subject: Dual Credit.
Discussion: Dr. Roessel reports this is the standard agreement and is up for its annual renewal. There are no other changes from prior year’s approval.
  - Regent Dr. Begay strongly supports this initiative and outreach to all Navajo Nation schools.

Motion to approve by Regent Toadecheenie. Seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Read into record by Regent Sharon Toadecheenie.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

XIV. Executive Session:
One item to discuss in executive session.
  - Motion to enter executive session at 1:47 p.m. by Regent Toadecheenie and motion seconded by Regent Bigman. Vote: 6-0-0.
  - Motion to exit executive session at 2:28 p.m. by Regent Hatathlie and motion seconded by Regent Bigman. Vote: 6-0-0.

XV. Next Meeting:
  - Board of Regents Committee Meetings – Friday, February 11, 2022
    - 10 a.m. MST Finance Audit Investment Committee
    - 1 p.m. MST Governance Committee
    - 4 p.m. MST Academic and Student Success Committee
Board of Regents Regular Meeting Friday, March 11, 2022, 9 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Regent Dr. Lewis, Second by Regent Dennison, Vote: 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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