

Diné College Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

Diné College Board of Regents Annual Meeting		Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Present:	Greg Bigman, Dr. Tommy Lewis, Theresa Hatathlie, Sharon Toadecheenie, Johnson Dennison, Anderson Hoskie, LeTanya Thinn (Quorum of <u>5</u> is met; <u>7</u> Regents are in attendance)	Location: Tsaile, AZ; Tsaile Campus. Student Union Building. Time: 10:00 A.M.
Excused Absence:	Daniel Tso	

Agenda
<p>October 2, 2019 Minutes were approved on November 12, 2019. Motion: Regent Toadecheenie, Second: Regent Thinn. Vote: 7-0-0.</p>
<p>I. Welcome Address: Regent Bigman provides welcome address.</p>
<p>II. Invocation: Regent Dennison.</p>
<p>III. Institutional Overview</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Committee Reports</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. Finance/ Audit/ Investment Committee – Theresa Hatathlie, Treasurer & Bo Lewis, Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President Lewis provided an overview of the College’s financial information including 2017-18 financials, 2017-18 budget allocation, 2018-19 Budgets. The Regular and Single Audits were performed by KPMG and completed on June 2019. The Board of Regents approved on July 12, 2019. Diné College received a “Clean Audit_ for FY 2017-18, with a single finding; which is being addressed by staff. The Board of Regents approved the fiscal year General Funds Budget for 2019-2020 on September 13, 2019. • Regent Hatathlie reported on the fundraising efforts in 2018-2019 and the Diné College Foundation Plans. The foundation established in 2018. The members currently are the Board of Regent members, however will move to acquire new directors. The bylaws and investment policy approved in August 2019. Efforts to seek additional support from the Navajo Nation as an investment in the Navajo students and the proposal is now in legislation for \$30 million. The raised funds will be used on developing academic programs and improving infrastructure. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. Academic & Student Success Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regent Hoskie spoke briefly on the importance of student well-being and support services to ensure academic success.

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- Provost Dr. Garrity provided an overview of the immediate, mid-range, and long-range goal covering the new Center for Multi-Culture Teacher Education, Strategic Enrollment, Faculty Ranking, Academic Calendar, and upcoming changes in program development.
- A summary of student centered initiatives briefly discussed as:
 1. Tracking of student progress. Higher GPA for students who used support services.
 2. Expansion of Freshman Institute program to Shiprock and Tuba City.
 3. Increase online admission process.
 4. Increased student scholarship opportunities.
 5. Engaged student leadership opportunities.
- Vice President Nez provides report on marketing efforts focusing on school marketing and issuance of academic program brochures. The marketing of the rebranding of the college as a 4-year institution. A long-range goal of moving digital marketing and use of social media to reach target audiences.

iii. Governance Committee

- Director Dayzie noted the importance of governance and institutional policies in the overall institutional culture. Mr. Dayzie discussed immediate projects on Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Manual; Housing Policies and Procedures; and Information Technology Policies and Procedures. Board Reporting framework, Board and Presidential Evaluation Process and tool, and Updating the Board of Regents bylaws were mid-range projects reported. The long-range projects include creating procedures for selecting the new Board of Regent members.
- Regent Bigman informs governance includes cultivating the internal environment of an organization. The long-term goal includes the process of cultivating staff.
- Regent Dr. Lewis expresses his appreciation for the college, staff, and students. The importance of Diné College as a tribal institute and the importance of an endowment.

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iv. Diné College Moving Forward – Dr. Charles M. Roessel, President

- Possibility of integrating vocational education into curriculum.
- Aligning changes to meet current demographic.
- Fostering institutional culture change to ensure all employees have those needed soft skills to formulate strategy and change institutional culture.
- Discussion on Yazzie/Martinez as an opportunity of college to create a Teacher Education program at Shiprock. The opportunity in expanding program to multi-cultural emphasis and creating partnerships and training opportunities.
- Aligning Diné College goals with the region. Making college more accessible through tuition, scholarships, and readiness. The alignment of programs with economic trends and Navajo Nation Needs with teacher education, behavioral health, retaining workforce, and uranium cleanup.

v. Questions from Share Holders

- There were no questions presented during this annual meeting.

IV. Board of Regents Meeting

a. **Call to Order:** Regent Bigman called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

Roll Call: Regent Toadecheenie assumed secretary responsibilities during the meeting and conducted roll call.

b. **Public Comments (3 minutes time limit)**

- Dr. Ami, Faculty from School of Business and Social Science thanks the Board of Regents for support of the students, staff, faculty, and community. The public comments refers to presentation made at the last board meeting regarding

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the acceptance of general education classes. Dr. Ami urges the Board of Regents to consider the impacts of accepting “D” grades as a passing grade for institutional integrity and overall student well-being.

<p>c. Approval of Agenda Motion by Regent Thinn to approve agenda, second by Regent Dennison. Discussion: There was no discussion on the approval of the agenda. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.</p>	<p>Follow-Up Action:</p>	<p>Responsible POC:</p>
<p>d. Action Items i. Election of Officers</p> <p><u>BOR President</u> Regent Hatathlie motions to open nominations for president, second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Regent Dr. Lewis motioned to nominate Regent Greg Bigman; Second by Regent Toadecheenie. No other nominations made. Regent Dr. Lewis motions to close nominations, second by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 6-0-1. Regent Bigman accepts and abstains from voting.</p> <p><u>BOR Vice President</u> Regent Hatathlie motions to open nominations for vice president, second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Regent Dr. Lewis motioned to nominate Regent Theresa Hatathlie; Second by Regent Thinn. No other nominations made. Regent Dr. Lewis motions to close nominations, second by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 6-0-1. Regent Hatathlie accepts and abstains from voting.</p> <p><u>BOR Secretary</u> Regent Dennison motions to open nominations for secretary, second by Regent Hatathlie. Regent Dennison motioned to nominate Regent LeTanya Thinn; Second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Regent Thinn declines nominations. Regent Toadecheenie motioned to nominate Regent Hoskie; Second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Regent Hoskie declines nominations. Regent Dr. Lewis motioned to nominate Regent Toadecheenie; Second by Regent Hatathlie. Regent Toadecheenie accepts. Regent Thinn motions to close nominations, second by Regent Dr. Lewis. Vote: 6-0-1. Regent Toadecheenie accepts and abstains from voting.</p>		

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BOR Treasurer

Regent Dr. Lewis motions to open nominations for treasurer, second by Regent Thinn. Regent Hatathlie motioned to nominate Regent Dr. Lewis; Second by Regent Thinn. No other nominations made. Regent Thinn motions to close nominations, second by Regent Hatathlie. Vote: 6-0-1. Regent Dr. Lewis accepts and abstains from voting.

i. Approval of the Diné College Board of Regents Meeting Planner 2018-2019.

Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie

Motion to approve by Regent Toadecheenie

Second by Regent Hatathlie

Discussion: There was no discussion to approve this item.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

ii. **Action Item B** – “A resolution of appreciation to Honorable Nelson BeGaye for the service, guidance and wisdom shared as a member of the Board of Regents representing the Navajo Nation Council from 2015-2019.”

Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie

Motion to approve by Regent Dr. Lewis

Second by Regent Hatathlie

Discussion: Regent Bigman motions to amend title to show 2015-2019, seconded by Regent Dr. Lewis.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Vote for amending motion: 7-0-0.

iii. **Action Item C** - “A resolution of appreciation to Devon Begay for the leadership and student voice that former Regent Devon Begay exhibited and practiced during her term of office from 2018-2019.”

Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie

Motion to approve by Regent Thinn

Second by Regent Hatathlie

Discussion: There was no discussion to approve this item.

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Vote: 7-0-0.

- iv. **Action Item D** - “Updating the appointments for the Academic and Student Success Committee, Audit and Investment Committee, Governance Committee and the Ad-Hoc Fundraising Committee for the Diné College Board of Regents.”

Read into record by Regent Toadecheenie

Motion to approve by Regent Toadecheenie

Second by Regent Hatathlie

Discussion: Regent Bigman motions for the committee assignments as shown below, seconded by Regent Dr. Lewis.

- Academic and Student Success Committee: Regents Thinn, Dr. Lewis, and Hatathlie.
- Finance, Audit, Investment Committee: Regents Bigman, Dr. Lewis, and Toadecheenie.
- Governance Committee: Regents Tso, Hoskie, and Dennison.
- ADHOC Fundraising Committee: Regents Hatathlie and Dennison.

Vote: 7-0-0.

e. Next Meeting Date

Regular Meeting November 8, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. MST

Location : 6th floor NHC Building, BOR Conference Room 620C

f. Adjournment

Motion by Regent Hoskie. Second by Regent Toadecheenie. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. **Vote: 7-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Cury, Executive Assistant.