



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

Board of Regents

Meeting Name: Regular Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM MDT

Meeting Start Date: 09/11/2020

Meeting Location: NHC Building, 1st Floor Lecture Rooms 101 A/B, Tsaile, AZ

Zoom Webinar:

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Minutes – Approved on November 13, 2020.

Regent Toadecheenie motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Hatathlie.

I. Call to Order. The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:25 AM Friday, September 11, 2020, with Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call. Regent Toadecheenie conducts roll call.

- Regent Greg Bigman, President
- Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President
- Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Secretary
- Regent Johnson Dennison, Member
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member [arrived at 9:57 AM]
- Regent LeTanya Thinn, Member
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

III. Invocation. Regent Toadecheenie provided the meeting prayer.

IV. Approval of Agenda. Regent Thinn moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Bigman motioned to amend Action Items from New Business D & E, "Notifying the Board of Regents of amendments made to the procedures in Section 4.18 of the College's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM). The amendment provides procedures for complaints against the College President." as consent item #4, and "Approving and adopting amendments made to the

Board of Regents By-Laws by adding Part 5 in Section IX of the By-Laws." to consent item #5, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote on approving motion: 5-0-0

Vote on amended motion: 5-0-0;

- ✓ Regent Bigman motions to amend the agenda by adding "Approving the Designated Official to execute the needs of the Sub-recipient Agreement with the Navajo Nation to accept the Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of Eight Million Four Hundred Eight thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$8,478,578.80)." to new business, seconded by Regent Thinn.
- ✓ *Recall vote to accept the second amendment to the agenda: 5-0-0.*

V. Introduction of Guests and Staff. Marie and Donn Isaacson introduced themselves to the Board of Regents as Arizona lobbyists.

VI. Public Comments (Time Limit of 3 Minutes) There were no public comments during this meeting.

- ✓ Regent Toadecheenie called a point of order to include the second amendment to the agenda, details noted within the appropriate area, under the approval of agenda section.

VII. Announcements

- A. Diné College Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 10 AM.
- B. Diné College Staff Association Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 2 PM.
- C. Protection Prayer by Avery Denny, September 23, 2020. followed by the ASDC September General meeting, September 25, 2020.

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. June 20, 2020- Special Meeting and Work Session, Tsaile, AZ
- B. July 10, 2020- Regular Meeting, Tsaile, AZ
- C. July 24, 2020- Special Meeting, Shiprock, NM

Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Regent Tso.

Discussion: Correct any grammatical issues and/or typos.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

IX. Consent

A. Action Items

1. Action Item – **"Approving and adopting Section 5.07 – Severance Pay to the Diné College's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM)."**
2. Action Item – **"Approving an agreement with Personnel Security Consultants, Inc. as an outside agent to assist, where applicable, in executing the College's Background Check Policy."**
3. Action Item – **"Accepting and Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between Diné College And The Arizona Board Of Regents For The Arizona Teachers Academy Tuition Scholarship."**
4. **Procedures Manual (PPPM). The amendment provides procedures for complaints against the College President."**
5. Action item – **"Approving and adopting amendments made to the Board of Regents By-Laws by adding Part 5 in Section IX of the By-Laws."**

B. Written Reports

1. Office of the President- Dr. Monty Roessel, President
 - Projects and Operations
 - OIPR
 - Legislative Affairs and Policy
2. Office of the Provost- Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Provost
3. Office of Finance & Administration- Bo Lewis, VP
4. Office of Student Affairs- Glennita Haskey, VP
5. Office of External Affairs- Marie Nez, VP
6. Staff Association- Winifred Jumbo, Staff Association President
7. Faculty Association- Dr. Joseph A. de Soto, Faculty Association President

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

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0

X. Reports

A. Oral Reports

- 1. Office of the President - Dr. Monty Roessel, President.** President Roessel briefed the Board of Regents with legislative initiatives, micro campuses, dual credit initiatives working with BIE on spaces for micro campuses. The purchase of rapid response test units for COVID. President Roessel expressed appreciation to the Navajo Nation President and Navajo Nation Council for approving the request of \$8.4 M in CARES Act funds. A briefing of vice presidents and provost goals aligned with the President and Board of Regents goals.
 - Regent Toadecheenie inquired about wellness and student mental health. Dr. Roessel advised the addition of counselors and the CARES Act approach in offering telehealth services and a wellness program.
 - Regent Bigman mentions looking at the college's interest when looking at collaborative efforts concerning infrastructure builds. Also, mentioned cross-collaboration between departments on goals and review at the committee-level agendas for progress.

DIRECTIVE: Regent Bigman motions to amend agenda to have resubmission of VPEA written report and for President to develop a framework on how reports are written, and timeframe covered within monthly submissions, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

A recommendation that any non-compliance be provided directly to the Board of regents through communications other than board report.

- a. Regent Hatathlie states she has high expectations for the college and its leaders, as we all serve as role models and we should be informed of processes and procedures to address issues. Additionally, reports and resolutions have typos that should be corrected before it is presented for the Board's review; therefore, supports the directive.
- b. Vote in favor of not accepting the presented report and accepting two directives: 0-4-2.

2. Associated Students of Diné College - LeTanya Thinn, Associated Students of Diné College President. ASDC President, Regent Thinn reports on monthly activities.

- August 19- first ASDC meeting, August 25- voter forum with President Office and Native American Voter Engagement from Phoenix.
- September 23 – Protection Prayer. Discloses the prayer is not to be recorded and working with ICC for safety measures is taken.
- September 25 – September General meeting.
- Challenge and Solution: working to increase student participation/ engagement. Acknowledges ICC with provided orientations, President Roessel in responding to students; Information technology; Financial Aid; and Peer mentor program.

3. Faculty and Staff Association Reports - Winifred Jumbo, SA President & Dr. Joseph A. de Soto, FA President

- FA President states theme "working together" with staff association, faculty association, and administration. Also, reports committee work on faculty salaries. President and Provost are supportive of faculty items brought forth.

Regent Thinn motions to accept oral reports, seconded by Regent Hoskie.
Vote: 6-0-0

XI. Old Business. There were no old business items for this meeting.

XII. New Business.

A. Action Item – "Accepting the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019, Prepared by KPMG."

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

Discussion: KPMG presented an overview of audited financial statements, findings, and corrective actions. Provided an overview of new accounting standards for FY20-21.

- Regent Tso notes items show "unremediated" and asked how can the college remediate? Suzette Longfellow recommends having trained staff and also consider a 3rd party consultant who can address. Also, question if policy revision is needed to address. Suzette Longfellow advised sees more as process and procedures. Dr. Roessel advised the VPFA goals includes quarterly reporting to address audit.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

B. Action Item – "Approving an Unrestricted General Fund Operating Budget for Diné College for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Amount of Twenty-Three Million Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-One Dollars (\$23,049,121)."

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

Discussion: Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the proposed budget presentation. The presentation discussed the budget review process, strategic plans and budget preparation; 2020-2021 Projected Budget; General Restricted & other budgets; and expenditures, including COVID 19 expenditures.

- Regent Toadecheenie questioned if the student enrollment would change the proposed budget. VP Lewis advised that
- Regent Bigman advised prior-year summarized comparison of a chart of accounts and request copy of FY20-21 to FY19-20 Chart of Accounts & carryover. Vice President will send to BOR executive assistant for regents review.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Recess for 30 min. lunch: 12:30 p.m. Vote: 7-0-0.

Return from lunch: 1:08 p.m.

Roll call: Regents Bigman, Hatathlie, Tso, Thinn, Toadecheenie, Hoskie present.

C. Action Item – "Approves Changes and Needed Amendments to the Board of Regents Bylaws to Adopt a New Committee Agenda Template."

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

Discussion: Regent Bigman provides the outline and process for items going through the committees onto the consent items in streamlining the process for action items. He also shares at committee there was a discussion to approve administrative items to update the committee discussion only. So, Regent Bigman motions to amend V. Old Business (A) Routine Business Items & (B) Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Regent Tso.

Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

D. Action Item – "Approving the Designated Official to execute the needs of the Sub-recipient Agreement with the Navajo Nation to accept the Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of Eight Million Four Hundred Eight thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$8,478,578.80)."

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

Discussion: Regent Tso question if approving authority or just accepting of funds requested and also if bonding in place. Dr. Roessel clarified to accept the funds. Regent Bigman questioned why the vice president of finance is not the designated recipient, as she has been in the past. Dr. Roessel advised the recipient required it to be the proposal submitter.

- Regent Toadecheenie inquires about quality control. Ms. Lewis advised treated as sub-award and will seek 3rd party vendor to assist with expenditure tracking.

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Regent Dennison requests to be excused and will not be able to attend the executive session.

XIII. Executive Session (If Deemed Necessary)

- Regent Thinn motion to enter executive session at 1:32 PM, seconded by Regent Hoskie. Vote: 6-0-0.
- Regent Thinn motion to enter executive session at 1:46 PM, seconded by Regent Tso. Vote: 6-0-0.

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

- A. Board of Regents Annual Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2020
- B. Board of Regents Committee Meeting - Friday, October 9, 2020

XV. Adjournment. Regent Thinn motions for adjournment, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie at 1:47 PM Vote: 6-0-0.