



Diné College Board of Regents Regular Meeting

Minutes

Diné College
Sep 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM MDT

Zoom Video Meeting Conference

Minutes – Approved on November 12, 2021

Regent Hatathlie motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Bigman. Vote: 6-0-0.

Attendance

Members Present:

Anderson Hoskie, Earlson Manson

Members Present (Remote):

Greg Bigman, Johnson Dennison, Theresa Hatathlie, Daniel Tso

Members Absent:

Sharon Toadecheenie

Guests Present:

Clara Pratt

I. Call to Order

The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:34 AM Friday, September 10, 2021, with the Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Regent Greg Bigman, President

Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President

Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Treasurer

Regent Earlson Manson, ASDC President

Regent Johnson Dennison, Member

Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member

Regent Daniel Tso, Member

Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

Board President conducted roll call.

- Regent Tso joined at 9:37 a.m. MDT.

III. Invocation

Regent Hoskie provided the meeting prayer.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Approval of Agenda with one amendment.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison.

Motion:

Amendment #1- update amount in title from \$50,000 to \$70,590 for new business Item G.

Motion moved by Daniel Tso and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison. Vote for both approving and amending motion: 6-0-0.

V. Introduction of Guests and Staff

Clara Pratt provided introduction to the Board of Regents as consultant for federal advocacy and outreach efforts on behalf of the college.

VI. Public Comments (Time Limit of 3 Minutes)

There was no public comments during this meeting.

VII. Announcements

- A. September 25, 2021 Dine College Golf Tournament- Pinion Hills Golf Course, Farmington, NM
- B. October 6, 2021 Dine College Annual Meeting- Tsaile Campus SUB Activity Room, Tsaile, AZ
- C. November 30, 2021 Warrior Day of Giving

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Motions for approval of minutes as presented.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie. Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

- A. August 24, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. July 9, 2021 Regular Meetings Minutes

- C. July 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- D. June 11, 2021 Special Meeting

IX. Consent

Motion:

Approving consent action items and written reports.

Motion moved by Daniel Tso and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison. Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

A. Action Items

1. Action Item -

"Approving the Diné College Bachelor of Fine Art Degree as a Distance Education Degree Program."

2. Action Item -

"Approving and Authorizing the Diné College Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (with an emphasis in Tribal Management and Economic Development) degree program to transition to a fully online program. (Attachment)."

3. Action Item -

"Approval a Memorandum of Understanding between A.T. Still University of Health Sciences and Dine College and an Addendum No. 1 A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences, Department of Physician Assistant Studies, Pipeline to PA Preferred Applicants Program"

4. Action Item -

"Diné College and the Institute of American Indian Arts (I.A.I.A) Graduate Matriculation Articulation Agreement."

B. Written Reports

1. Office of the President- Dr. Monty Roessel, President

a. Projects and Operations

b. OIPR

2. Office of the Provost- Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Provost

3. Office of Finance & Administration- Bo Lewis, VP

4. Office of External Affairs- Marie Nez, VP

5. Office of Student Affairs- Glennita Haskey, VP

6. Staff Association- Winifred Jumbo, Staff Association President

7. Faculty Association- Rosalind Smith, Faculty Association President

X. Reports

A. Oral Reports

1. Office of the President - Dr. Monty Roessel, President

President Roessel mentions efforts made in realigning the college vision as a 4-year TCU focused on research. An alignment to allow the college to grow by seeking alternative sources of income, increasing donor development, and a curriculum relevant to the needs of the Navajo Nation. A budget that now includes target areas of emphasis and investments in priorities resulting in a more efficient budget. In addition, implementing a school-wide approach to improving customer service and physical atmosphere. Also, it mentions a need to improve professional development through digital transformation. President provides a briefing of the business innovation grant initiative and its purpose to address economic development from a regional perspective. Ms. Pratt provided an update on the Diné College ACT and the O&M factors considered and included to address items such as building age and rural location. President Roessel advised exploring opportunities for the college to address the teacher shortage in the Navajo Nation. In addition, provided an overview of the reconciliation bill.

- Regent Hatathlie inquires if students are able to register in one day if they are on-site.

10-minute recess to address audio technical difficulties.

- VP Haskey states in general students are able to register for classes on-site but there may be some confusion with the phrase "last day to add a class." There was some misinterpretation that some individuals understood as being able to begin the process; however, this is available for students already enrolled. VP Haskey has met with her staff in ways to alleviate this misunderstanding and explain. Furthermore, there have been some complaints in regard to admittance to buildings without proof of vaccination or releasing information to parent inquiries.

2. Associated Students of Diné College - Earlsan Manson, Associated Students of Diné College President

The first ASDC meeting held on September 1, 2021. An introduction of current officers to the student body of approximately 40 attendees. An election for incoming officers will be held in the first week of October to fill vacant positions on the executive board.

- President Roessel held a meeting to discuss goals and establish monthly meetings with ASDC officers.
 - BOR President Bigman reported orientation provided to Regent Manson and mentor will be Regent Toadecheenie.
3. Faculty and Staff Association Reports - Winifred Jumbo, SA President & Rosalind Smith, FA President

There is no report provided by the FA Association officers at this meeting.

Staff Association President Ms. Jumbo advised staff association bylaws allow for 2-year term. A meeting was held with the college president and association to determine next steps in officer elections. The association was in support of extending term of current officers to October 2022 to ensure transition and new nominations of officers. The pursuit of a budget with a focus to build on training and staff mental health and wellness. The association was able to support the fishing tournament raising \$445 donation supporting 1st place prize sponsorship.

- President Roessel and BOR President Bigman acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Jumbo.

Motion:

Motion to accept the oral reports.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

XI. Old Business

Dr. Roessel reports the old business items are not ready. No action taken at this time.

A. Action Item -

"Approving a College-wide Weapons Policy applicable to all employees, students and campus visitors."

B. Action Item -

"Accepting and Approving the Energy Audit for the Tsaille and Shiprock campuses for the purposes

of entering into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract (GESPC) from Yearout."

XII. New Business

A. Action Item -

"Approving the amendment to the Diné College organization chart."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Bigman reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Anderson Hoskie.

The change focused on research and addressing branch/centers. In consulting with the University of Arizona provided some recommendations listed within the chart. The research department, DPI, and IGO align under academics. The change is budget neutral changing the Vice President of External Affairs to the External Campus and Centers. The organizational chart has a creation of a chief of staff with Marketing & Communications, alumni & development, capital projects, and security.

- Regent Bigman libraries, museum, and requests consideration of moving legislative affairs & special projects under the Chief of Staff.
 - Dr. Roessel advised chart reflects page 1 and page 2 at an administrative level. The recommendation to move the Legislative Affairs & Special Projects is accepted.

B. Action Item -

"Approving an Unrestricted General Fund Operating Budget for Diné College for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the Amount of Twenty-Three Million, Sixty-Five Thousand, and Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$23,065,629)."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Anderson Hoskie.

Vote for approving motion: x-0-0.

Vice President Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the budget process including a review of year-end functional categories; revenue projections; review budget based on a chart of accounts; comparison of fiscal years budget by divisions;

allocation by divisions and percentages; and review of total general funds & restricted fund budgets.

- Regent Bigman requests strategy outcomes.
 - Academic grants.
 - Similar to last year's breakdown of COVID funding and listed separately
 - Vertical analysis of paid wages in departments.
 - Assessment of student assessment initiatives
 - Crownpoint Center comprehensive plan with enrollment strategy.
- Dr. Roessel advised will provide an update of COVID funding to the finance audit investment committee. The vertical analysis will be done with DHR and provided to the finance, audit, investment & governance committee. The Crownpoint center had planned for the Navajo Nation livestock research center and seeking funding.

Motion:

Motion to approve a document replacement for updated presentation.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie.
Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

Motion:

Motion for a tabling motion. Item will be brought back to September 27, 2021.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison.
Vote for tabling motion: 4-1-0.

Lunch Recess at 12:25 p.m. returned at 1:10 p.m.

C. Action Item -

"Approving and Authorizing the Expenditure of the Navajo Nation Appropriation in the amount of Four Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,700,000) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022) and Incorporating these Funds into the College's Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Operating Budget."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved and motion seconded.

Vice President Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the Navajo Nation goals associated with the budget.

D. Action Item -

"Approving an Authorizing the updated and modified Dual Credit Program Policies and Procedures. Subject: Dual Credit."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Earlson Manson. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

Ms. Jumbo provided an update to the changes in the Policies and Procedures presented. The changes reflect procedures and listed below.

1. Placement Tests- removal of specific AY noted with general catalog
2. Enrolling in Dual Credit Courses, updated current process
3. Billing process and coding
 - Regent Bigman recommends clearly differentiating the policy from the procedure.

Motion:

Motion to amend procedure and move to Policy 4.1.4 - "Students who participate in Arizona dual credit program are eligible to receive tuition and fees reimbursement, regardless of final letter grade. Student must complete their entire semester or session to receive reimbursement."

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Greg Bigman. Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

E. Action Item -

"Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Arizona and Diné College to provide guidance in improving academic research."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

A collaboration with University of Arizona in a focus group meeting discussing building a research center. A focus on improving compliance, development of training for staff, faculty, and PI, utilizing Cayuse software.

Motion:

Motion to amend Whereas #5 - Diné and the University of Arizona will work jointly to build the capacity of research in order to help build a stronger Navajo Nation."

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Greg Bigman. Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

F. Action Item -

"Approval of the Universal Articulation Agreement MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) for and on behalf of Arizona State University ("ASU") and Diné College in Facilitating a Pathway for Diné College student's transfer to ASU."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Anderson Hoskie and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

Provost Garrity overview of the pathway.

- Regent Bigman request the inclusion of #6 to state oral update.

Motion:

Motion to amend resolution with Whereas #6, "The MOU serves in the best interest of Diné College as it provides a pathway for students providing admission, diversifies Diné College's ability for degree pathway programs, additional bachelors programs and master degree programs, and student access to academic resource programs such as MyPathway to ASU.

Motion moved by Greg Bigman and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie. Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

G. Action Item -

"Supporting a budget amendment to allocate Diné College; Appropriation in the amount of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Ninety dollars (\$70,590) from the Navajo Nation for the Creative Placemaking project in Round Rock, AZ."

Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution. Regent Manson reads the resolution into record.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

Honorable Delegate Slater briefed the board of regents on the project. Diné Faculty contacted chapter on a partnership with Kansas State partnered with UNM Indigenous design and planning institute. An amendment will be presented to the legislation presented to the Navajo Nation Council.

XIII. Executive Session (If Deemed Necessary)

There was no executive session held for this meeting.

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

- A. Board of Regents Annual Meeting - Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- B. Board of Regents Special Meeting - Wednesday, October 6, 2021

XV. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:21 p.m. MDT.

Motion moved by Anderson Hoskie and motion seconded by Theresa Hatathlie. Vote for adjournment: 5-0-0.