

WETCC Council of Trustees Meeting

March 12, 2019 2:00 p.m.

WETCC Mitigomizh Conference Room

Call to order: By Sue at 2:02

PRESENT: Sue Heisler, Dean Johnson, Nicole Martinson, Brent Gish, Joy Annette

OTHERS PRESENT: Lorna LaGue, Joan Bartz (for Gina Murray)

- I. **Approval/Amendments to agenda:** Motion by Dean, second by Nicole, passed 4-0
- II. **Public Comments (5 minutes each):** None
- III. **Introduction of New Employees:** No new employees, there are a couple job announcements out at this time.
- IV. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - i. The minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2019 were reviewed. Motion by Brent, second by Nicole, to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed 4-0
 - B. **Financial Statements – Gina Murray**
 - i. January Financial Statements were reviewed Motion by Dean to approve, second by Brent; motion passed 4-0.
 - ii. Distribution of February Preliminary Statements – No approval needed, discussion on the line items within the P&L statements and the impact of the transition from GP. Gina will be reviewing the budget discrepancies to see what is wrong.
 - C. **Contracts - None**
 - D. **Large Expenditures - None**
 - E. **Policies - None**
 - F. **Approval of President's Report/Monthly Department updates – Lorna LaGue**

Discussion, on recent meetings with area employers and the possibility of adding certificate programs in the future to better meet the workforce demands in our area. Motion by Nicole to accept the reports, second by Brent; motion passed 4-0.
 - G. **HLC Visit – Discussion on the recent HLC visit and the feedback received from the Reviewers.** A preliminary report should be coming soon where we can correct facts, but not provide any additional evidence. The primary areas of concern are assessment and financial stability, compounded by the staff turnover.
 - H. **COT Vacancy – The COT Community Member At Large position is vacant.** Per the COT Bylaws 6 out of the 7 voting COT Members must be a White Earth Tribal Member or a descendent. A drafted announcement was reviewed. Sue will follow up with Joan to see if she will remain active with the COT and then an announcement can be initiated.
- V. **Other:**
 - A. **Lawsuit – Lorna informed the COT a former employee has presented a suit in regards to his former employment.** Attorney Zenas Baer will handle the matter.
 - B. **Lorna provided the COT Members a copy of the Tribal Council Quarterly Update from the College;** this was delivered to RTC on March 7th. Plans are in the works to revamp the summer classes and hold community workshops through Customized Ed instead. Staff will be involved and serve as Ambassadors for the College.
 - C. **President Trump has submitted a proposed budget for next fiscal year.** The proposed budget would be detrimental to WETCC.

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- D. WETCC Foundation Meeting – Lorna will coordinate a meeting with the Foundation in the near future, Treasurer Dean Johnson will also attend.

Joy Annette left the meeting at 3:36

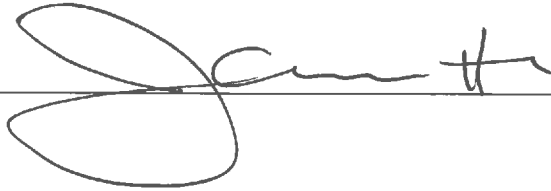
VI. Calendar Updates:

- A. Spring Break March 18-22 (week of AIHEC in Montana)
- B. NIEA is in Minneapolis in October this year, we may want to consider attending
- C. Tuesday, March 26th – 12:00 noon – Student Honor Ceremony
- D. Next COT Meeting – April 9, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. Tuesday

Other: Discussion on observations on teaching staff, how that is conducted and how WETCC is ensuring we uphold the Anishinaabe values.

Adjournment: Motion by Nicole to adjourn at 4:03, second by Dean. All in favor 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Approved by: _____



Date: _____

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