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President's Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and Universities  
Board Meeting / Teleconference  
August 8, 2007

Call to Order / Roll Call:

The Designated Federal Official, Deborah Cavett, called the teleconference board meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. EDT. The teleconference meeting was turned over to Ron His Horse is Thunder, PBATCU Chair, at 5:22 p.m. EDT.

Members of the board present for the teleconference meeting: Ron His Horse is Thunder, Eddie Brown, Karen Comeau, Joseph Hiller, Deborah His Horse is Thunder, Kathy Isaacson, Daniel Keating, Martha McLeod, Carl Morgan, Richard Stephens and Edward Thomas.

WHITCU Staff Present for the teleconference meeting: Deborah Cavett, Executive Director; Anselm Davis; Michael Anspach and Tonya Ewers

Laurie King, New West Technologies, was also on line for the teleconference meeting.

Review and Approval of February 2007 Board Minutes:

Edward Thomas moved to approve the February 2007 Board Minutes. Richard Stephens seconded the motion. Edward Thomas called for the question, which was second by Martha McLeod. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation of Action Item by Working Group:

Martha McLeod provided further details on the discussion that took place during the July 14th PBATCU Working Group Meeting held in Enfield, Connecticut. McLeod discussed the process leading up to the one recommendation for the full board to consider; namely, to help increase financial security for the TCUs through support for forward funding under the Bureau of Indian Education for the FY 09 federal budget. McLeod also talked about the action plan that was developed to help members of the Board move forward in the effort to bring the objective of forward funding for TCUs to fruition.

Call for Question:

Karen Comeau moved to accept the recommendation of the working group to support efforts to secure forward funding for the TCUs through the FY 09 federal budget process of the Department of Interior. Daniel Keating seconded the motion.

The discussion that ensued included the need to state that TCUs start the fiscal year with a deficit budget, that TCUs will benefit more from "full" forward funding as oppose to a smaller percentage, and that WHITCU, BIE and AIHEC should all work together so that everyone is presenting the same information on the issue of "full" forward funding.

Joseph Hiller moved to stress "full" forward funding in the original motion. Karen Comeau agreed to amend her original motion to include the phrase "full forward funding." The motion

relative to full forward funding for the TCUs passed unanimously.

Deborah Cavett will send the action plan to all members of the board who are to provide feedback within seven days. If no feedback is received that will be an indication to move forward with the action plan as is.

Extension of Executive Order (Expires 9 /30/07):

Edward Thomas moved to support the extension of Executive Order 13270. Joseph Hiller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Establish Meeting Dates for FY 2008:

Joseph Hiller moved to have the next board meeting in Washington, DC, on the 11th and 12th of February, 2008. Edward Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

July 14 and 15 or July 15 and 16 were dates that board members penciled in to their calendar as possible dates for the second board meeting in 2008. Edward Thomas moved to have the July board meeting at a central location. The motion died for a lack of a second. An e-mail message will be sent to each board member requesting feedback on availability for the selected July meeting date and feedback on the location of the July meeting. Each board member will check their 2008 calendar, determine the availability of those dates, suggest a location for the July meeting, and pass that information on to the WHITCU Executive Director.

Forum for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Adjourn

The teleconference meeting ended at 6:19 p.m. EDT.

Deborah J. Cavett  
August 23, 2007  
Designated Federal Official  
White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities

Approved on behalf of the Board

Ron His Horse is Thunder  
Chair, President's Board of Advisors on  
Tribal Colleges and Universities