

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 17, 2021
Eneas Big Knife Conference Room**

Members present: Jim Durglo (arrived at 1:20 pm), Ronda Howlett, Jamie Courville, Jennifer Finley (arrived at 12:45 pm); Nich'e Caye, Felicia Paul, Anita Dupuis and President Sandra Boham.

Members absent: none

Others present: Audrey Plouffe, Tony Berthelote, Dan Durglo, Doug Ruhman; Elaine Frank (via Zoom) and Anita Big Spring.

Meeting Call to Order

Ronda Howlett, SKC 1st Vice Chair called the SKC Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:30 pm with the opening prayer.

Open for Groups and Individuals

(JoAnn), JoJo Ducharme requested they the College name the maintenance building after long-time employee Michael Bigcrane (24 years plus with the college) who passed away this summer. He was a big loss to all of us at SKC. He took his job personally, always had a smile on his face; a humble man and these types of employees are priceless.

Motion by Jamie Courville to name the maintenance building, The Michael Bigcrane Building and requests the Founder's Wall to include Michael Bigcrane. Second by Felicia Paul. Voting 7 for, 0 Against. Motion carried unanimous.

Consent Agenda

Reports (included in packet) Questions/Comments
June 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Financial Report
Personnel Report
Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Report
Vice President for Academic Affairs
SKC Foundation Report

Motion by Nich'e Caye to approve the consent agenda, which includes the June 18, 2021 board minutes. Second by Jamie Courville. Voting 7 For, 0 Against. Motion carried unanimous.

President's Report

President Boham briefed the Board on the following:

- Faculty/Staff In-service. August 30 – September 2, 2021 and September 7 - September 10, 2021.
- Classes began on Monday, September 13, 2021.
- SKC traded Bison for Salmon. Thank you to Mike, Jim and Dan Durglo who cut and filleted the salmon. It was a big job, thank you.

- Cultural activities for In-service with the KCC and the SPCC Committees.
- Six training modules for staff/faculty re: Title IX.
- There has been a few shifts with faculty.
- Enrollment (600)
- Lee Slater, SKC IT Instructor wrote a very successful joint project grant with Stone Child Community College.
- The SKC Master of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management has (5) candidates in which there five students in the new program.
- Attended the Pablo District Council meeting.
- Covid Protocol briefing.
- Beaverhead building/Advising spaces.
- Cross-country with the Polson School District canceled due to large Covid numbers.

Old Business

Tribal Preference Discussion

- All jobs need to advertise out.
- Hiring all advertised to the public.

Motion by Jennifer Finley to rescind hiring Policy 203.10 and to have all jobs advertised to the public. Second by Nich'e Caye. Voting 7 for, 0 Against. Motion carried unanimous.

SKC Graduate Program Education Dr. Elaine Frank and Mr. Doug Ruhman

Dr. Elaine Frank, SKC Dean of Graduate Studies and Doug Ruhman, SKC Dean, Division of Education presented to the SKC Board of Directors the Strand #1: Integrated Indigenous Education (IIE) and Strand#2 Integrated Literacy leading to K-12 Reading Endorsement.

Motion by Jamie Courville to approve the Master's Degree in Education, Strand #1, Integrated Indigenous Education (IIE) and Strand #2 Integrated Literacy leading to K-12 Reading Endorsement as presented by Dr. Elaine Frank, SKC Dean of Graduate Studies and Mr. Doug Ruhman SKC Dean, Division of Education. Second by Ronda Howlett. Voting 7 For, 0 Against. Motion carried unanimous.

SKC Foundation Board

Motion by Jamie Courville to reappoint Francine Dupuis and Debby McClenahan to the SKC Foundation Board of Directors. Second by Anita Dupuis. Voting 7 For, 0 Against. Motion carried unanimous.

The SKC Board Retreat will take place October 21 – 24, 2021 at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino. The board regular session of the SKC Board of Director adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Executive session called. Executive session adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Big Spring

SKC Board Recording Secretary