

COT Meeting

November 13, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Present: Sue, Nicole, Dean, Joy, Joan, Michael, and Merlin.

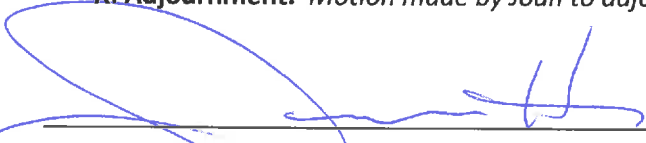
Others present: Patty (recorder), Kim Anderson, and Aaron Wittnebel.

- I. **Called to order** by Sue at 2:09.
- II. **Approval/amendments to agenda:** Sue requested to move up executive session to after public comments, table the interim president evaluation, and to move up the discussion for student presidential search committee member.
Remove Item B. Finance Office Report; GP software is down; no finance report is available at this time. Kami will email financial reports to COT as soon as possible.
Move Item I. "Review of AA program emphasis areas" to discussion item VIII., "Discussion Items: B."
Add Approval of Construction Project Payouts to Large Expenditures.
Motion made to approve above changes to agenda by Joy second by Merlin. All in favor, motion carried.
- III. **Public comments:** Student Aaron Wittnebel voiced requests of Student Senate including revision of Student Senate Constitution, Student Senate funds, student activities, separated Ojibwemowin club, AIHEC, Student Senate. Have requests for drumming team or classes. Would like to expand cultural waiver program and cultural arts program. Student Senate agrees with the degree program proposal change, but have questions. Will implement a moratorium for events to ensure attendance.
- IV. **Executive Session:** Session was held from 2:28 to 3:00. Discussion was held regarding the challenges of shared governance. Recommendation was made.
- V. **New Employees:** N/A
- VI. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Approval of meeting minutes:** *Motion made by Dean to approve meeting minutes from 10/5/2017 and 10/17/2017; Second by Joan.*
 - B. **Large Expenditures:**
 - i. **HLC Assessment Academy fees of \$6,000.00:** *Motion made by Mike to approve; Second by Merlin. All in favor, motion carried.*
 - ii. **Gordon Construction Payouts** for Extension building of \$32,249.32 and Gordon Construction Payout for Waadook Building of \$54,002.77. *Motion made by Joy to approve both; Second by Joan. All in favor, motion carried.*
 - D. **Contracts:** N/A

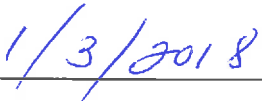
B. Review of AA Program emphasis areas: The HLC Site Visit Team asked why we have degree emphasis areas. Tracy explained the proposal of introducing the AAS degree, and phase out the emphasis areas that complicate graduation pathways, and require excessive assessment. AAS will better prepare graduates for work. Completion rates of our current degree model are thrown off with classes required for each emphasis area. Faculty is overtaxed with assessment duties. It is difficult to have articulation agreements with other colleges; our graduates must bring their class syllabi to their 4-year college for transfer approval. There is confusion around what emphasis areas mean for our students. Tracy expects to be formally proposing this change to COT in the future, along with a SWOT analysis to help improve student success and simplify assessment. This change would also work well for bringing in an arts program. There is confusion regarding what the change will mean for students and faculty. Mike would like to see more certificate programs that focus on behavioral health, and Anishinaabe leadership, etc. RTC would like the college to serve educational needs to fill positions locally. Discussion.

Nicole and Joy left at 4:32. Mike left at 4:45.

X. Adjournment: *Motion made by Joan to adjourn; Second by Dean. Meeting adjourned at 4:47*



Secretary signature



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