



Tribal University Advisory Board (TUAB)

January 27, 2021 – 1:00-3:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broncho, Denell (Board) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colter, Chad (Board, Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Covington, Shoshawna (Board) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fellows, Sidney (Board) | <input type="checkbox"/> Force, Rex (Board, Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gibson, Stacey (Board) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herkshan, Laticia (Board) | <input type="checkbox"/> James, Jessica | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loley, Lethaniel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin, Julia (Board) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Murillo, Larry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Kickham (Board) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stone, Sunny (Board) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuell, Yvette | |

Guests: Robin Falslev

Rex is unable to attend and Liz agreed to moderate the meeting. Yvette asked about Chad Coulter moderating as the co-chair. We were not sure that Chad planned to attend. Quorum present.

Review and Approval of Minutes

- November 10, 2020 and December 15, 2020 – one change, Stacey Gibson attended on December 15. Stacey moved to accept the minutes with the one modification. Seconded by Sunny. Motion carried.

Reports from Committees

- Student Services Committee**
Sidney provided an update. Their committee (her, Liz, and Laticia) met and developed a survey to send out this semester to Native American students (perceptions of current student services, comfort level, resources, etc.). They will share survey/results later with this group. Additionally, Sidney has reached out to other Universities to review their surveys. Will help in future strategies for use of student services.
- Research Service Committee – Liz**
The Research Subcommittee has not met since the last meeting or the last TUAB meeting. No update this time.

Old/Ongoing Business

- Create Committees: Access, Programs, Diversity**
Liz reiterated the need to create committees for all the strategic priorities. We already have the Student Services and Research committees. These committees can be chaired by members of TUAB or we can enlist assistance from others but the person needs to be committed to scheduling meetings and can attend TUAB meetings to provide updates. A committee can also create subcommittees or ad-hoc committees as needed. We can include information on the TUAB website for each committee and any faculty member interested in pursuing involvement for their service component can see if this is of interest. Liz summarized the goals for each area and activities already underway.
Access committee – Yvette said several individuals have been meeting informally on various topics under Access goals (i.e. loan forgiveness, etc.). She would like to see those efforts continue and progress. Liz suggested we needed to formalize this committee so we know what efforts are taking place, to make sure are not duplicating efforts, or working at cross-purposes. Yvette, Stacey, Lethaniel, Denell and finance people will schedule a meeting prior to our next TUAB meeting and provide an update, designate someone to serve as chair and reporting role.
Programs Committee – Robin and Larry volunteered to serve on this committee. Sunny suggested someone from the Tribes (HR and Casino) should serve on this committee. Larry will reach out to HR. Shoshawna agreed to serve on this committee and chair the committee.
Diversity Committee – Stacey should be on this committee. Table this discussion when Stacey is available and is the logical choice to chair the committee.
- Recruitment and Retention Specialist Position (Handout)**
Stacey provided the background for this proposal and the timeline to meet the budget submissions for ISU occurring now. The Ad-Hoc Committee (consisted of Stacey, Liz, Lethaniel, and Jessica) met to develop a full-



time position description specifically dedicated to Native American student recruitment and retention. This position will complement Lethaniel’s position (NASS Coordinator), meet the MOA and strategic priorities, plus address the FHBC’s new strategic priorities. This position is geared to outreach efforts - meeting with high schools, junior high, and talking to families. Another option outlined is an ask for a Director position for the Native American Student Services that two positions will report to the director. Basically, their request is for two positions. The group reviewed/discussed the handout. Points: Denell hopes this may help to get students past the first semester to the junior status which helps with retention, Sunny thinks this will align with adult education program, TERO Department, hotel, and youth education programs. Stacey will edit/modify the description based on the feedback from this group. She doesn’t want to wait until the next TUAB meeting but will send out to the group for their vote of approval.

- **Review Revised Strategic Priorities Timeline** (Handout)
Tabled. Review the new timeline and review the new priorities as from the Fort Hall Business Council for discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

- **ISU Land Acknowledgement Presentation** (Handout). The Land Acknowledgement Committee has been meeting since 2019. The Committee consists of Sonja Launspach, Amanda Zink, Yvette, Randy’L Teton, Jenn Forshee, Stacey, Lethaniel, Laticia, Liz, Camdon Kay (ASISU), and Ann Medinger. Liz shared the presentation with the group. Yvette said the Fort Hall Business Council (FHBC) has approved the draft. Next steps are for TUAB endorsement, President’s approval, endorsement by Faculty Senate and ASISU. Lastly, they will ask constituent groups to include to their websites, events, syllabi, and emails. Chad expressed concerns about including language with political boundaries of which states were the traditional lands though appreciates including “and beyond.” Discussion within the group – faculty and students need to know the “why” and what students may perceive and what Native American students perceive. Faculty will not be required to include to their syllabi. Shoshawna recommended including in the first year seminar as an introduction to the University. Liz will share will this suggestion with the committee. Suggestion to change email wording for Pocatello “located within the boundaries of the original Fort Hall reservation on the traditional lands of the Shoshone and Bannock peoples.” Yvette said that since it is something ISU will use in their email; this change will not require a return to the FHBC for approval. Liz motioned for TUAB to officially endorse the land acknowledgement statement as modified, Julia seconded. Motion carried.
- **New Strategic Priorities Proposed by Fort Hall Business Council** (email). Tabled for next meeting. Yvette urged TUAB to revisit the new priorities proposed by the FHBC. Our progress has been somewhat delayed with COVID. Since technically, ISU and FHBC should meet annually in the summer, some progress should be made with the priorities. She expressed concern that many responsibilities are delegated to Rex (her counterpart as policy liaison, co-chair for TUAB, Idaho Indian Education Committee). She suggested the Board to consider an agenda item for next meeting to include TUAB’s chair (co-chair) and expected timeframe of serving in this role. She would like to see ISU appoint someone to fill Selena’s role on the Board.
- **Informational – EET Program Training Elder Care Initiative** (Handout). Larry provided an update on the 477 EET Program – They have been working with the College of Technology and Sister Grieving to create an Elder Care Initiative to train more CNAs and medical assistants to go to the homes of the elders. This provides options for them to stay home rather than assisted living and nursing homes. Sister Grieving has already created a training for certification to work with elders and has three classes in gerontology.

Presentation/Guests/Open Forum for Native American Students

None

Next Meeting

A Doodle poll will be sent out to schedule the next meeting.

Adjourned 3:08 p.m.

Minutes approved at the March 3, 2021 Meeting