



Tribal University Advisory Board (TUAB)

October 7, 2020 – 1:00-3:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

- Broncho, Denell (Board)
- Fellows, Sidney (Board)
- Herkshan, Laticia (Board)
- Martin, Julia (Board)
- Stone, Sunny (Board)
- Colter, Chad (Board, Co-Chair)
- Force, Rex (Board, Co-Chair)
- James, Jessica
- Murillo, Larry
- Tuell, Yvette
- Covington, Shoshawna (Board)
- Gibson, Stacey (Board)
- Loley, Lethaniel
- Liz Kickham (Board)

Guests: Robin Falslev, (Clinical Assistant Professor), Damon Coando? (student), Jean McGivney-Burelle (Dean, College of Education)

Open Forum

- Robin Falslev is a clinical assistant professor/speech therapist in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) and interested in learning what the Board does. She has work with the Shoshone-Bannock Early Childhood Center. Would like to learn how they can students and improve programs to align with the strategic goals.

Announcements

- An overview was presented of the strategic priorities and the domain areas listed in the MOA (student services, access, etc.). The Board will need to set up sub-committees to work on projects which can be composed of some board members and engage others from both organizations.
- Process to move projects forward for students and whether this Board serves in the capacity to oversee/manage projects. This Board will manage requests and develop subgroups if needed to oversee.
- The College of Technology is offering hospitality courses this fall and has a cohort of students that have already started. Options are for a certificate program as well as an associate’s degree.
- Annual meeting with ISU and Fort Hall Business Council (FHBC) will be scheduled and this group notified. Rex will circle back to the President’s Office to see if a date has been set and coordinate with Yvette.

Old Business

- Research Subgroup
 - Research subgroup and members. Members: Liz (Chair), Julia Martin, Chad Colter, Robert R, Louise Dixie (Language and Cultural Preservation-SB), Georgia Hart-Fredeluces (current project-how research is negotiated), and Laticia. Goals: 1) vetting research before contact with the tribes and make sure research methods are appropriate, 2) create training for researchers (plans to create a white paper), 3) protection for ISU researchers for ability to publish while protecting tribal sovereignty. The Tribes also have a research group and their processes are almost finalized. **Action: Rex will contact IMNH for Leif Tapanila or someone from the Museum to serve on this committee.**
 - Sunny provided an update for the Tribal research subgroup. They are developing a process and map out where requests need to go. FHBC will still approve. They will provide training and mirror the same process as ISU. Making sure research is beneficial to the community. Laticia is working with Georgia on a research project to create a research database. They will also have a liaison/mentor to assist with research parameters within the Tribes. Discussion to have the research driven for the needs of the Tribes (i.e. vaccine trial proposed by John Hopkins University and Texas State).
- Capping Tribal Member Fees/Tribal Member Student Forgiveness
 - Topic discussed at a prior meeting: Discussions with Weston Whitworth about other groups receiving reduced fees (senior citizens, spouses, etc.). Tribal member’s reduced fee is \$60 per credit. Unlike other groups, they are not capped at 12 credits. Larry would like to cap it at 12 credits as well (no additional fees after 12 credit mark met). Also, if a student owes \$200 or more, a hold is placed on their ability to register and receive transcripts.
 - Rex will talk to ISU’s finance team and university administration to discuss guidelines how this process can be modified (SBOE, internal, etc.). Larry provided an example when Weston was able to decide internally to reduce tuition that did not require submission to the Board.



- Weston had provided data regarding outstanding Native American student debt and the debt for the past 10 years exceeds \$600k. Larry would like the University to consider forgiveness of outstanding balances. **Action: Rex will meet with finance team to discuss and see if they can attend our next meeting.**
- Website Demonstration.
 - Tabled due to time constraints.

New Business

- Indigenous Peoples’ Day
 - Scheduled for October 12-15. Lethaniel provided information on the schedule and additional information is located at <https://www.isu.edu/ipd/>. It will also be on Facebook live except the workshops, includes a welcome video from the President, and a student poster competition.
- TUAB Student Representation
 - Sidney expressed concerns on several factors related to student representation: the student’s role on the Board, GPA requirement 3.0 vs a student in “good standing” which is 2.0 GPA, and how students are elected/nominated to the Board.
 - MOA stipulates the student representative is nominated by the Native American Student Services (NASS) coordinator. Sidney/Laticia and students from the Native American Student Council (NASC) would like to update the MOA for the NASC to appoint students from their Council to serve on the Board so the students feel they have a voice in the selection. Discussion on how student organization membership fluctuate with strong members to limited membership.
 - Discussion of whether the student representative needs to be from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Chad said the MOA is an agreement with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and the student representation should be from the Tribes. He thinks the Fort Hall Business Council would have this expectation as well.
 - **Motion:** Liz motioned to have NASC nominate a pool of representatives and the NASS coordinator selects official Shoshone-Bannock nominees to be approve by the ISU President. If no NASC nominees suggested before first meeting in the fall, then the NASS coordinator nominates from students at large. Criteria for nomination should match the “in good standing” criteria. The NASC may select additional representatives that are non-voting. Motion seconded by Sunny. Motion carried.
- Budget Planning/Budget Needs for TUAB – Tabled due to time constraints
- Elder Care Initiative Between ISU/COT and 477 Programs +Tribal Programs – Tabled due to time constraints
- Role of ISU for 477 Summer Youth Programs – Tabled due to time constraints

Action Items

- Diversity
 - Update/Discussion on Proposed Workshop – Tabled due to time constraints
- Finalize Year One Strategic Priorities (Updated timeline) – Tabled due to time constraints

Next Meeting

A Doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting.

Adjourned 3:10 pm