

## TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### Quarterly Report

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Department: Administration/President's Office

Brief Description/Goals of Department: The Department has the overall responsibility for fulfilling the mission and goals of the college.

Activities:

1. In our recent annual Board of Directors meeting for AIHEC, we were told that there is a proposed increase of \$1.5 million in ICCA funding for Tribal Colleges in FY 2016. I will be following up on this with our U.S. Congressional people in early December since I will be attending meetings in Washington as well as meetings with Senators Hoeven, Heitkamp, and Representative Cramer.
2. State Funding: We have had a couple of meetings with regard to our state funding which includes the non-beneficiary student funding, and the workforce development/training grants. We are going to seek an increase in our non-beneficiary funding to bring it up to what we receive from the BIE for our Indian students which would be an increase from \$1,000,000 to about \$1.35 million. This increase, if approved, would be up to \$6,354 per FTE which we now receive for our Indian students. We have met with the Governor on this and with NDUS Chancellor Dr. Larry Skogan. Our lead sponsor, Rep. Jim Kasper, is in agreement with us on this increase. With the workforce development grants, we are not going to seek an increase from the \$5,000,000 that was authorized and appropriated in the 2013 session. Since these grants are the first round of funding, we feel we need to work out the details of implementing these grants, not apply for more than the \$5 million and have a better chance of getting the \$5 million for the next biennium. But, we may seek some dollars for infrastructure development for the ND TCUs since that is a need of ours. We have been talking about a bill in the amount of \$2.5 million divided equally among the five ND TCUs. At our last meeting, we had a representative from the ND Department of Commerce meet with us on these issues. The Commerce Department has been very supportive of these workforce development grants going to TCUs.
3. Janzebar: This is our IT system that we've used since 1999, and have had some issues with its use over the years. We are going to have Janzebar representatives come in to conduct an

assessment of this system and try to figure out what modules are not being used successfully and hopefully make those adjustments as necessary. I have been talking with at least a couple other IT system providers and have shared this with our administrators here at TMCC. One module that hasn't worked well for us is the budget module. This is something we will be working on in the coming months and find ways to improve the system.

4. Arrowhead Printing and Café: We have been working on both of these to see what we can do to at least break even rather than subsidizing these areas. We have consultant reports on both and will continue to address these areas and come to the Board with recommendations. In ND, one TCU basically funds their campus café with whatever funds are needed and they don't have a goal of breaking even. Another TCU subsidizes their campus café operation by at least 20 percent of the overall costs. Two others do not operate a campus café. As for Arrowhead Printing, we have a consultant report on this and are still pursuing answers to the many questions we have. Today, we will be taking a second look at the consultant report and follow up at least one more time with the consultant and see how we need to proceed.

5. Student Housing – TM8 Project: Our last meeting with the contractors, Housing Authority, and the architect indicates they are about on schedule for completion of the student housing which is due for completion in June 2015. Some complaints/concerns I've heard about allowing low income families who are students to occupy these apartments is something I've follow up on. Basically, the investors are only concerned and require that low income families occupy these apartments, and if they happen to be students occupying these apartments, that is up to the Housing Authority. I have received student housing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures from UTTC and Sitting Bull College. We will be working with the Housing Authority to come up with our own set of policies, rules, etc. I don't think we'll need to have the Board approve these policies since they are really the policies of the Housing Authority. But, at minimum, I will share these with you as they become available which we hope to have completed not later than February, 2015.

6. Budget: In working with the Budget Committee, we have had one meeting so far to begin developing the FY 2016 budget. Keep in mind, this is not only the ICCA and Indirect budget, but also includes other program budgets such as Title III. In working through all of these budgets, I/we continue to assess current positions filled and unfilled. For some of those that are unfilled we always make the effort to identify ways we can continue to streamline our staffing. If we can, as an example, assign these certain duties to some other person, we will do that realizing some of these savings can be directed to direct services rather than personnel. At times we advertise certain positions without getting the qualified applicants we're looking for, so in these isolated incidents, we look at our options. In other cases, before we advertise, I ask the

question, what are our options? In the last 2-3 years we've been able to use these options available to streamline our staffing. I simply believe that this makes administrative/leadership sense to continue to do this; and, it's all part of our Organizing for Success initiative.

7. "Fatherhood is Sacred": I sent three individuals to UTTC about a month ago to attend the "Fatherhood is Sacred" workshop with the intent of TMCC taking this information and designing, developing, and implementing a course/class for our students; and eventually our college community. The week of December 1, 2014, we are holding a week-long training session (divided into three parts) for our staff, faculty, students, community programs people, and individuals. Three of the days will involve a training of trainers so these individuals will have the tools, materials, and knowledge to facilitate the "Fatherhood is Sacred" classes. We will be able to generate CEUs or college credit with these courses/classes. But, the bigger picture is for us to address the challenges many of our male students, and female students, face in raising a family, because in many cases they've been totally left out of the loop when it comes to raising a family; or, they ignore their responsibilities in raising a family.

Highlights: All that I've written in the Activities section of this report are highlights.

Challenges: The challenges include developing the FY 2016 budget, the Janzebar issue, and doing the work needed for the on-going need to increase enrollment. I recently attended a meeting that involved twelve mid-western states that included many of their respective colleges and universities. Much of the discussion centered around declining enrollments, funding, policy issues, maximizing return on educational investment, preserving access, promoting completion, and protecting quality.

Anticipated Travel: I will be traveling to Washington, DC in early December with two of our Project CHOICE (Department of Labor) program people to attend its annual conference. In that conference I will be able to talk to Department of Labor people about refunding our CHOICE program which involves allied health initiatives and programs we currently have at TMCC. In addition I am going to meet with IHS headquarters about Project CHOICE, meet with Department of Energy people regarding our Green Campus goals and a possible grant, meet with ANA regarding a language grant, and meet with our congressional people about level funding for Tribal Colleges and Universities and future funding for Project CHOICE. I will also be attending at least one meeting in Bismarck to work with our ND TCU Presidents regarding state funding.