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Regular Board of Directors
Meeting

TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONTHLY REPORT

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Department: President's Office

Brief Description/Goals of Department: The department has the overall responsibility for fulfilling the mission, goals, and activities of the TMCC.

Monthly Activities:

1. TMCC had a ND Career and Technical Education visit on Monday-Tuesday, January 30-31, 2012. This was a visit to determine compliance with all of our CTE programs. The meetings went well and received a lot of commendations. We will be receiving a report within the next thirty days and we will have some time to respond to any recommendations.
2. On Feb. 7th, TMCC hosted a regional USDA meeting in which the State Director, Mr. Jasper Schneider, was present along with a number of this staff. There were about 40 present for this meeting which included about a half dozen or more local tribal individuals.
3. I've met with the Student Senate a couple of times to assist in their planning for the Spring 2012 Student Conference to be held in Rapid City in March.
4. There was some unofficial discussion about the downtown property and an idea surfaced that we should turn over all of the buildings to the Tribe since there are many renters of our buildings in the downtown campus. First, we already have an MOU signed and agreed to with P2P. Second, the property TMCC has downtown is valued at \$1 million and is insured for that amount. Third, we have five programs at the downtown campus that we administer. These include: (a) Welding Program; (b) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; (c) Arrowhead Printing; (d) Vocational Rehabilitation; and (e) Adult Education. A and B are located on our property on the south side, and C, D, and E are located on tribal property. Since the MOU between P2P and TMCC includes moving three to four buildings that belong to TMCC, the giving of these buildings to the Tribe would not benefit TMCC. Two of the buildings would be moved to the TMCC main campus for cold storage, and at least one would be moved across the street to the south side for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. If we gave all the buildings on the north side to the Tribe, we would be out of program space for some of our programs including Arrowhead Printing.

5. I attended the AIHEC winter legislative session meeting in DC with three students last week. Many topics were covered regarding budget. The President released his budget for FY 2013 last Monday which includes a 3.5 percent increase for tribal college Indian Student Count (ISC). This does not bring us back to level funding since last year we all lost \$549 per ISC. Our level funding from the previous year was \$5,784 per ISC. The real issue is that we have never come close to receiving \$8,000 per student which the law authorized. Howard University in DC, a federally funded University, receives \$19,000 per student. The ND University System institutions receive a minimum of \$8,000 per student and upwards to \$18,000 per student. AIHEC and the TCUs will be developing advocacy strategies to increase funding from what the President has proposed in his latest budget. The three students who attended the meeting learned a lot about TCUs and how we operate. These three students represented TMCC very well.

Highlights/Successes: I believe the visit from the ND Career and Technical Education Office was a highlight because they gave a lot of commendations to us for the quality and number of programs we offer.

Challenges: Resolving the issues with our downtown campus is and has been a challenge. With the MOU we have in place, P2P was to schedule a meeting with the Tribe to get their blessings with the MOU which would allow us to move to developing a transition plan. The other challenge is the federal budget situation for all TCUs.

Anticipated Travel: I will be attending a meeting in Bismarck March 6-7, 2012, that involves the ND TCU Presidents. Part of this meeting is to meet with Rep. Jim Kasper who has been the prime sponsor for our state funding bills. The meeting with Jim is to develop some strategy to see if we can receive more state funding that might be available for student scholarships. In late March, I will be in Rapid City to attend an AIHEC meeting that, among other things, will include developing strategies on how we are going to address the FY 2013 federal budget as it applies to TCUs. While in Rapid City I will be attending the annual Student Conference for tribal college students. We will be sending a minimum of 25 students to maybe as high as 55 students. All of these students will be involved in competitions in various categories including academic, social, and athletic.