Turtle Mountain Community College
Special Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2010
12:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Directors Present: Ron Peltier, Barbara Poitra, Dr. Leigh Jeanotte.

Board of Directors Absent: Robert Lattergrass (TMCC Travel).

Board of Trustees Present: James Lindgren, Theresa Rivard, Dwight Trottier, John Frederick, Alicia Lunday, Donna Azure.

Board of Trustees Absent: Yvonne St. Claire, David Brien (TMCC Travel), Janice Azure, Troy DeCoteau

TMCC Employees: Jackie De Los Santos, Dr. Bill Gourneau, Dr. Jim Davis, Larry Henry

Chairman Ron Peltier called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.
Jackie De Los Santos Performed Roll Call.

Chairman Peltier asked for the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Leigh Jeanotte made this motion, seconded by Barbara Poitra. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2.1 Presidents Report by Jim Davis

2.1.1 Governance

Dr. Davis received a letter from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (Karen Solomon) last week. This was discussed at the March 1, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. We decided to hire an attorney to assist with letter to the HLC. Tom Disselhorst has been hired and is currently reviewing the information. He has the initial draft letter completed. See Appendix A. Chairman Peltier would like this letter and issue resolved as soon as possible. Lengthy discussion held. Chairman Peltier has a concern that any and all statements need to be accurate and true.

The Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Dr. Davis, Larry Henry, and Dr. Gourneau went through each paragraph of the draft letter to the HLC. Changes were recommended.

Alicia Lunday exits the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

The tribal resolution needs to be changed or rescinded. This could jeopardize TMCC's current accreditation. Discussion held.

Dr. Davis will bring the recommended changes to Tom Disselhorst. The letter will be accurate and honest. Discussion held.

Due to the previous issues, we need to be sure and set up a process for evaluations with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors.

Dennis Bercier enters at 1:16 p.m.

Currently have no evaluation guidelines and something should be in place for the president's evaluation. Discussion held. Previous evaluation completed was not fair. Chairman Peltier disagrees. The Board of Trustees did not see the original evaluation form which was completed by the staff/faculty. Jackie De Los Santos will provide this document to the Trustees. Evaluations need to be completed by June 30th.

Dr. Davis was informed to continue working on the letter for the HLC. Contact Karen Solomon of the HLC to attempt to get an extension on the due date for the document. Schedule another meeting for March 12, 2010 at 5:00 to go over letter again. Have Tom Disselhorst at the next Special Meeting to answer any questions or concerns of the board.

2.1.2 Contracts

Dr. Davis and Dr. Gourneau would like to have their contracts completed prior to letter being sent to the HLC.

Chairman Peltier asked for the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the contracts. Dr. Leigh Jeanotte made this motion, seconded by Barbara Poitra. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board of Directors entered into executive session at 1:42 p.m.

Chairman Peltier asked for the motion to exit out of executive session. Barbara Poitra made this motion, seconded by Dr. Leigh Jeanotte. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board of Directors exited out of executive session at 2:31 p.m.

Chairman Peltier asked for the motion to approve a 5% salary increase for Dr. Bill Gourneau, effective July 1st, 2009. Next year his increase is to be the same as the other staff at TMCC. Barbara Poitra made this motion, seconded by Dr. Leigh Jeanotte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Jim Davis' contract will be negotiated at the next meeting.

It was brought forward to the Board of Directors a concern about a check for an airline ticket for $2200.00 for a board member. This amount was extreme and may have taken entire travel budget for the Board for the year.

3.0 Adjournment

Chairman Peltier asked for the motion to adjourn. Barbara Poitra made this motion, seconded by Dr. Leigh Jeanotte. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Ronald Peltier, Chairman

Jaclyn De Los Santos, Board Secretary