

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
1400 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 260
PHOENIX, AZ 85007

JANUARY 12, 2016 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – BY TELECONFERENCE

Members present: KC Miller, acting Chair Craig Jacob
 Trish Leonard Dr. Hank Radda
 Glen Tharp David Walser

Also present: Teri Stanfill, Executive Director
 KD, Licensing
 John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General
 Frankie Eckberg, Assistant Attorney General

I. Call to Order

Chair KC Miller called the Special Board meeting of the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education to order at 2:32 P.M.

II. AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE: Loss of HLC Accreditation effective January 12, 2016 and Proposed Teach-out by Southwestern Assemblies of God University

Representing American Indiana College: Dr. David Moore, President
Representing Southwestern Assemblies of God University: Eddie Davis - VP, Enrollment and Retention
Kim Bernecker - Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, Joseph Hartman - Assistant Dean, School of Distance Education, Trenton Polk – Director of Student Support, Distance Education.

Ms. Stanfill reported as follows: American Indian College (AIC) has been licensed by the Board since 1986 and accredited by HLC since 1983. AIC has struggled financially and was subject to quarterly reporting since March 2013 and placed on probation by HLC in October 2013.

Effective November 5, 2015, HLC withdrew accreditation effective at the end of the fall term on December 20, 2015. HLC's determined "that the College has not addressed the findings leading to being placed on Probation in November 2013 and determined that the College lacks the financial resources and planning necessary to support the College now and in the future."

AIC did not appeal the action and requested the withdrawal of accreditation be extended to January 22, 2016. AIC was also required to submit a Teach-Out Plan by December 3, 2015. AIC submitted the Teach-Out Plan between AIC and SAGU; HLC approved the Teach-Out Plan and granted the extension of the withdrawal to January 22, 2016.

AIC had been in communications with Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) regarding a possible change of ownership or partnership.

As a result of the HLC actions, AIC and SAGU entered into a Teach-Out Agreement to complete the currently enrolled AIC students.

SAGU will not seek a change of ownership; but intends to submit a new Regular Degree-Granting License Application in early May for the Board's review and action to continue as a branch campus of SAGU in Arizona. SAGU understands that new students cannot be enrolled until licensure is granted.

SAGU's main campus is in Waxahachie, Texas; a 501(C)(3) nonprofit Texas corporation (1927); accredited by SACS and in good standing with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Ms. Stanfill explained that historically, the Board has not formally approved a Teach-Out Plan. However, because SAGU is not currently licensed in Arizona and SACS requires approval of SAGU to operate in Arizona, AIC and SAGU is requesting the Board's emergency approval of the AIC and SAGU Teach-Out Plan and emergency approval for SAGU teach-out the currently enrolled AIC students.

Dr. Radda was lead board member.

At Ms. Miller's request, Dr. Moore explained in further detail the AIC and SAGU relationship and compatibility and that both institutions are a part of the Assembly of God institutions. Dr. Moore stated that the AIC Board of Trustees has approved and endorses the relationship.

Dr. Radda requested an update of the status of AIC. Dr. Moore stated there are currently 80 students and the students and faculty are very supportive of the SAGU teach-out.

The Board discussed in greater detail the programs, student costs, student communications and financial aid.

Dr. Moore also stated that SAGU has committed to continue AIC's mission in serving the Native American student.

Mr. Hartman explained the SACS process and that the Department of Education has given their support for SAGU to move forward.

Dr. Radda clarified that a surety bond was not required.

Motion: After discussion and review of all of the documents, Dr. Radda made the motion to grant emergency approval for SAGU to operate and teach-out the currently enrolled student at American Indian College, located at 10020 N. 15th Avenue. Mr. Walser seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was stated that the Board understands that SAGU will not enroll new students. However, it is SAGU's intent to submit a Regular Degree-Granting License Application to continue to operate a SAGU campus in Arizona.

The motion carried.

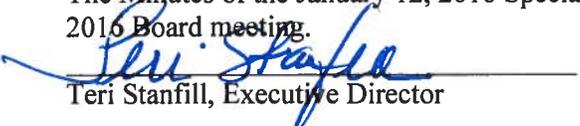
Ms. Miller thanked Dr. Moore for all of the hard work he has done with AIC and SAGU for their willingness to help AIC students.

III. Call to the Public – no one came forward

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

The Minutes of the January 12, 2016 Special Board meeting minutes were approved at the January 28, 2016 Board meeting.


Teri Stanfill, Executive Director