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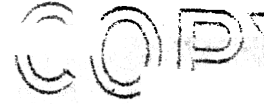


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July 14, 1977
Special Meeting
8:30 am : Education Dept.

Present: Vice Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Sec. Amelia Cornelius,
Members: Margaret Doxtater, Rick Hill, Robert
Thomas, Wendell McLester
Others: Ron Skenandore, Chris Johns

Discussion on draft of Bureau Regulation for the Higher
Education program

Amelia Cornelius moved to approve the recommendations as
presented by the Higher Education Dept. Second by Wendell
McLester, motion carried.

Short discussion on notification procedure for special meetings.

Meeting adjourned about 10 am.

(Recommendation of Ed. Dept. attached)



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July 13, 1977

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Attn: Director, Indian Education Programs
1951 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20245

RE: Draft-Bureau Regulations for the Higher Education Program.

Sir:

The Oneida Tribal Business Committee, at a special Business Committee meeting duly called and held this 14th day of July, 1977, at which a quorum consisting of 6 members were present, approved the enclosed comments and recommendations regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs Proposed Regulations for the Higher Education Program by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Norbert S. Hill

PURCELL POWLESS
Oneida Tribal Chairman

Amelia Cornelius

AMELIA CORNELIUS
Oneida Tribal Secretary

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DRAFT-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
REGULATIONS

The Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Inc., has received a draft of the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed regulations governing the Administration of Education Grants for Higher Education under 25 CFR Part 32. The Oneida Tribe has evaluated the draft through its Education Department, and wishes to make the following comments and recommendations.

The Oneida Tribe wishes to re-assert its right to plan, conduct, and administer the Higher Education program under provisions of P.L. 93-638. P.L. 93-638 provides for tribal operation of a program ~~ir~~ regardless of any Bureau manual, guidelines, or procedures established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (See separate enclosure)

The Oneida Tribe recommends that the Bureau clarify its position regarding grant assistance based on need. Providing all applicants with a "predictable level of financial assistance" and establishing a "minimal, adequate level of funding" for all students implies an entitlement-based program. If the Oneida Tribe is to provide all applicants with a predictable, minimal level of assistance, the Oneida Tribe requests a contract increase of at least 100%.

The Oneida Tribe recommends that the Bureau clarify its position with regard to students pursuing a program of study "with due diligence." 32.21 paragraph (a) states that students shall "be required to maintain the academic and social standards established by their respective institutions." This paragraph then states that a "student placed on probation shall not be considered as failing to maintain such standards." The Oneida Tribe maintains that a student is placed on probation for failing to maintain such standards. The Oneida Tribe recommends that the second sentence of 32.21 paragraph (a) be deleted and the following sentences be added: A student placed on probation by a school for failing to maintain acceptable academic and/or social standards established by their institution shall have two (2) semesters to clear probation. If, after two semesters, the student has not cleared probation, that student shall be subject to discontinuation. A student may be accepted back into the program after discontinuation if he/she completes one (1) semester on his/her own and clears probation.

The Oneida Tribe wishes to remind the Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Bureau of its continuing trust relationship with Indian people. This trust relationship includes providing all Indian people the opportunity to attend a post-secondary educational institution. The Oneida Tribe believes that provisions for selecting "applicants for assistance if the total amount of funds available is insufficient to provide all eligible applicants with such a level of support (32.3 paragraph C)" are unnecessary if the Federal Government lives up to its continuing trust relationship by providing adequate funds.

Oneida Tribe recommends that, in keeping with the supplementary nature of the Higher Education Program, students be required to exhaust all other possible sources of grant aid. Mere encouragement to apply for other forms of aid is simply not sufficient.

Oneida Tribe recommends that the Bureau do more than "recognize" the "importance of personal and career counseling..." The Oneida Tribe recommends that the Bureau at least "encourage" students to utilize on-campus support services, if not taking an active role in these services.

The Oneida Tribe recommends that the "new standard application form" be used by all applicants commencing with the 1978-79 school year. It is already too late to use the new form for the 1977-78 school year.

The Oneida Tribe recommends that the manual clearly define "relevant personal data;" "family financial data..." and "other pertinent information" to be used on the new application form. It is further recommended that Privacy Act provisions applicable to this information be stated on the new form.

The Oneida Tribe recommends that applications for any or all terms of a succeeding academic years be accepted up to May 15th. Many students file applications before the draft's opening date for filing applications, thereby, according to the draft, apparently making the applications invalid.

Oneida Tribe recommends that 32.16 paragraph (a) be rewritten to eliminate the contradiction between requiring students to complete USOE forms and not requiring students to file USOE forms.

Oneida Tribe recommends that any additional procedures and guidelines to be developed by the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs pertaining to the selection of applicants be specifically stated in the final draft of these regulations.

Oneida Tribe recommends that the Bureau award, after meeting the students unmet need, and replacing loans, be used to meet the student contribution or parental contribution, provided proper documentation of the unavailability of these resources is established.

Oneida Tribe recommends that a student be subject to discontinuation for failing to report changes in marital or dependency status if such changes would negatively affect the financial aid package for the student.

Oneida Tribe recommends that refund deadlines be modified to allow for schools whose add/drop periods, grace periods, and final registration periods overrun the Bureau's refund deadlines.

The Oneida Tribe recommends that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs cooperatively establish guidelines, rules and regulations to coordinate Welfare services, USOE-administered aid, and Health services. Any agreements between these agencies should be subject to review and revision by all concerned parties, including contracting tribes.