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**WSU Native American Advisory Board to the President Meets**

by Barbara Aston

The Native American Advisory Board to the President met on Thursday, May 23, 2013 on the Pullman campus to discuss new initiatives, honor outgoing Provost Bayly, and meet the first awardees of the new MOU Tribal Scholarship.

President Floyd was unable to meet with the board at the last minute as he was called to address issues related to proposed federal legislation regarding financial aid. Provost Bayly facilitated the meeting with Barbara Aston, Tribal Liaison, who provided staffing support.

Attendees included Dr. Chris Meyer, Director of Education, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Norma Peone, Higher Education, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; John Sirois, Chairman, Colville Confederated Tribes; Gloria Atkins, Colville Confederated Tribes; Steve Lozar, Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes of the Salish and Kootenai of the Flathead Reservation; Brent Spencer, Education, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, Wendell Jim, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; Sam Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee; and Rebecca Miles, President, Ku-Au-Mah Alumni Society.

Barbara Aston provided members with a written report from the Native American Advisory Council to the Provost and an update regarding further developments for the Tribal Nation-Building Leadership Program. Provost Bayly presented a proposal for restructuring of WSU Native programs on the Pullman campus and received input from board members regarding the proposal. Michael Holloman, Director of the Plateau Center for American Indians, provided an update on the current status of the American Indian Studies minor/certificate and plans for the further development of the minor and certificate.

Highlights of the meeting included honoring Provost and Executive Vice President Warwick Bayly for his commitment to furthering educational opportunities for Native Americans at WSU during his tenure as Provost through active engagement with Board members and responsive action. Provost Bayly is stepping down from his position to return to his equine research in the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

At the November meeting of the Native American Advisory Board that followed the celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the MOU between WSU and tribes in this region, Provost Bayly had announced the creation of a scholarship award for members of the MOU tribes nominated by their tribal leadership. Two of the very first recipients for this MOU Scholarship were recognized at the Board meeting and introduced to the board. We look forward to welcoming them to WSU this fall and supporting their success at WSU!! The WSU Native American Advisory Board meets at least twice a year with the President and Provost and receives programmatic updates and provides input and recommendations at the highest level of administration.



*Top: Sam Penney (Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee) and Rebecca Miles (Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director) present Provost Bayly with a Pendleton blanket. Bottom right: John Sirois (Chairman, Colville Confederated Tribes) presents Provost Bayly with a beaded hat and lanyard.*



*Left to Right: Angel Sobotta, aunt of Shelby Leighton; Rosa*

*Left to right: Deannette White and son Osirus White,*

*Yearout, Grandmother of Shelby Leighton; Shelby Leighton, MOU Tribal Scholarship Recipient, Nez Perce Tribal member; Sam Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Council; Rebecca Miles, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director; and Dr. Warwick Bayly, WSU Provost and Executive Vice President.*

*(sister and nephew of Tillie Torpey); Tillie Toppey, MOU Tribal Scholarship Recipient, Coeur d'Alene Tribal member; Dr. Chris Meyer, Director of Education, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Norma Peone, Higher Education Coordinator, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; and Dr. Warwick Bayly, WSU Provost and Executive Vice President.*

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