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**BOARD APPROVES AMERICAN INDIAN TUITION  
REDUCTION PROGRAM AT ISU; DEEDS LAND AND  
BUILDINGS TO COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO**

The Idaho State Board of Education approved a pilot program at its meeting on Thursday June 21, reducing tuition fees for American Indian tribal members from Idaho's five federally recognized tribes to attend Idaho State University.

The program was proposed by the Board's Indian Education Committee and will discount fees for American Indian students to \$60 per credit hour beginning this fall at Idaho's public four-year institutions. The Board chose to pilot the fee during the first year at Idaho State University. Click here to read a press release from ISU: <https://www.isu.edu/headlines/stories/idaho-state-board-of-education-announces-tuition-reduction-for-native-american-students-.php>

The Board also deeded 57 acres of land and buildings, to the College of Eastern Idaho Board of Trustees, essentially turning over the keys to the campus, which housed Eastern Idaho Technical College for nearly 50 years. Last year, the citizens of Bonneville County voted overwhelming to approve a local taxing district to support CEI, which is Idaho's fourth community college.

Other action items included:

- Authorizing the College of Southern Idaho to offer a Bachelor of Applied Sciences degree in Advanced Food Technology in order to better meet workforce demands of the Magic Valley's food manufacturing industry.

This will be the first four-year degree offered by an Idaho community college.

- Expanding the State Board's Apply Idaho college application portal to add Northwest Nazarene University and the College of Idaho to the list along with Idaho's eight public colleges and universities where high school students can submit college applications free of charge.
- Authorizing Idaho State University to begin the construction phase of a new \$4.1 million anatomy and physiology lab at the Meridian Health Science Center.
- Authorizing the University of Idaho to begin planning and design of a new \$5.5 million seed potato facility to support research at the University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- Authorizing planning and design of a baseball field at Boise State University.
- Authorizing Idaho State University to raise funds to replace seating at Holt Arena.
- Authorizing the University of Idaho to purchase a 48 acre property near Sandpoint to establish a research and extension center.
- Approving the University of Idaho request for an alcohol permit for tailgating at home football games. Similar requests from BSU and ISU will be considered at the Board's August meeting.

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