

NASNTI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2019, 12:00 p.m.  
Cultural Engagement Center

Members present: Dorna Riding In Battese, Teyonna Weasel Bear, Coley Streater, Gloree Tah, and Ruth Desjarliat; NOC Members present: Sheri Snyder, Mike Machia, Dr. Pam Stinson, Sara Hawkins, Gina Conneywerdy, and Anna Scott

Preceding the lunch meal, a blessing was given by NOC student Aliyah Wahwassuck.

Ms. Wahwassuck is Prairie Band Potawatomi and Osage, a freshman majoring in Behavioral Science, the men's basketball team manager and an active member of Northern Thunder Club.

Gina gave a welcome and introductions and Anna presented a review of year 3 for the NASNTI grant (presentation attached).

Pawnee Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Osage Nation and Kaw Nation were represented for discussion on the following topics:

Access Sites-

- Pawnee Nation (P) reported that there are some continuing problems with setting up a test connection between their IT and NOC IT. A request was made for assistance and to have 2 or 3 days to let their IT know a connection will be made. Mike said that would not be a problem and Sara will follow up with Dorna.
- Otoe-Missouria (O-M) reported that they are unsure if the ITV connection is running smoothly, but the computers are being utilized.
- Osage Nation (O) reported that they are unsure if IT has solved the previous issue with the public IP address.
- Kaw Nation (K) reported that they have a new IT person who has not yet run a new test connection.
- Anna recommended that all access sites contact NOC IT (580-628-6801) to run a test connection prior to the start of spring classes on January 13.
- Mike requested that all facilitators' email addresses are shared with NOC IT because that email will be used to send connection information. He also recommended that there be at least two facilitators listed as a contact, in the event one facilitator is not available.

Enrollment-

- (O-M) Information is posted concerning enrollment for NOC. The Tribe is looking at other college programs such as Bacone because they send instructors to the site or ITV. Additionally, there are degree programs that citizens are interested in from TCC, such as Business.
- (P) Medical coding certification is a popular choice in the community. There are about 3-5 people going through online programs, but prefer face-to-face. It was also mentioned that tribal employees need access to skills-based classes, for example, Excel or other software programs.
- (O) TCC and Pawnee Nation provide instructors on site for them in Hominy, mainly serving for concurrent enrollment.

- It would be helpful for NOC to provide a flyer to better promote what degrees are available exclusively online.
- Enrollment assistance will continued to be offered by NASNTI staff onsite at the access sites. Kaw Nation is holding an event Dec. 11 in the afternoon.

#### CEC Webpage-

Members were presented with an idea of providing information for a webpage via the CEC webpage that would highlight their scholarship processes and provide links to tribal information. All members agreed this would be a great service to their communities. Sara and Gina will follow up with the development of this web page.

Anna gave an overview of the current year's progress for the mentor program. There are 350 students identified as receiving services and there are 10 mentors. A handbook and resource guide was created with easy access through the Google Drive. Mentors received training and get information throughout the semester that can be shared with their mentees.

Sheri shared with the group how the Foundation has supported the NASNTI program through funds that purchased refreshments and meals for events. Additionally a Masonic Grant was approved to take the Northern Thunder Club to Tulsa for a cultural activity with artist Yatika Fields. She also gave the remaining total of funds in the Foundation account from donations. These donations have been used to purchase snacks and water to stock the CEC kitchenette. Students are very grateful and enjoy being able to come to the center to get a snack in between classes or while studying. Gloree Tah mentioned the Otoe-Missouria Tribe could provide snacks and/or water to the CEC.

Sara thanked all members present and the meeting adjourned.

The Kaw Nation came early and stayed after the meeting to be available on-campus for any of their tribal citizens who might have a question or need assistance with scholarships.