

NASNTI Advisory Committee Minutes

October 26, 2018

Members present: Ken Bellmard, Sarah Nelson, Reagan Cole, Dorna Riding In-Battese, Lisa Norman, Gloree Tah, Dani DeRoin, and Dr. Jessica Harjo. Guest: Lauren Norman-Brown. NOC members present: Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Rae Ann Kruse, Mike Machia, Ted Moore, and Anna Scott.

Ted Moore provided an Osage blessing and lunch was served. After lunch, Dr. Stinson welcomed the group and provided introductions. Anna Scott and Ted Moore gave a short presentation. Anna provided information about spring and summer (2019) enrollment. The Ponca Tribe has scheduled another onsite enrollment event. Anna worked with the NOC Print Shop to create customized flyers for the tribes to distribute before an enrollment event. Ted presented on the success of mentors working with students during year two of the grant. The year two mentors made over 500 contacts to 250 Native American students on our three campuses. For year three, the mentor initiative is to contact underprepared NA students (needing one or more remedial courses). There are 406 Native American students being matched with a mentor. Reagan Cole reported that a mentor contacted her in year two. Ted will notify education directors at each tribe of the mentors working with their students.

Dr. Kruse led the discussion and asked what went well at the tribal access sites in year 2 and what the challenges were. The Ponca access site said Cathy McBee is to be commended on assisting with the daily ITV hookups. She also communicates with the faculty members about any issues. NOC instructors have been easy to work with. One of the challenges at the Ponca site is connecting before spam takes over the connection. NOC has recommended firewalls and working with their internet provider. Ponca and Pawnee report problems with dealing with AT&T. A resolution presented was that all ITV classes have lecture capture capabilities, but not all classes are automatically recorded. Most instructors will record if there is a need. Facilitator training will be scheduled with sites through NOC's IT department.

Dr. Kruse asked about current enrollment, retention, and graduation strategies. Ponca reported they have 20 new freshmen enrolled this semester and 60 overall at all US colleges. Otoe-Missouria reported 85 students enrolled overall and 15 at NOC. Otoe-Missouria is working with Anna to set up an onsite enrollment date. Rae Ann asked the group to notify her of online students to help document performance measures for this year.

Dr. Kruse requested topics for mentors to address with students. The group recommended contacting students at least three times per semester. Topics recommended included referring students to Gina Conneywerdy, NOC's Native Advisor, and posting information to the CEC's social media accounts about the availability of Tutor.com. The group brainstormed to provide a train-the-trainer workshop in the summer for mentors to learn a little about Blackboard, Tutor.com, scholarships, etc. Another suggestion was to host an orientation for Native

American students during Maverick Pride/Jet Pride day with a “survival package” of resources—introduce Ted, Financial Aid, Scholarships, introduce mentors, and explain student cost account. The group recommended having the Thunder Club help with the activity. The group also recommended asking the mentors to explain during their mid-term check-in how to check grades online, tutoring options, and how to drop a class.

Rae Ann asked if the tribes have any special graduation celebrations. Most said the high school graduates are honored through JOM. The University of Minnesota provided a special stole to indicate tribal membership.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.