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## **Sitting Bull College Native American Studies Department**

To: Shawn Holz, Dean of Academics  
From: Michael Moore, Native American Studies Faculty  
CC: Koreen Ressler, Vice-President of Operations; Renee Froelich, Curriculum Chair  
Date: May 6, 2022  
Re: NAS Program Review Additional Resources Needed

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Request: As part of the Native American Studies Program Review process, I am requesting additional needs for the program as indicated in the *Additional Resources Needed* section of the program review report. Please note that the NAS Program Review report was accepted by the Curriculum Committee on May 6, 2022 and will go to the Sitting Bull College Board of Trustees during the summer board retreat for final approval.

The below request was made in the Program Review Report:

- 1) The establishment of a sound lab would be an important resource for the programs Lakota Language courses. A sound lab would provide students in language courses the opportunity to listen to spoken language on a regular basis, both inside and outside of the classroom, utilizing both audio and visual resources. In addition, a sound lab would provide a place for the recording of fluent speakers of the language as well as an archival space for the storage and use of those recordings for the benefit of all SBC students and Standing Rock community members. The establishment of a sound lab and the computers and sound equipment required is still a wish of the department faculty.

Money and space in the Family Support Center will be needed to make this request a reality.