

Research Committee Strategic Planning Report

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FUNCTION: To provide recommendations on teaching, research, and outreach functions to improve the quality of life for the Standing Rock Nation as related to research activities.

SCOPE: To cover all matters of support for research activities at Sitting Bull College and on the Standing Rock Nation through 2025.

GOAL 1: To develop and maintain policies and procedures for all research protocol at Sitting Bull College and on the Standing Rock Nation.

<i>Objective A</i>	Review policies and procedures for the current IRB process, in addition to other research protocol such as animals etc. by June 30, 2018.
Measurement Tool (who, what, when, how)	The Research Committee will review current research along with developing new research policies as needed and have approved through the Governance Committee and Board of Trustees by May 2018.
Measurement Goal	The completion of a Research Guidelines Manual by June 30, 2018.
Findings/Results	<p>1. The Ag Director\ is still working on an animal research application and set of guidelines. She plans to have this completed by early next fall. An animal research committee has been formed. Two of the individuals who are to serve on the animal research committee have not committed to serving on the committee yet.</p> <p>2. Several research committee members met with the HEW committee on March 19, 2018 to discuss data ownership, particular. Please see attached meeting notes. The HEW committee indicated that they want all data findings from all research to not be published or presented. The research committee has not met since the HEW committee meeting. One of the HEW committee members volunteered to serve on the Institutional Review Board (IRB) in the future. This will generate better communication and transparency between the Tribe and IRB/research committee.</p> <p>3. Anita Frederick, President of the Tribal Nations Research Group in Belcourt, ND, presented to some SBC faculty members and research committee members about what their organization does, obstacles they have encountered and how they resolved them, successes their agency has had since its inception in 2013, and topics such as data ownership. She presented for three (3) hours, and provided several documents that may assist our IRB, the Tribe, and research committee in moving forward. These large documents are available on the shared file folder.</p>
Data Analysis	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.
Action/Recommendation	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.

<i>Objective B</i>	Make recommendations to all research projects at Sitting Bull College through June 30, 2018
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The Research Committee will make recommendations to all current and future research projects undertaken by Sitting Bull College faculty, staff and students at monthly meetings to ensure the project fit within the Strategic Plan of Sitting Bull College or has been identified as a need within the Standing Rock Nation.
Measurement Goal	Complete list of all research projects at Sitting Bull College.

Findings/Results	<p>1. The research committee has not made recommendations to any new proposed research studies/projects at Sitting Bull College since the committee's inception in 2016. Once the committee has a true understanding of its roles and responsibilities and establishes all guidelines/protocols, it will review proposed research studies.</p> <p>2. An ongoing list of current, proposed, and past research conducted by students and faculty/staff has been completed. The list of research/presentations being conducted will continue to accumulate and will be updated each month. Past research that is listed in the document goes back approximately 10 years. The list, along with the actual studies/presentations, will be placed on the SBC website in sometime during the 2018-2019 school year. The list of research that is/was conducted names the individual doing the research, whether the research is funded and, if so, who it is funded by, how long the research is expected to take, the department the researcher is in, and the topic of his or her research.</p>
Data Analysis	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.
Action/Recommendation	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.

<i>Objective C</i>	To develop a list of area of research needs on the Standing Rock Nation by June 30, 2017.
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The Research Committee will complete a survey of Tribal programs and community members to assess the research needs to strength the resources along with the health and wellness of the Standing Rock Reservation by May 2018.
Measurement Goal	A completed list of potential research topics by May 2018.
Findings/Results	This objective was discussed this past fall but was not completed. The reason for this is that the research committee is making some progress, but it is slow. The committee also felt that the focus should be on Objectives A and B now, and then address Objective C once Objectives A and B are in place. One of the goals for the research committee is to meet Objective C sometime during the 2018-2019 school year.
Data Analysis	No Data Analysis was completed. Please refer to the Findings/Results for Objective C.
Action/Recommendation	No Action/Recommendation was completed. Please refer to the Findings/Results for Objective C.