

# 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 Naiton.

<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, 2017.
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 2017.
Measurement Goal	The completion of a Research Guidelines Manual by June 30, 2017.
Findings/Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The research committee discussed the Chickasaw Nation IRB forms, as well as the current IRB forms, policies, and procedures. The research committee discussed whether three additional policies should be included in the IRB application process. These three policies include the following: a). research data findings that are owned exclusively by the Tribe that gives the Tribe the right not to allow the researcher to publish the findings for whatever reason, b). interpretation of data findings that does not directly or indirectly says disparaging remarks or states that the participants belong to a particular Tribe, and c). research conducted that benefits and serves a need for the Tribe. No motions have been made as of yet. The only disagreement to the aforementioned policies is that other researchers from other colleges or universities may not wish to jointly conduct research with SBC if they do not have complete data ownership of the research findings. The Chickasaw Nation IRB has policies in place that gives them more control over research conducted on their reservation. Margaret Knox is currently working on creating a policy paper, along with Mafany Mongoh and Laurel Vermillion, who plan to address the HEW/Judicial Committee sometime this summer. The policy paper will discuss proposed data ownership of research that are conducted on the Standing Rock Reservation. The intent of the proposed policy paper is to have more control over data ownership/dissemination of research, which prohibits disparaging remarks in the research findings, and requires that the research being conducted serves a need and benefits the Tribe. The policy paper presentation is also intended to gain input from stakeholders, communicate the committee's intentions to stakeholders, and have more transparency with tribal organizations in the Standing Rock Community, etc.</li> </ol>

	2. The research committee decided to generate research protocol for animal research, since there is no specific research protocol for animal research, unlike human research at SBC. Margaret Knox is currently gathering information about the main steps of conducting animal research, as well as rules and guidelines associated with it. She will present her findings in September. In relation to generating protocol for animal research, the majority of the research committee members feel that animal research should be included with proposed human research studies for the IRB to approve or deny, which means that a second IRB committee is not created.
Data Analysis	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.
Action/Recommendation	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.

<b>Objective B</b>	Approve all research projects at Sitting Bull College through June 30, 2017
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The Research Committee will approve 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	An ongoing list of current, proposed, and past research conducted by students and faculty/staff has been completed. Please see attached document. The list of research 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 will be placed on the SBC website in the fall of 2017. 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 <b>topic</b> of his or her research.
Data Analysis	No data/research were analyzed, other than the topics listed in the research document. Since the research committee was established this year, the main focus was on establishing the committee's roles and responsibilities. The research committee reviewed the current list of research projects that was compiled, but did not make recommendations to those research projects because the committee only had the list of research topics, not the actual review of literature, proposals, etc. Therefore, the committee did not review, make recommendations, etc. to each of those research projects. For the 2017-2018 school year, a formal process will need to be established so that the committee can review the details of those proposed/current research projects and make recommendations, if applicable. As such, this review process of research projects will eventually become the most time-consuming aspect of the research committee, and it will be the main focus regarding the roles and responsibilities of the committee.
Action/Recommendation	One of the roles and responsibilities of the research committee that was discussed and agreed upon by the research committee is to make "recommendations" rather than "approve or deny" all current and future research projects, whereby the latter of the two is stated in the Measurement Tool in this section of the strategic plan. The committee determined that its function is not to make decisions in the same fashion that the IRB makes or to evolve into a second IRB. Rather, one of the functions is to be aware of and make recommendations, if applicable, to current and future research projects and compile that list, as well as to be a resource for researchers, students, staff/faculty, and

	stakeholders in general. That said, there is some overlap between the IRB and research committee, which has made it difficult to sort through and determine the roles and responsibilities of the research committee.
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<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 2017.
Measurement Goal	A completed list of potential research topics by May 2017.
Findings/Results	This objective was discussed but was not completed. The reason for this is that for the 2016-2017 school year, the research committee had just been established. The research committee focused on establishing the roles and responsibilities of the committee. Objective C will be completed sometime during the 2017-2018 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.

