

# Research Committee Strategic Planning Report

Date of review: 06/30/2019

**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, 2019.
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 2019.
Measurement Goal	The completion of a Research Guidelines Manual by June 30, 2019.
Findings/Results	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Margaret Knox was working on an animal research application and set of guidelines. She created an animal research application that does not include testing of lab animals. Mafany Mongoh has agreed to take over her delegated responsibilities for the Research Committee while she is on medical leave. An animal research committee has been formed.</li> <li>2. Travis Frank and Mafany Mongoh are working on possibly implementing an online subscription service for both the IRB and animal research committee (IACUC) that will streamline applications and ensure that all federal guidelines and requirements are met. This will also save time and generate better transparency. The only factor in determining whether to go with these two online platforms will come down to the yearly subscription cost. At this point, we do not know what the cost will be. The online platform for proposed animal research studies (IACUC) will likely not require our committee to generate an animal research application and set of guidelines.</li> <li>3. Two research subcommittee meetings were held in January and February that included stakeholders who provided input on the topic of data ownership of research. After having these two meetings, Travis Frank and Mafany Mongoh created a data ownership of research policy that pertains to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Sitting Bull College. These two policies were based off of the two Research Subcommittee meetings that were held in January and February, which included other key stakeholders who provided input on how research data should be handled. These two policies were recently forwarded to Mike Swallow for review. Once he has provided input, a meeting will be scheduled with the HEW for review and approval. Once HEW approves it, it will then go to the Tribal Council for review and approval. Mike Swallow will be proposing the final draft to the HEW and Tribal Council. This will likely not take place until early Fall 2019.</li> </ol>
Data Analysis	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A.
Action/Recommendation	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective A. (Objective A has not been met; it is a work in progress)

<b><i>Objective B</i></b>	Make recommendations to all research projects at Sitting Bull College through June 30, 2019
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. The Research Committee will work toward meeting Objective B once it has the data ownership policies approved by HEW and the Tribal Council and has successfully completed the animal research guidelines, application, etc.</li> <li>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. The Research Committee will work toward reaching Objective B during the 2019-2020 school year.</li> </ol>
Data Analysis	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective B.
Action/Recommendation	Please refer to the Findings/Results section of Objective B. (Objective B has not been met; this is a work in progress)

<b><i>Objective C</i></b>	To develop a list of area of research needs on the Standing Rock Nation by June 30, 2019.
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 2019.
Measurement Goal	A completed list of potential research topics by May 2019.
Findings/Results	This objective was discussed a year ago 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 was to meet Objective C sometime during the 2018-2019 school year. This goal was not met.
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.