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**Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies
Committee for Centers and Institutes Review Spring 2024**

Recommendations

- Keep on active status and for the next reporting period, the Committee expects the Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies (CIPS) to provide the following required elements of the report in the initial submission: 1) the full details of the budget; 2) planned activities for the current academic year; and 3) ensure that its activities delineated in the prior academic year align or closely reflect the budget summary.

Comments

6.C.1 – The success of the Ancillary Unit in meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the original approved proposal:

In this regard, the Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies (CIPS) continues its focus on providing various programs and activities, with a focus for innovative and productive programs for the study of American Indians and partnerships with local, national and international Indigenous Peoples... The Center will conduct research, facilitate curricular-instructional programs, coordinate academic activities, and interact on four levels of indigenous peoples, contributing to the development of knowledge and advancement of related social issues.

The CIPS engages in these activities with staff and the support of a small advisory board consisting of the key government and industry leaders in the field. The Center's activities for the current academic year are substantive and within the scope of the stated goals and objectives of the CIPS. It has been noted that CIPS accomplished a similar amount of official activities as it had in past years (2021-2023) most of it conducted in the New England area, community research work with the Delaware (Lenape) nations as well as continuous relationship with Ethnic Studies for the next academic years.

6.C.2 – The effective use of all internal University support:

After an initial request, the review committee was provided the appropriate budgetary detail which was then reviewed and we find that CIPS effectively and responsibly uses the funding it receives from internal CSUSB sources. We noticed that CIPS operates on four levels – local southern California regional, the state of California, the national level of United States / Canada, and or International or Global. The activities listed above fall into these categories:

- Local – SAWPA / WRI tribal water research sessions, CINC meetings, Tribal Alliance
- State CA – California Indian Conference, CINC – Research writings on Genocide
- National – Racial Wealth Gap, ASA Land Ack, Pennsylvania & Constitutional
- Global – Indigenous Peruvians, JWSR and Anthropocene environment research work

6.C.3 – The success of obtaining external support and the use of that support:

The information provided indicates that the CIPS receives no external support. It would seem that external funding has not been actively sought, or if it has, the efforts are limited and have not resulted in funds awarded. As such, CIPS provides no evidence of success in meeting this criterion. Given the importance of the CIPS's work on campus and in the community, and in light of the increasing emphasis on global education and global business, we encourage the CIPS to actively seek external funding to further its aims before the next review period.

To succeed in securing external funding, it is recommended that CIPS maximize community outreach and relations with California Indians – within three areas of primary focus, which may include: educational programs, resource development, and the provision of technical services. CIPS-related faculty are encouraged to be involved with ongoing California teacher education programs, and there are clear possibilities for developing educational endeavors on the culture and civilization of southern California Indians, especially in the San Bernardino region. Other programs may also help is developing close consultation with local California Indian Nations, including on-campus activities and field trips to museums and California Indian Cultural Centers, which will be built with partnerships.