

Natural Resources Education

Follow-up of Annual Meeting:

Have you made plans to attend the mid-year meeting, April 15 and 16 at SDSU?

Have you strengthened ties between 1994 and 1862 partners?

Have you identified indicators for measuring your progress?

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NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY DRAFT CAPACITY BUILDING PLANS

Shelly Avery and Hank Miller are refining the NRE Capacity Building plan for Nebraska Indian Community College, preparing it to submit to the steering committee. On Paula Teig's visits in November and December, they identified four concentration areas: 1) Student development, 2) Faculty development, 3) Recruitment and retention, and 4) Holistic Development, pertaining to cultural foundations of the Yankton-Sioux tribe. Subject to response from a NICC internal review, Hank and Shelly expect to have their plan to the NRE steering committee quite soon. Paula helped clarify how the budget can be split between Capacity Building activities and NRE Community projects.

Sinte Gleska University, under the leadership of Georgia Hackett, Vice President for Inter Institutional Affairs and Contracts, is moving forward with work plans, financial arrangements and project leadership. Harold and Paula visited the SGU campus in the fall and are continuing to assist with work plan development.

Lisa Colombe and Dave Weisser will share responsibilities as campus coordinators, Lisa with the NRE Community Projects and Dave with Capacity Building activities. Subodh Singh is the new NRE instructor and Leland Bordeaux will remain SGU's steering committee member.

INTERNAL AUDIT OF NRE PROJECT AT ISU

The Office of Internal Audit at ISU is currently conducting a review of the NRE Project. The overall objective is to evaluate procedures and documents used in the project. Audit personnel met with the ISU team

to learn more about the proposal, program, and accountability for the IFAFS grant. Auditors will issue a report to the Office of Sponsored Programs and the Vice Provost when the audit is completed.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

- At Christmas and Always
- Work with joy.
- Pray with faith.
- Dream with your heart.
- Share what you have.
- Live simply.
- Love deeply.
- Be thankful always.



Notice:

The mid-year meeting at South Dakota State University will be held on Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16 from 3 pm to 3 pm.

Coming in January

- FBCC Capacity Building Plan
- Annual Meeting Advisory Group Recommendations
- MANRRS Conference

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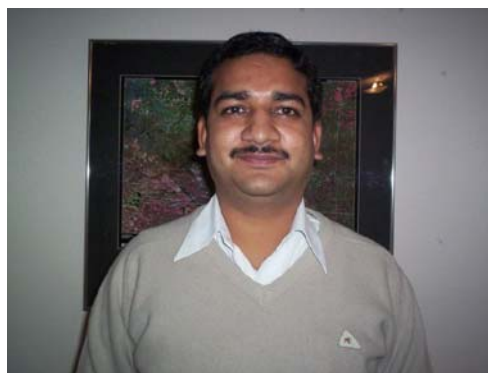
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Partner News



SGU Hires Singh as NRE Instructor

Welcome Dr. Subodh Singh, NRE instructor at Sinte Gleska. Subodh will teach courses in Industrial Toxicology, Air Quality Monitoring, Solid Waste Management, Physics, and Biochemistry. Along with Lisa Colombe, he will develop and implement the NRE Community projects for SGU. Educated in India, Dr. Singh has considerable education in the sciences.

Zona Loans Arrow Inspires SBC Students

Zona Loans Arrow, first vice president of Sitting Bull College, spoke to the student body on November 20. Students listened to and heard her hard hitting message of the importance of staying in school. As a testimony, one student wrote "She shared her background and showed how we can overcome obstacles like alcohol

and sugar and negative images. She talks hard and she makes you want to not give up." Another student commented "Zona is definitely credible and helping bring positive things to the reservation." Linda Sharff reported NRE funded Loans Arrow's presentation to SBC students and to the Sunday Academy students.

Grant Writing Class

Procedures and practices for preparation of proposals for funding of grants is a one credit class being taught this spring by Harold Crawford using Web CT. Off-campus class begins January 13 and runs through April 20. Students will prepare all elements of a proposal as reference for submission. Contact Harold, hrc@iastate.edu, for details.

Please Submit Quarterly Reports

Thanks to those who completed quarterly reports – they can be seen on the web. If you haven't sent your report, please submit the report on line.

Paula Teig's Travel Agenda

NICC-December 8, FBCC - January 27 and 28, and SBC-January 29 and 30

Juneberry Workshop at FBCC

Thirty five students and community members attended the November Juneberry workshop at FBCC. Louise Holding Eagle (tribal elder) spoke about traditional uses of chokecherries and Juneberries, Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, NDSU, spoke about Juneberry research, and Dan Kelner, owner and operator of The Juneberry Patch talked about economic opportunities. Attendees are interested in culturally relevant research about gardening and horticulture practices.



Juneberry Workshop in November