

NRE Mid-Year Report
Iowa State University
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Iowa State University has been involved in several activities and actions since reported at the annual meeting hosted by NICC in 2004.

- A. On-going and new administrative and management responsibilities
 - o Stepped up efforts regarding compliance issues at partner institutions
 - o Communicated NRE progress through reporting –CRIS
 - o Represented NRE project at AIHEC and MANRRS Conferences
 - o Represented ISU and NRE at AISES Conference in Alaska and other conferences
 - o Welcomed delegation from NICC to ISU campus
 - o Participated in NICC accreditation review
 - o Sought and received applications for internship program (3 high school students from Standing Rock Reservation)
 - o Provided more frequent updates to project website
 - o Conducted monthly ISU team meetings to review activities, Paula's site visits, monitor funds, etc.
 - o Submitted quarterly reports to the dean of the college
 - o Initiated plans for 4⁰ year evaluation through Talking Circles
 - o Collaborated with CSREES at USDA regarding Partners Video

- B. Responded to suggestions and discussion at the annual meeting
 - o Conducted First Friday conference calls. November – set up an agenda, December – bison research project, January – economic development in Tribal Communities, February and March – strengthening curriculum and distance education.
 - o Revised the Quarterly Report form to allow for greater flexibility in reporting activities at each institution
 - o Featured outcomes of annual meeting in October newsletter – for sustainability plans are to concentrate on
 - o Outreach to communities
 - o Enhancing natural resources academic programs
 - o Continue networking, communication, and building relationships
 - o Seek continuation of NRE instructor positions

- C. Collaborated in capacity building, outreach, and research activities
 - o Worked with Subodh Singh to prepare and submit a Tribal College Research Grant proposal to USDA involving SGU, ISU, SDSU
 - o Supported preliminary sage propagation testing program at ISU
 - o Participated in the Ranch Field day at SGU involving Animal Science faculty and graduate students
 - o Provided graduate assistantship to Jeanne Ballanger who is working with Lisa Colombe, SGU, on prairie dog research for the MS degree in NREM