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Bush Faculty Development Committee
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Subject: 4b Interim report

The following will serve as the interim progress report for the Bush Faculty Development grant awarded in area 4b to the Education Department. Three faculty members, Dr. Laurie Wenger, Dr. Sherry Feinstein and Julie Ashworth have made arrangements with tribal representatives from the Rosebud Reservation in south-central South Dakota for student visitation and working in schools. The program arrangements, as identified in the subsections of the grant, are for the most part complete.

However, despite the efforts of the Education Department faculty, we have not been able to generate sufficient student interest to complete the project. We currently have only one student who is interested and that is not enough critical mass to complete the activities included in the grant.

The major difficulty has been lack of ability to meet a program requirement. We proposed approval for the course to meet the NAST general education requirement. However, that requires Curriculum Council and faculty approval. We don't think that is a possibility in the time allocated to the project.

We have also discussed the possibility of teaching the course as a capstone course which would require approval. That will not happen before Interim 2004.

The Education Department faculty involved in the program agreed to participate in the project by donating time over-and-above their required load. They still have interest in the project and would like to request the option to carry over the existing funds into year two of the Bush Grant. We hope to find a solution to the lack of enrollment in the next few months.