

American Indian and Minority Achievement Report
Board of Regents
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American Indian Advisory Council Update

The 16-member Council has begun its efforts to address American Indian achievement within the Montana University System. After reviewing current data, existing policies, and relating campus perspectives, six areas have been identified as critical to improving the ways in which we serve our American Indian communities:

1. Creating campus community for American Indian students
2. Increasing the number of American Indian employees at every level
3. Ensuring that staff, faculty and administration are culturally responsive in working with American Indian students
4. Building relationships with tribal communities, including tribal colleges
5. Fostering mentoring relationships for students as well as staff, faculty and administration
6. Clarifying and prioritizing the MUS' responsibilities under Indian Education for All

Next steps will be in fleshing out these topics by identifying best practices, opportunities for collaboration, existing challenges, and, eventually, recommendations on how the MUS can, as a system, strive to provide a learning and working environment that will positively impact the experience of American Indians on our campuses.