

January 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: Will Humphreys

FROM: Betsy Diffendal
Mary Hillaire

SUBJECTS: Request for Funding to Complement RULE Evaluation Monies, Summer 1977
Planning and Data Collection for Northwest Native American Studies
Specialty Area

Will, on Wednesday, January 19 I met with Steve Ehrmann concerning the proposal which I made regarding assessing trends in Native American students' experiences at Evergreen (see your copy of that memo dated 1/19/77). Steve was receptive to the proposal inasmuch as it would provide us with some information on the kinds of natural science and social science strategies that a large sample of Native American students have pursued at Evergreen through the individual contract mode. By reviewing and categorizing the individual contracts (about 70 per quarter for 15 straight quarters) carried by Mary Hillaire, it will be possible to describe the kinds of natural and social science interests which a large number of the Native American students at Evergreen have shown. If the concept and categories which emerge from this analysis are of interest, they could be used by the other Native American faculty to look at the kinds of "natural groupings" into which the Native American students' work falls. In addition, as I spelled out briefly in the first proposal to Steve, I will be working with some of the Registrar's data stored in the computer to develop profiles of the Native American students who have come through Evergreen over the past 5 years, e.g., age, sex, geographic location, transfers from other colleges, faculty worked with, graduates, etc. As you probably realize, this kind of information will be of great use to Evergreen and the Northwest Native American specialty area, in particular, in such matters as faculty hiring recommendations, effective deployment of resources, grant writing, etc.

To date, of the \$5000 which I anticipate this would cost--two months of Mary's full salary this summer, some typing support as needed, and a flat \$800 to me as a consultant to the project working with the computer part and project write up--we have a \$1000 verbal commitment from Steve Ehrmann (RULE) who has yet to talk with Fred Tabbutt. Rob Knapp has promised some of his Dean's budget (amount not discussed). I am hoping that you can suggest other sources.

BD:MH/jh