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COALITION OF NATIVE TRIBES FOR RED POWER

A CHALLENGE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The Coalition of Native Tribes for Red Power is sponsoring an Indian Conference this October. Our primary purpose in holding the conference is to inaugurate a caucus of American Indians who are leaders in scholarship and education, with the intention that these men and women establish themselves as a Native American Studies Council, to oversee development of American Indian Studies programs at the University of Wisconsin and elsewhere in the country, this board to be called the National Native American Studies Council. The need for such a board is obvious: in common with most of the educational institutions in the United States, the University of Wisconsin has no program in American Indian Studies. In addition, there are no Indians on the faculty or within the administration of the University. Therefore, Indian educators with background and experience in Native American Studies must be sought on a national level.

Therefore we, the Coalition of Native Tribes for Red Power, ask you, the University of Wisconsin:

1. To recognize the National Native American Studies Council as legitimately constituted.

2. To seek out interested faculty at the University of Wisconsin who have Indian Studies background, to work with the members of the council in the development of a program.

3. To actively recruit American Indian scholars to do the necessary research for such a program.

4. To accept the recommendations of the NNAS Council.

5. To work with the Council in drawing up a proposal for procurement of funds with which to research and develop the project; such funds to be sought from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation through the Graduate Studies program and/or other available channels.

6. To institute the recommendations of the Council.

7. To respect the integrity of the aims represented in their prospect^{vs} for a program of Native American Studies here at the University of Wisconsin.

submitted to the University of Wisconsin

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