24 January 2007

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between California State University San Marcos

and

Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians

Introduction

California State University San Marcos

California State University San Marcos is the state's 20th California State University, serving the educational needs of the region's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education, and community partnerships.

Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians

On December 27, 1875, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, signed an executive order establishing the original boundaries of the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation. The Tribe represents that, prior to European contact; the ancestors of the Santa Ysabel Tribe lived in an area from the Pacific coast to the inland mountains of Southern California. The Tribe eventually permanently relocated to the rocky mountaintops within the Reservation.

The Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation now consists of three separate parcels, currently called Tract 1, Tract 2, and Tract 3, totaling approximately 15,500 acres, which are within the original boundaries of the Santa Ysabel Reservation. The Tribe has approximately 900 enrolled tribal members who possess at least 1/8 degree Total Indian blood with lineage from Santa Ysabel.

The Santa Ysabel Tribe is governed by Articles of Association adopted by the Tribe on June 2, 1974, as amended. The Tribe belongs to the Inter-Tribal Court of Southern California.

Statement of Need

California State University San Marcos

San Diego County has more federally recognized tribes (nineteen) than any County in the United States thus providing this opportunity to build a Community Partnership with Native American Communities.

Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians

Higher education opportunities are very important to the Santa Ysabel Council and individual tribal members so they can fulfill their education goals and contribute to the Santa Ysabel community.

Purpose of Memorandum and Goals of Relationship

California State University San Marcos

The purpose of the memorandum is to formalize the relationship between CSUSM and the Santa Ysabel Tribe – CSUSM is committed to working with Santa Ysabel to better prepare Santa Ysabel students for college and support the development of new programs to increase the enrollment of Santa Ysabel tribal members at CSUSM.

Tribe

California State University San Marcos enters into this MOU out of respect for the unique history and circumstances of the Santa Ysabel Tribe. The goal of this formalized relationship between the parties is to increase the enrollment of Santa Ysabel students and promote successful completion of degree programs by these students.

Organizational Responsibilities:

The purpose of the memorandum between CSUSM and the Tribe will be to collaborate to address college preparation, recruitment, retention, and increase the academic achievement of Santa Ysabel students enrolled at CSUSM.

To attain the goals CSUSM and the Tribe mutually will:

- Conduct an Education Needs Assessment in the tribal community in order to tailor CSUSM service provision.
- Conduct educational workshops and other appropriate events both on CSUSM's campus and at Santa Ysabel for its members;
- Participate at the local tribal level in educational activities sponsored and/or supported by the Tribe to encourage members to pursue postsecondary education;
- Collaborate to identify and network with existing tribally sponsored and/or supported programs that provide educational services to Tribe;

- Collaborate in identifying and securing funds from CSUSM, Tribe, local, federal, state, and private sector sources to support implementation of college preparation, recruitment and retention programs for Santa Ysabel students;
- Strengthen communication among all parties on educational issues identified in this Memorandum of Understanding;
- Jointly develop an American Indian student tracking system that provides aggregate data and findings to the extent permitted by law.
- Jointly develop an action plan that identifies implementation strategies which include what, who, when, and how the goals of improving academic preparedness for college will be achieved;
- Collaborate on increasing the number of Santa Ysabel students enrolling at CSUSM as either new, transfer, or distance education students.

To attain the goals of the memorandum CSUSM will:

- To the extent permitted by law, provide Santa Ysabel with year-end aggregate statistical reports regarding Santa Ysabel students enrolled at CSUSM. Students who participate in the program must provide written consent prior to CSUSM releasing certain information.

  Activities shall include:
  - Provision of student retention and graduation rates
  - The development of an attrition tracking system that includes data and findings;
  - Make available to Santa Ysabel technical assistance to improve the educational success of Santa Ysabel students;
  - Appoint a CSUSM representative to work with Santa Ysabel and their educational programs, as directed by the Santa Ysabel Tribal Council;
  - Assist Santa Ysabel in developing and implementing effective ways of disseminating undergraduate and graduate program information to students, parents & tribal education personnel;
  - Continue hosting the Native Advisory Council meetings with the President of the University on a regular basis to promote and maintain communication and continued involvement by the Santa Ysabel Tribe and CSUSM.
  - Provide assistance to Santa Ysabel students through staff assigned these responsibilities in the Office of University Outreach.

To attain the goals of this memorandum, Santa Ysabel will:

- Work with CSUSM to provide Santa Ysabel Students with information and technical assistance to prepare them for enrollment in a degree program at CSUSM;
- Work with CSUSM to identify the educational and training needs of community and tribal members to see how CSUSM can most effectively meet these needs;

- To the extent permitted by law, identify Santa Ysabel students who are enrolled at CSUSM so that they can be included in CSUSM's tracking system;
- Support CSUSM by appropriating in-kind TRIBAL resources, subject to availability, to support services for retention of Santa Ysabel students when the need arises, as determined by the Native Advisory Council and the Santa Ysabel Tribal Council;
- Strive to send a proportion of the high school graduates and adult learners from Santa Ysabel to CSUSM each year;

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

The agreement shall be in affect until terminated by either party with 30 days written notice. CSUSM and the Santa Ysabel Tribe mutually agree to review the agreement herein every three years from the date of initial approval.

The undersigned agree that this document represents the understanding between CSUSM and the Santa Ysabel Tribe. Any agreement to change the terms of this memorandum in any way shall be valid only if the change is made in writing and approved by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

APPROVALS:

Karen S. Haynes 1/24/07

Karen S. Haynes, President
California State University San Marcos: **Date**

1-24-07

Johnny Hernandez, Chairman
Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians **Date**