

PROPOSAL FOR A DQU INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES

THE DQU INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES is governed by the same Board of Trustees as is D-Q University. The Institute's mission is:

- (1) to sponsor conferences of a scholarly or educational nature, either on campus or at reservation or other locations in Indian country;
- (2) to sponsor research projects of benefit to Indigenous Peoples;
- (3) to offer seminars and short-term educational programs of an advanced nature;
- (4) to utilize radio, television, and other media for the dissemination of Native knowledge;
- (5) to offer earned master's and doctoral degrees in Native American subject areas with emphasis upon community development and planning; however, this mission will await success in items 1,2, and 3.

The California area needs a Native-oriented research and advanced studies institute which can provide r-and-d services for tribes and communities. For example, many California and Oregon tribes seek to recover information about their history and cultural heritage. Often they turn to non-Indian entities which are usually ill-equipped to perform the work and the results are superficial or unsatisfactory. The DQU Institute would employ and/or utilize staff with proper training in Native Studies.

The DQU Institute can be initiated as the research and development arm of D-Q University. Eventually, though, it should perhaps be a separate non-profit corporation but with the same Board of Trustees as D-Q University. This will enable the Institute to offer advanced degrees without necessarily altering the A.A. degree accreditation status of the university.

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[This plan had been proposed by Dr. Forbes in earlier years but had never been adopted by the board. In 2004 he revived the plan in order to meet the threat posed by the possible loss of WASC accreditation for the A.A. degree program. It was unfortunately never adopted by the board in 2004-5]