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## Response to Dr. Y. Bushyhead of LPTC

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To Drs. E. Peck, D. Hinton, B. Reed, and B. Bowen  
From: Dr. H. Lehrer  
RE: Response to April 3, 1997 letter to Chancellor Weber from Dr. Y. Bushyhead of LPTC

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I have listed below several items that may be helpful to the Chancellor in framing a response to the letter he received from Y. Bushyhead

1. There was a meeting held in Omaha and funded by the NASA Nebraska Space Grant Consortium on 2-25 and 26, 1997 with UNO representatives and:
  - a. Yvonne Bushyhead - President of Little Priest Tribal College(LPTC)
  - b. Skyler Houser - President of Nebraska Indian CC (NICC)
  - c. Chuck Squirer - Superintendent Santee Public Schools
  - d. Virgil Likness - Superintendent of Winnebago Public Schools
2. Items discussed were:
  - a. Tribal School/UNO future educational partnerships
  - b. Joint research and grant writing opportunities.
  - c. Scholarship opportunities and funding mechanisms
  - d. Curriculum development for improving K - 12 mathematics, science, and technology education through the use of aeronautics
  - e. Faculty enhancement workshops
  - f. Future interstate, regional, and national Native American/NASA Space Grant initiatives.
  - g. Development of Lighted School programs
3. NASA/Nebraska Space Grant Consortium has currently funded:
  - a. One NASA \$750 annual scholarship each for students from Santee, Winnebago, Macy, & Walthill
  - b. One NASA \$750 annual scholarship for tribal college students (one at NICC and one at LPTC)
  - c. One NASA \$1500 organizational enhancement grant for NICC
  - d. One NASA \$1500 organizational enhancement grant for LPTC
  - e. Two NASA ACE Academy scholarships will be awarded to Winnebago Schools; in 1998, two to Santee Schools
4. Visitations between administration of the Aviation Institute continue with trips to the tribal schools
5. MOUs for CPACS with Little Priest Tribal College and Nebraska Indiana Community College are currently being developed
6. A NASA Grant proposal is being prepared for UNO to serve as an Education and Outreach Broker/Facilitator. This proposal will include faculty members in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics Education, and Aeronautics.
7. The UNO Aviation Institute is playing an interstate (NE, SD, and KS) and regional leadership role in developing Native American aeronautics initiatives.