1. **Issue:** North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II request to offer the minor in Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Studies, CIP Code 05.0200, via on-campus and distance delivery, and a request to create the Course Prefix, TIPS for use by Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Studies, CIP Code 05.0200.

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II request of NDSU to offer the minor in Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Studies, CIP Code 05.0200, via on-campus and distance delivery, and create the Course Prefix, TIPS for use by Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Studies, CIP Code 05.0200.

3. **Background information:** The proposed minor offers a world view of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples while providing deep exploration of the tribes of North Dakota and the region’s woodlands and plains. The planned program would be offered through the Sociology and Anthropology Department in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

   If approved, the prefix of TIPS would be used for the proposed minor of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples.

4. **Financial implications:** None cited.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1 Program Approval states: “Board approval is required for all new programs of study that designate a focused collection of instructional/learning activities the completion of which signifies a level of competence which the awarding institution so designates by a notation on the front of the student transcript.”

6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the August 2, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination:** On August 2, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend that the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments:** The Stage II request is attached.

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10. **Chancellor’s recommendation:**