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The Nebraska Native American Working Group (NNAWG) was formed on February 25 and 26, 1997 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Participants met at the UNO Alumni Center and toured the UNO campus on the 26th. Persons attending included: Yvonne Bushyhead - Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC); Shuler Houser - Nebraska Indian CC (NICC); Chuck Squier - Santee Public Schools; Virgil Likness - Winnebago Public Schools; and Hank Lehrer, Brent Bowen, Micheala Schaaf, Don Dendinger, and JoAnne Lofton all of University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Items discussed: Tribal School/UNO future educational partnerships; joint research and grant writing opportunities; scholarship opportunities and funding mechanisms; curriculum development for improving K - 12 mathematics, science, and technology education through the use of aeronautics; faculty enhancement workshops; development of a Nebraska Model of Best Practice; and future interstate, regional, and national Native American/NASA Space Grant initiatives. As a result of this meeting, a number of annual scholarships and organizational enhancements were provided to the 2 tribal colleges and the 4 reservations schools. The working group met several times within the next few years and continues to maintain close contact with other members. In fact, it was not until this first UNO meeting that many of the administrators had ever met jointly to discuss pressing problems and possible partnerships.