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granted by the Assistant Secretary after request and justification by the Community College.

(c) A Community College shall have the right to appeal any adverse decision of the Director of Education under a grant agreement to the Assistant Secretary by filing written notice of appeal with the Assistant Secretary within thirty (30) days after the adverse decision. Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of appeal, the Assistant Secretary shall conduct a formal hearing at which time the College may present evidence and argument to support its appeal. Within thirty (30) days of the hearing, the Assistant Secretary shall issue a written ruling on the appeal confirming, modifying, or reversing the Director of Education's decision, the Assistant Secretary shall state in detail the basis for his/her ruling. The ruling of the Assistant Secretary on an appeal shall be final for the Department of the Interior.

§ 41.12 Annual budget.

Appropriations under title I of the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 shall be separately identified in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget Justification. Funds appropriated for grants under this subpart shall not be commingled with other funds expended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

§ 41.13 Criminal penalties.

Persons submitting or causing to be submitted to the Bureau any false information in connection with any application, report, or other document, upon which the provision of Federal financial assistance or any other payment of Federal funds is based, may be subject to criminal prosecution under provisions such as sections 287, 371, or 1001 of title 18, U.S. Code.

Subpart B—Navajo Community College

§ 41.20 Policy.

It is the policy of this Department to support and encourage the establishment, operation, and improvement of tribally controlled community colleges in order to ensure continued and expanded educational opportunities for

Indian students. The regulations in this subpart prescribe procedures for providing financial and technical assistance to this end for the Navajo Community College under the Navajo Community College Act, as amended (25 U.S.C. 640a-c).

§ 41.21 Scope.

The regulations in this subpart are applicable to the provision of financial and technical assistance to Navajo Community College pursuant to the Navajo Community College Act of December 15, 1971 (Pub. L. 92-189, 85 Stat. 646, 25 U.S.C. 640a-c) as amended by the Navajo Community College Assistance Act of 1978, title II of the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-471, 92 Stat. 1325, 1329, 25 U.S.C. 640c). Regulations applicable to Tribally Controlled Community Colleges other than Navajo Community College are found in subpart A of this part 41.

§ 41.22 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

(a) *Academic term* means a semester, trimester, or other such period (not less than six (6) weeks in duration) into which the college normally subdivides its academic year, but does not include a summer term.

(b) *Academic year* means a twelve month period established by the college and approved by the Director of Education as the annual period for the operation of the college's education programs.

(c) *The Act* means the Navajo Community College Act of December 15, 1971 (Pub. L. 92-189, 85 Stat. 646) as amended by the Navajo Community College Assistance Act of 1978, (Pub. L. 95-471, title II, 92 Stat. 1329, 25 U.S.C. 640a *et seq.*).

(d) *Assistant Secretary* means the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior or his/her duly authorized representative.

(e) *College* means the institution known as Navajo Community College established by the Navajo Tribe.

(f) *Director of Education* means the Director of the Office of Indian Education Programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or his/her duly authorized representative.

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(g) *Full time equivalent* or *FTE* means the number of Indian students (1) enrolled full-time for an entire academic term at the College, calculated on the basis of registrations as in effect at the conclusion of the sixth week of an academic term, plus (2) the full-time equivalent of the number of other Indian students who are enrolled part-time for an entire academic term at the College (determined on the basis of the quotient of the sum of credit hours for which all such part-time students are registered during such academic term divided by (12)), calculated on the basis of registrations as in effect at the conclusion of the sixth week of an academic term. The formula for calculating the Indian FTE for an academic term is expressed mathematically as $FTE=FT+PTCR/12$ where FT is the number of full time Indian students (those carrying 12 or more credit hours at the end of the sixth week of the academic term) and PTCR is the number of credit hours for which part-time Indian students are registered at the end of the sixth week of an academic term.

(h) *Indian* means a person who is a member of an Indian tribe and is eligible to receive services from the Secretary of the Interior because of his/her status as an Indian.

(i) *Indian Tribe* means an Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, rancheria, or other organized group or community, including any Alaskan Native Village or Regional or Village Corporation as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(j) *Operating and Maintenance Expenses of Education Programs* means the obligation and expenditures by the College for post-secondary education activities including administration, instruction, attendance, health and other student services, operation, maintenance and repair of plant, and fixed charges, and other related expenses, but not including obligations or expenditures for the acquisition or construction of academic facilities (as defined in § 41.3(1) of subpart A).

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§ 41.23 Eligible activities.

Financial assistance under this subpart shall be available to defray only the operating and maintenance expenses of education programs of the College. Financial assistance under this subpart shall not be used for religious worship or sectarian instruction, but nothing in this subpart shall be construed as barring instruction in comparative religions or cultures or in languages of Indian tribes.

§ 41.24 Grants.

(a) Navajo Community College is entitled to annual grants for operation and maintenance of the College in amounts based upon the number of Full-Time Equivalent Indian students in attendance.

(b) Annually, in the manner and within the deadline established by the Director of Education, the Navajo Community College shall submit an application in the form of a statement of its FTE enrollment (total and Indian) for the next academic year. The statement shall include a description of the College's curriculum, which may be in the form of a College catalog or like publication, and a proposed budget showing total expected operating expenses of educational programs and expected revenue from all sources for the academic year for which the information applies. The statement shall be certified by the chief executive officer of the College and shall certify that a copy of that statement has been submitted to the Navajo Tribe.

(c) Annual budget request for the College shall be separately identified in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget Justifications. Funds appropriated for grants under this subpart shall not be commingled with other funds appropriations historically expended by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for programs and projects normally provided on the Navajo Reservation for Navajo beneficiaries.

(d) Within thirty (30) days of submission of the statement required under paragraph (b) of this section, the Director of Education shall make a grant award to the College in an amount determined under paragraph (e) of this section. The grant award shall be evidenced by a grant agreement signed by