

February 20, 2014

TO: CIETL and the Academic Senate at Cañada College

FROM: Professor Yolanda Valenzuela and Professor Elizabeth Terzakis

RE: Funding request for Ron Goode, a guest speaker

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Professor Terzakis and I would like to have Ron Goode, who is a North Fork Mono Tribal Chairman, educator and author, attend three of our classes in the month of March to educate our students about Native American cultures. He has been a guest speaker for several of our classes in the past and has enriched our curriculum with his presentations, activities and dialogue.

Ron Goode is interested in helping my students, who are in two sections of Reading 826, achieve a strong comprehension of shamanism, spirituality and visions within the Native American culture so that my students can better comprehend one of our required books, *Black Elk Speaks*. Last semester, one of the reasons my students struggled with this book was because they did not have enough background knowledge about Native American cultures. Although I showed Native American videos and gave students supplemental reading material, I think they needed to hear about Native American spirituality from someone who has experienced it.

Professor Terzakis is teaching an American Literature class with an emphasis on Native American Literature. She would like Ron Goode to also enrich her students' experience with Native American Literature by having her students learn about Native American cultures through Ron Goode's presentation and dialogue.

Because my two sections of Reading 826 meet during two different days and Ron Goode lives four hours away, we would like to have Ron Goode spend the night in the area and speak during two different days. He is willing to do this. We are, therefore, requesting the following financial support from CIETL and the Academic Senate at Cañada College: \$250.00 for a speaker fee, \$200.00 for hotel expenses, and \$133.00 for mileage.

Thank you in advance for taking into consideration our request. Please call us directly if you should have any questions.