

UC Santa Barbara NAGPRA Campus Committee Minutes
August 12, 2022

Attendees:

Gerardo Aldana
Mike Miller
Laurie Pfeiffer
Alyssa Saavedra

Members Present:

Jon Daehnke
Cristina Gonzales
Gregory Johnson
Stuart Tyson Smith
Nakia Zavalla

Agenda Topics:

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer: Cristina
2. Repository Updates: Gerardo and Laurie
3. Accession 605 Review and Discussion: Gerardo/All ***Materials regarding Accession 605 were distributed to committee members on Aug. 10. Committee Members Only Discussion and Vote on Accession 605
4. July Listening Session Review and Discussion: Cristina/Nakia/Mike
5. Natural Reserve System Meeting Review and Discussion: Mike
6. Ongoing Listening Session Schedule: Mike
7. Audit Update: Mike
8. Committee Membership Update: Mike
9. Funding Update: Mike
10. Other Business: All
11. Closing: Cristina

Summary of Items:

1. Cristina Gonzales opened with a welcome prayer.
2. Gerardo Aldana shared that there are summaries and inventories of over 300 records. He also shared that there are spreadsheets of all of our accession records and that they are now being published to the public. Gerardo shared that there were skeletal remains found in physical control of a biology-type class on campus, which are being examined to determine whether or not they are Native American remains.
3. Gerardo shared that Paul Varela, the descendant and the recognized person in control of Accession 605 made his intent known that he would like the remains in Accession 605 buried on the construction site post-construction. However, it is not known when construction was done, and Paul Varela is no longer alive. This collection is not a known NAGPRA collection as it is not in UCSB's control but is in the physical possession of

UCSB. Questions from committee members arise as to whether or not this collection is in UCSB's control or possession, and if this collection meets the requirements to comply with CalNAGPRA. A definition of control, possession, and physical custody is needed as is possibly having national NAGPRA sign off. As questions of wording and terminology arise regarding the collection, the committee plans to seek guidance from Melanie O'Brien, NAGPRA Manager for the National Park Service.

4. Mike Miller shared that UCSB held a listening session on July 21st, and that after hearing general updates, all UCSB personnel left the call as the tribes then discussed in private. Nakia Zavalla says that it is important that we ask for 2-3 people per tribe so that there are backups to reach out to in case an email is missed.
5. Garry and Mike reached out to the Natural Reserve System, and believe it would be important to invite the group to the listening session in October.
6. Mike shared that we will have quarterly Listening Sessions (FALL, WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER).
7. Mike shared that the meetings have been going well with the auditors as the last one was Wednesday, August 10th. He shared that they are reviewing documents and trying to understand the difference between Mike's responsibility as the Repatriation Coordinator and Laurie's as the Repatriation Project Manager.
8. Mike shared that Vincent Gomez, from the Santa Ynez Band who served as a cultural monitor and is on the Elder's council, will be joining the NAGPRA Campus Committee to replace Ramona Romero. Chancellor Yang will send Vincent a welcome letter.
9. Mike shared that the auditors requested a written letter stating that the campus is going to receive \$350,000 a year.
10. Nakia shared that she will be discussing the situation that occurred with the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum at the CalNAGPRA workshop in Sacramento. The workshop will be held August 22nd and August 23rd and requires registration. The University of California is looking to hire their own NAGPRA coordinator.

Meeting Adjourned