

NAGPRA Campus Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2023

Attendees:

Mike Miller
Gerardo Aldana
Garry Mac Pherson
Laurie Pfeiffer
Alyssa Saavedra

Present Members:

Greg Johnson
Stuart Tyson Smith
Jon Daehnke
Cristina Gonzales
Nakia Zavalla
Vincent Gomez

Agenda Topics:

1. Opening Prayer/Welcomes: Cristina
2. Check-In with Garry MacPherson: Garry can only join us for a few minutes, but this will be a good opportunity to ask him any questions you all may have.
3. Repository Updates: Gerardo and Laurie
4. January Listening Session Planning: All
5. Repatriation Plan Updates: Mike
6. Tribal Updates: Nakia/Cristina/Vincent
7. Other Items

Summary of Items:

1. Nakia brought up Senator Dodd's Bill that calls out UCSB. Nakia's position is that Dodds has not historically been a friend of tribes and has tried to stop initiatives that tribes have tried to put out. They do not support the bill. They feel as though he has not spoken to enough tribes to get tribal input. Nakia said she feels like she is making progress with UCSB. Nakia would like to see the NAGPRA Coordinator position posted as soon as possible and asks if there is anything Garry can do to speed it up. Nakia believes Dodd's spoke to California Tribal Business Alliance which she says doesn't really deal with calNAGPRA or NAGPRA. She said that she would have liked Dodd to reach out to her and her tribe.
2. Garry and Mike mentioned the memos/ letters that circulated around campus, one of which sought qualified individuals to join the NAGPRA campus committee, and the other that addressed the way research has been conducted in the past with collections. Jon thinks it's important to point out the reality that researchers can't conduct research unless they have tribal approval which would potentially force them to adjust the scope of their research.

3. Gerardo shares that he has been appointed to another committee. Gerardo shared that they created a spreadsheet noting what they have and whether or not they are human remains. He shares that the repository staff will be making updates. Gerardo shared that he has documents made that will be shared with tribal members which include the time period, location and the individuals involved with the human remains. Cristina pointed out that there is a checklist they received from United Auburn that might be helpful. Cristina said that tribes may be upset with the destructive analysis that was done, and that tribes may want stuff digitized.
4. Mike shared that he and Alyssa were working on the logistics for the listening Session, and that Paul Spickard will be discussing the hiring process. The meeting will also include discussion about the sea level rise issue and our options for reburial. Nakia shares that listening sessions and consultation are two very different things and asks that we not use them interchangeably. Nakia shared that consultation is formal while a listening session is informal. Nakia points out that when she has her consultation she has her archeologists with her and that it's important to ask the tribes if they are okay with having both. Nakia finds it upsetting that some universities recognize one on one coffee meetings as consultations.
5. Mike shared that by the end of this month the repatriation plan needs to be in the Office of the President, and that he is going to spend January 23rd and 25th on the Repatriation Plan. He is hoping to have committee members join him either via zoom or in person.
6. Cristina brought up our transparency and inquired about having member meetings, members and agendas posted to the website. Mike shared that he will have those as well as the last two memos posted on the website.
7. It was shared that Justin Richland who is a lifetime expert on consultation from UC Irvine, is on the UCLA Repatriation Committee and has worked closely with Wendy Teeter, will be talking on January 21. Greg shared that there will be a meeting at the Willows Steakhouse at the Santa Ynez Chumash Casino Resort from 9:00-4:00 PM with the California Native American Heritage Commission, and that he is also on a search committee.

Meeting Adjourned