

UC Santa Barbara NAGPRA Campus Committee Minutes  
May 13, 2022

**Attendees:**

Gerardo Aldana  
Mike Miller  
Laurie Pfeiffer  
Alyssa Saavedra

**Members Present:**

Nakia Zavalla  
Cristina Gonzales  
Greg Johnson  
Stuart Smith  
John Daehnke

**Members Absent:**

Ramona Hernandez

**Agenda Topics:**

1. Opening remarks/prayer: Cristina
2. Introduction of Laurie Pfeiffer (Repatriation Project Manager): Gerardo/Laurie
3. Repository Updates: Gerardo  
\*\* Gerardo and Laurie leave
4. General Process Updates: Mike
5. Native American Opportunity Plan Update: Mike
6. Planning for next in-person meeting: This is a follow up to the discussion we had during the listening session where tribal representatives requested a meeting to discuss reburial logistics and wishes. This would be a closed meeting and would include tribes only.
7. Other committee business

**Summary of Items:**

1. The committee meeting opened with a prayer from Cristina Gonzales.
2. Dean Gerardo Aldana, director of the repository and ossuary introduced newly hired Repatriation Project Manager, Laurie Pfeiffer, who has a long career in archaeology and has worked in Santa Barbara with local Chumash tribes.
3. The committee heard updates from Dean Aldana regarding the repository. Dean Aldana shared that a timeline for the inventory completed would need to be documented, and be maintained by repository staff, once hired. He also shared that Anthropology 101, will be replaced by Chicano 115N, which will be oversought by graduate students teaching native history. Dean Aldana informed the committee that the Santa Barbara Independent reached out to UCSB's PR department regarding the status of the university's

repatriation efforts and falsely reported that both control and possession had been transferred. UCSB reported that only control had been transferred.

4. Mike Miller, repatriation coordinator, shared that he met with the state auditor prior to this meeting and plans to produce a final audit report by November. Mike shared the steps necessary to ensure the goal is met.
5. Mike shared that the Office of the President is working on improving some of the flaws with the Native American Opportunity Plan, and that UCSB's Enrollment Services is working to identify and notify Native American students of the program.
6. Mike informed the committee that there is a strong desire among the tribes for a private meeting to take place to discuss reburial logistics and clarified that UCSB would facilitate the discussion.
7. Nakia Zavalla shared the importance of tribes feeling welcome during the repatriation process, and asked that we deal with things swiftly, quickly and respectfully.

**Meeting Adjourned**