

UCSB NAGPRA Campus Committee Minutes
October 14, 2022

Attendees:

Gerardo Aldana
Mike Miller
Alyssa Saavedra
Laurie Pfeiffer

Members Present:

Jon Daehnke
Cristina Gonzales
Gregory Johnson
Nakia Zavalla

Members Absent:

Vincent Gomez

Agenda Topics:

1. Updates from the Repository
2. Transfer of Ancestors and AFOs: Monday Oct. 17
3. Audit Updates
4. Recap Listening Session and Follow Up on Eleanor Fishburn's Comment
5. Next Steps on NAGPRA Implementation Plan Document
6. UCOP Budget Request
7. Other Business

Summary of Items:

1. Nakia opened the meeting with prayer. The Sept. 9 Meeting Minutes were approved. Gerardo shared that the 605 accession collection is going to Danyna Barrios and that we have a request from Far Western who is doing a consultation with tribal representatives, who have requested access to our files in order to create a report that can be passed on to the people they are working with. Gerardo is wondering if this is considered research and how this works with university guidelines on research and consultation. Gerardo is trying to figure out what the best use of their time is, if they should go through all records and look at what is sensitive information that should not be shared with Far Western or if they should wait until Far Western has consulted with tribes before going through records. Jon Daehnke shared that we're not under any obligation to share records since it isn't in a public catalog. Nakia suggests having a Chumash Advisory Committee which may help make progress and clarify things. Gerardo believes that this is a good idea but that it would need to be clear what information should be discussed with the different committees. Mike shared that the Chumash Advisory was put on hold since it didn't represent all tribes.

2. Gerardo shared that Santa Ynez will be coming to Campus on Monday morning for the transfer of ancestors and AFOs (Associated Funerary Objects).
3. Mike shared that UCSB will create a full time job for a repatriation coordinator, and hopefully post the job description towards the end of Winter.
4. Mike suggests we not make any assumptions about Eleanor Fisburn's comment regarding the claims she said were put in by the Barbareno Band and Ventureño tribe, and said that he is going to follow up. Jon mentioned how he doesn't feel like there has been a difference defined between CalNAGPRA and NAGPRA. Nakia mentioned how she has discussions with the Chumash tribes, and is considering offering to hold accession 605 since they might not have the space or resources, or might just want it out of the university's care. Nakia shared that in her discussion during the closed portion of the listening session that the tribes would like to have unlimited private access to burial sites.
5. Mike shared that the plan is to have the Campus Committee review and make any suggestions or edits to the audit report by November and have it finalized by January.
6. Mike shared that they have asked him to rework the overall budget and add some lines for tribal needs, and that he is working with Gerardo and Laurie to meet his October 19th deadline.
7. Jon asked what the repatriation coordinator budget is and Mike said he is thinking 125k a year. Nakia shared that the Repatriation Coordinator's may have the education but lack the wisdom and that she would like to see someone who understands the sensitivity of the position. Nakia would like to know what qualifies under tribal needs. Nakia shares that tribes might not ask for support to help with transferring and that it should be made known on how UCSB can support them with their tribal needs. Nakia raised questions about training and asked if it is UCSB's responsibility or the office of the president's. Mike shared that he believes there will be training implemented. There is concern that research is being done on our Campus. It has to do with possible human remains in a lab. Nakia shared that when they picked up the remains some had been grounded up in a bag. She says if tribes do full inventory searches, that all pieces of ancestors should be returned regardless of size or amount. Nakia emphasized the importance of having records of who has access to the remains and ensuring they're not doing research without tribal approval. The Molecular Biology department had some human remains that were used for teaching material that are not Native American. Gerardo heard that there are remains coming from South East Asia. Nakia shared that there were human remains left off the list that was sitting in the lab of Professor Tim White from Berkeley. Cristina adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned