UC Santa Barbara NAGPRA Campus Committee Minutes  
April 8, 2022

Members Present:  
Nakia Zavalla  
Cristina Gonzales  
Greg Johnson  
Stuart Smith  
Jon Daehnke

Members Absent:  
Ramona Hernandez

Agenda Topics:  
1. Update from Gerardo on the repository  
2. Updates from Garry on his memo back to the committee and an update on discussions relative to reburial sites.  
3. Discussion on April 19 event/lunch  
4. Discuss the State Audit process and next steps  
5. Review/edit the repository implementation plan

Summary of Items:

1. The committee members heard updates from Dean Gerardo Aldana, who was recently appointed as faculty director of the repository and ossuary. With the recommendation to transfer the 2012 and 2021 collections to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI), the repository staff has started meeting with tribal representatives. Dean Aldana reported that the work being done in the repository is moving forward in a productive manner and he is in the process of addressing his staffing needs through the hiring of a project manager and new graduate students for the 2022-23 academic year. Dean Aldana also produced a draft implementation plan, which was shared with the campus committee for feedback.

2. Chancellor’s designee Garry MacPherson submitted a memo to the committee dated April 4, 2022 accepting the recommendation to transfer the 2012 and 2021 collections to the SYBCI. Additionally, a memo was sent to the Barbareno Band via Chairwoman Eleanor Fishburn to provide an update on the 2012 claim submitted by the tribe.

3. The campus committee discussed and planned the April 19 listening session.

4. Repatriation coordinator Michael Miller provided an update based on feedback from our systemwide colleagues. UCSB is very likely to be part of the next state audit, so campus leadership is preparing for that additional workload.

5. Dean Aldana’s draft implementation plan for the repository was discussed briefly as was the plan for the broader campus implementation document.

Meeting Adjourned