

COMMISSION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Thursday, February 17, 2022

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Acknowledgements

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Attendees: Kiara Weathersby, Alisse Ali-Joseph, Jeff Berglund, Adele Pablo, Becky Malone, Ora Marek-Martinez, Terri Beeson, Esther Cuellar, Ann Marie Chischilly, Will Martin, Candi Running Bear, Davis Henderson, Ron Lee, Sheena Hale, Darold Joseph, Darwin Mann, Dani Donaldson, Angie Begay, Shynoway Leigh Lee, Linda Robyn, Sharon Doctor, Karne Jarratt-Snider, Carmenlita Chief, Sarah Chatter, Rebecca Malone-Little Owl

1. Meeting minute approval (Nov. 21 & Jan. 22)

 Motion to approve both these minutes made by Jeff Berglund

 Seconded by Ora

 Motion passed by common consensus

1. Co-Chairs Updates from Alisse and Kiara

Cal Seciwa Nomination for Outstanding 2021-2022 ([link](https://in.nau.edu/cna/nomination-form/))

 Commissions of Commissions to be part of University Advisory Board

Extending nomination time to 3/14 for staff, faculty, students and Alumni

CAN Communication to ask.cna@nau.edu

Adele Pablo and Terrie Beeson new voting members

Congrats to Linda Robyn retiring member

Viewed Directory link and please update your Bio

Poll - If you are not comfortable with including Tribal affiliation please send email to ask.cna@nau.edu

General studies link if you are interested: <https://in.nau.edu/curriculum-and->assessment/general-studies-program/

1. Update on Strategic Listening Sessions/Commitment 7

 Ann Marie update – 10 hrs listening to students, staff, faculty and alumni in multiple sessions

 Submitted on 11th and met with Dr Dickson on the 15th.

 Revised those to be more succinct with NAU’s goals

 Have until 22nd to make edits to their edits

 Last listening session in March

 President will take a final look and submit to ABOR in June

 Thanks to everyone who participated in the work groups and listening sessions

1. ONAI/NACC/OISS Update

 Working with NAU Residence life and OISS about indigenous housing

Sharon – increase sense of belonging and increase ties in the indigenous community.

 Discussed students’ needs and reasons for this

 Currently a wing in Mountain View, hopefully Gabaldon soon

 Still planning and growing it

 This will be the pilot plan and will fine tune it from there

Kiara and Ora discussed the need for these spaces and the benefit to NAU’s indigenous population and the need to grow it in the future.

 Student Sarah Chatter discussed her experience with this

 Ora – Discussed Indigenous faculty/student cohort

 Open discussion/questions on these two updates

 Darold Joseph, Rebecca Malone-Little Owl gave feedback

 Kiara – shared College Representation of IndigeJacks

Ron Lee – Heard Indigenous housing has been tried before but failed. Should look into why and learn from that.

 Sharon – discussed the history

Ron – other colleges have done this, we should reach out to them to see what they have learned

 Ann Marie – this is in the works

1. Suggestions to Bylaws by Friday, March 4 (link)

 Alisse – being careful to make bylaws that don’t need to be changed every year

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 Share suggestions by March 4th

 Revisions are highlighted

 Added new co-chairs, budget info, co-chairs, voting members, CNA collective, Ex officio

 Kiara – Please let us know of any suggestions or changes

 Discussion of language use of Native American and/or Indigenous to be more inclusive

1. Open Discussion & Announcements

 Please send any additions to askcna@nau.edu

 Kiara shared PowerPoint of updates of upcoming events

 Alisse- voting on bylaws in the March meeting

1. Next Meeting

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