

COMMISSION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Thursday, September 15, 2022

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

NACC Pattea Room

Zoom Meeting ID 899 8981 7521

PWD: 2003

I. Welcome and Acknowledgements

1. Call to Order: Kiara Weathersby 2:37pm

Attendance:

Will Martin, Ann Marie Chischilly, Candi Running Bear, Naomi Ruth Lee, Shawna Whitehat, marla Johnet, Shynowah Leigh Bahe, Carmenlita Chief, Iris Marian Price, Nate Armenta, Adele Sydney Pablo, Angie Begay, Davis Henderson, Kiara Weathersby, Darold Harmon Joseph, Becca Alvarado, Tezbah Smiley, Jani Ingram, Angelina Castagno, Alisse Ali-Joseph, Chris Jocks

CUAI: LCG, Shane Canitz, Jo Whitney

Land Acknowledgement: read by Alisse Ali-Joseph

II. Meeting minute approval

* + - 1. [Link to 22.04.21 meetings minutes](https://nau0.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/CommissionforNativeAmericans/EQtvR6lUZRJBm9dPodfaP%20ZgBAvMbzCC5_x7fxoOZpx-s-g?e=KNOWyX)
			2. Angelina Castagno moved to approve, seconded by Ann Marie Chischilly
				1. The majority voted affirmative, motion passed

April Minutes Approved

* + - * 1. abstentions: Chris Jocks (?) raised his hand

III. Co-Chairs Updates from Alisse and Kiara

• Thank you CUAI GAs, Shane Canitz (their last semester) and Will Martin (for taking minutes last semester), Welcome Jo Whitney (new CUAI GA)

• CNA Commissioners and CNA Collective

1. Need 15 voting commissioners, currently have 7
	1. Open for self-nominations
	2. Attend 4 meetings per semester, and the retreat
	3. Please self-nominate and/or nominate collective members to become commissioners, by emailing Kiara, Alisse, or Ask CNA
		1. Reference the [CNA directory](https://in.nau.edu/cna/directory/) to see who is a member of the collective
			1. If you do not see your name on the list and would like to join, also email Ask CNA
2. Discussion of whether to open up voting membership to the collective vs. having voting commissioners
	1. Lauren Copeland-Glenn added that other commissions have open memberships which allow for all members to vote
	2. 2011 CNA bylaws indicate that commissioners could lose voting status if they did not attend a required number of meetings
	3. If you feel opposed to the idea of allowing all CNA members to vote, but don’t want to speak out right now, email ASK CNA

• Co-Com / Diversity Fellows Meeting with Brian Register (Chief of Staff)

1. DEIJ/CDO meeting Concerns raised about lack of transparency and communication about DEIJ on campus
	1. Colonizing language: use of language such as ‘chief’ and ‘spearheading’
	2. Since meeting, consideration about dropping CDO from the position search title because of the colonizing language and it being an outdated term: New title will likely be VP of Inclusion, Diversity, and Engagement
		1. Concern that the title doesn’t have justice or equity included (emphasis on lack of justice)
2. Discussed the role of commissions on Campus and how they are supposed to advise the President of NAU
	1. Expressed concern that the President was not at the meeting with CoCom

• CNA Books by Indigenous Authors

1. CNA receives $4,000/year to identify authors to stock books at Cline by Indigenous authors
	1. Bought 10 books for Cline Library
		1. Did not originally purchase ebook copies
	2. Raise the profile of indigenous authors at Cline Library, and make the library a more welcoming space for indigenous students
	3. Discussed starting a CNA Book club
		1. Native Presence and Sovereignty in College: Sustaining Indigenous Weapons to Defeat Systemic Monsters by Amanda R. Tachine

• CNA Logo

1. Four branding logos have been designed for Native American Initiatives
	1. Poll of people who attended
		1. Results from synchronous poll:
	2. Poll sent out to the listserv to gather more voices
		1. Results from listserv poll:
2. Future discussion: How should the Commission make decisions? In the meeting or sent out to the listserv?

• CNA Name

1. Discussion about CNA possibly being renamed
	1. Other offices and departments have renamend themselves to use the term ‘Indigenous’
		1. Does this Commission want to align with this?
2. Poll given:
	1. Keep the current name
	2. Change the Commission’s name to Commission for Indigenous Peoples
	3. Change the Commission’s name to Commission for Indigenous Peoples/Native Americans
		1. Poll result:
* Potential Commission Retreat with Native Wellness Institute ($3135)
	+ - 1. Health and wellbeing full day retreat for up to 35 CAN members
				1. Purpose: to finalize CNA bylaws and goals and completing “Wellness in the Workplace” trainings
			2. Cost quoted at $3,135
				1. Initially twice as much but discount given because it was explained that the Commission has a finite budget that is separate from other University accounts

IV. Update from Vice President of Native American Initiatives (Ann Marie Chischilly)

1. ONAI- appointed Ora Marek-Martinez to Associate VP of ONAI
2. NACC- needs new director, have about 20 applicants
3. AISS not part of ONAI, have served 95% of all registered tribal groups in the United States in the last 30 years

V. Indigenous Peoples (IP) Diversity Requirement: October 9th deadline (Alisse Ali-Joseph)

* Chris Jocks: AIS has proposed tenure track position with WGS and additional teaching tracks to have increased faculty to help meet the diversity requirements in 2024
	+ Proposed Navajo studies Minor, and an MA in Navajo language
	+ Teaching Indigenous Studies- undergrad certificate specific to education majors

VI. [CNA By-Laws:](https://nau0.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/CommissionforNativeAmericans/EeFmWMX9MvdJjZz%20PLrScTkBXufvUpVYkenUFeEJob0kdg?e=dqNlvr)

VII. Open Discussion & Announcements

* 8/29/22 NAU Lactation Rooms
* 9/7/22 Indigenous Peoples’ Living-Learning Community
* 9/20/22 @ 5:30pm, Diversity Equity Awards Dinner, Cal Seciwa Award Recipients, Ashurst Auditorium ([RSVP for Awards Dinner](http://nau.edu/NAUPres17DEA))
	1. Discussion concerning paying for the daughter of Cal Seciwa to attend the Awards Ceremony. She will be travelling from Tempe
		+ 1. Four recipients of the Cal Seciwa Award
			2. His daughter usually comes to present the award
			3. She asked about lodging for after the ceremony
	2. Discussion about whether CNA should pay for her lodging and travels with the yearly budget
		1. Estimation that it would cost about $200 for travel and lodging ($160 for Drury Inn for that night)
	3. Angelina Castagno made a motion to use CNA funds to cover the travel costs (lodging and mileage) for her to come to the event (not to exceed $350).
		1. Bekka Alvarado seconded
		2. The majority voted affirmative
		3. Motion passes: CNA funds will be used to cover the travel costs (up to $350)
1. VIII. Next Meeting

Date: Thurs.10/20/22

Time: 2:30 -4:00 pm

Hybrid Location: NACC Pattea Zoom Meeting ID: 872 6373 8569

IX. Adjournment: Kiara Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm