

COMMISSION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Thursday, September 15, 2022

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

NACC Pattea Room

Zoom Meeting ID 899 8981 7521

PWD: 2003

Called to Order: 2:30 by Kiara Weathersby

1. Introductions
   1. Attendance
   2. Kiara Weathersby, Adele Sydney Pablo, Beth Cross, Iris Marian Price, Jani Ingram, Marla Johnet, Tezbah Smiley, Tori Rodriguez, Rebecca Malone-Little Owl, Shirley Conrad, Bekka Alvarado, Angie Begay, Davis E. Henderson, Josie, Nancy C. Navarro, Rolonda Jumbo, Vita Allison, Angelina Castagno, Candi Lynn Running Bear, Shawna Whitehat, Naomi Ruth Lee, Nathanial R Armenta, Traci Begay, Morgan Ferrell, Ann-Marie Chischilly, Alisse Ali-Joseph, Chris Jocks, Carmenlita Chief, Sharon Singer Doctor
2. Land Acknowledgement: Read by Kiara Weathersby
3. Minutes approval will happen during the 11/17 meeting of this Commission
4. Co-Chairs Updates
   1. Received 39 responses in Qualtrics survey questions (CNA Name, Logo and Funds)
   2. CNA Name: Commission for Indigenous Peoples received most votes for new name with 20 votes
   3. CNA Icon: 19 votes for Responsibility Sun: A New Day: Entryways for students, staff, faculty, and communities
   4. Funds: 23 votes in favor of Full Day w/ Native Wellness Institute: $3,135
      1. Nate Armenta volunteered to help with planning the retreat day, so did Tezbah Smiley
      2. CNA can reserve funding for other projects (technology for campus, speaker series, etc.)
   5. Co-Chairs receive $500 semesterly for their work through the Center for University Access and Inclusion –– typically serve for 2 years
      1. Presenting the opportunity for people who are interested in becoming a Co-Chair to shadow for at least 2 meetings
         1. Qualtrics will be open for nominations for positions starting during the Fall 2023 Semester
      2. Vote on new Co-Chairs will be held in the Spring 2023 semester
      3. Vote will be held on substantive issues through Qualtrics
5. Updates from Associate VP of Native American Initiatives
   1. Native American Heritage Month
      1. Have events tied in with Respect/Responsibility/Relationships/Resilience
         1. Finalizing details of stickers and such promotional materials with NAU Marketing
         2. Film Screening towards end of the month before the holiday about Survivance
            1. Cline may be a good partner to secure film screening rights for showing films for such a series/showing
            2. Powerlands will be shown at Cline on November 15 at 7pm
         3. Will be sharing a finalized schedule as we get closer to November
         4. Office of Inclusion bringing Aaron Yazzie to talk about STEM background and his experience working on the teams that put the rovers on Mars.
         5. May hold a recognition during football game about NAHM
         6. Question of how many tribal flags may want to be shown, there are more groups represented at NAU (89) than just the 22 from NAU

* + 1. Indigenization Committee
       1. Anne-Marie Chischilly recruited people to help on this committee
       2. Wants a community driven, consensus based, decision process for Indigenization
          1. Look into the Roadmap and other initiatives at NAU for ways to start conversations and using existing venues for discussing how indigenization can be implemented at NAU
          2. May set up a website or Teams site to post discussions and work that are ongoing
          3. Question about smudging practices for students living on campus, and for faculty and staff being able to as well

Issues of policy/religious practices interactions

Campus-wide internal Indigenization Committee

Bjorn Flugstad is running campus planning and infrastructure on campus and impacts from indigenization

Has an Indigenous sub-committee

Wanda De La Costa is heading that committee

* + - * 1. Marketing wants help with putting together Style Guide resources for how to address Indigenous communities, tribal names
        2. Curriculum: NAU new general studies requirement starting in 2025 now

ABOR has rescinded their approval of the diversity curriculum requirements

Discussion about the need to network and support each other regardless of state and institutional boundaries by being good relatives

1. Open Discussion and Announcements
   1. National Native Scholarship Providers
      1. Scholarship is at this [link](https://issuu.com/collegefund/docs/nnsp_college_affordability_-_final)
   2. Native Student Media Workshop 11/5-6/2022
      1. Deidra Peaches
         1. Contact [Dr. Kara Attrep](mailto:kara.attrep@nau.edu) to register
   3. Admissions: Indigenous Visit Day Oct. 28
      1. Individual and group links expire tomorrow for registration
      2. 495 signed up already
   4. [Grad Assistantship in Campus Living](https://nau.edu/campus-living/student-employment-ca-position-description-and-requirements/)
      1. Covers living spaces, meal plan, professional development
   5. [Lumberjack Inclusion Ceremony](https://in.nau.edu/office-of-student-affairs/convocations/)
      1. Deadline is through November 11th (Veterans Day)
      2. Will take place December 15
      3. Students may sign up for as many stoles as they wish
   6. Gold Axe Award Nov. 15th at High Country Conference Center
      1. Some recipients will also be awarded the Presidents Prize award
      2. Deadline to RSVP to attend is Nov. 7
   7. Open enrollment for benefits starts 10/31/2022
   8. New Parental Leave benefit policy start 1/1/2021
   9. Undergraduate students in COE
      1. New certificate for Teaching in Indigenous Communities coming with new curriculum
   10. [Abaya Yala Fund Raising](https://crowdfund.foundationnau.org/project/33602) through Nov. 24
   11. Merit raises pending approval for staff from before 2022
       1. Student wage raises
   12. IRTC meeting 10/21/2022 at 3-5pm via zoom and in person
2. Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm by Kiara Weathersby