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23 March 2023

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Hybrid: NACC Pattea A

[Join Zoom Here](https://nau.zoom.us/j/83982942804?pwd=SkhBcnRMTFo2aUxSN3lUVjU4R1N1UT09)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Kiara Weathersby at 2:34pm
2. **Welcome and Acknowledgments**

Northern Arizona University sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on homelands sacred to Native Americans throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and will forever call this place home.

1. **Attendance**
   1. Alisse Ali-Joseph, Kiara Weathersby, Ann Marie Chischilly, Angelina Castagno, Angie Begay, Ashlee Irving, Beth Cross, Candi Running Bear, Carmenlita Chief, Chiara Holgate, Colin Ben, Darwin Mann, Davis Henderson, Gavin Healey, Graylynn Hudson, Sarah Chatter, Sheena Hale, Tezbah Smiley, Vita Allison, Bekka Alvarado, Iris Price, Michael Petillo, Sharon Doctor, Darwin Mann
2. **Meeting minute approval**
3. Minutes will be available at next months meeting
4. **CIP Cal Seciwa Award Recipients**
   1. All Recipients have been notified of their award.
   2. Lodging for Cal Seciwa’s daughter is $170
5. Staff – Lee Gaseoma
6. Student – Sheena Dawn Greenstone
7. Alumni – Jonathan Credo
8. Faculty – Karen Jarratt-Snider
   1. Motion by Kiara Weathersby to use up to $350 for the room reservation for the Seciwa family to travel and lodge in order to make such travel easier for the family
      1. Seconded by Beth Cross
      2. The majority voted in the affirmative, there were no abstentions. The motions passes and up to $350 will be allocated for this purpose.
   2. **Presidents Diversity Awards,**
9. April 12, 2023, Ashurst Auditorium
10. Room Reservation for Chelsea Seciwa – Drury 1 night $170.10
    1. **Update from VP Office of Native American Initiatives –** Ann Marie Chischilly
       1. Dr. Colin Ben has joined NAU from ASU and will be working with the Seventh Generation Indigenous Knowledge Center, introduced himself
       2. Seventh Generation signature reception is still in the works
       3. Indigenous campus infrastructure plan is in review and on its second draft
       4. Indigenous Campus Infrastructure Committees:
          1. Elders Focus
          2. Art Focus
          3. Signage, Naming and Language Focus
          4. Sovereignty Walk/Run Focus
11. **Indigenous Peoples General Studies Curriculum Seminar –** Alisse Ali Joseph
    1. Upcoming in the New General Studies Program starting in 2025
       1. There will be requirements that students take courses with indigenous focused learning in every/any field of learning
       2. Cohort meeting 4:15-5:45pm every Thursday for the next six weeks of the semester
       3. Professional development funds are allocated to help facilitate these meetings
12. **Indigenous Peoples Living and Learning Community –** Sharon Doctor
    1. StarRez app group- 47 beds reserved by indigenous students in Calderon Hall, hoping for this to be expanded to Mountain View Hall
    2. Available for undergraduate students and grad students
    3. 8,000 applications for housing on campus already (they are trying to ensure that there is housing guaranteed housing for first-year students)
    4. IPLLC received some funding from the Mellon Grant that NAU was recently awarded
13. **Co-Chairs Updates**
14. Co-Com Update: VP of IDE Dr. Justin Mallett who will be joining the University in June
15. CIP Faculty Co-Chair Nominations Open, please submit the form by April 7, 2023 at 3:45 pm to vote: [CIP Co-Chair Nomination Link](https://qualtrics.nau.edu/jfe/form/SV_d4N58jMvujxN58a)
    * + 1. Must be a person who is at the University, and must be submitted through Qualtrics
        2. Discussion about requirements for Co-Chair nominations: Employed at the university for over a year vs. active in the commission and employed with no minimum amount of time
           1. Potential to change the bylaws to require 2 semesters of participation in the Commission rather than a calendar year, so that they have a shadowing opportunity and knowledge of how the university processes work
           2. Proposed to revise the bylaws at the April meeting with the proposed changes sent out two weeks before the meeting for commission review
           3. If you are not a member of the Microsoft Teams for CIP, then email [Kiara.Weathersby@nau.edu](mailto:Kiara.Weathersby@nau.edu) about being added. Resources, minutes, agendas, and other announcements are made in Teams as well as through the Listserv
16. **Open Discussion & Announcements**
17. Indigenous Wellness Retreat, Saturday, March 25, 2023, [RSVP](https://bit.ly/CIP-retreat)
    * + - 1. 48 reservations already, registration remains open for the next half hour
          2. 19 students, 17 staff, and the rest are faculty
          3. GF food options, vegetarian options available for food will be provided in addition to Pork Green Chili
18. Gold Axe and Distinguished Senior Awards, Monday April 10 [Register](https://foundation.nau.edu/eventregistration.aspx?evt=925)*by Friday, March 31*

45 students selected, 9 are indigenous!

1. Request from Jeff Berglund - American Association of Australian Literary Studies in April. At their upcoming conference in Tempe, two Indigenous Australian writers will participate: Novelist [Graham Akhurst](https://profiles.uts.edu.au/Graham.Akhurst) is the keynote, and he will be joined by his friend and poet [Yvette Holt](https://www.yvettehenryholt.com/).
   * + 1. Discussion about the extra $1,000 allocated to each commission by the Office of the President
       2. Request for further support from other commissions to help facilitate it on Monday, April 17th.
       3. Question about the total amount remaining for CIP funds, will have an answer for that after the total costs are finalized after the retreat and the lodging for the Seciwa family
          1. Likely less than $1,000
       4. Motion by Beth Cross to provide $300 for the AAALS event listed above in order to be co-sponsors
          1. Seconded by Angelina Castagno
          2. The majority voted in the affirmative, there were no abstentions. The Motion passes and $300 will be allocated to the event
     1. Discussion about starting a CIP sponsored book club with [Amanda Tachine’s book](https://www.tcpress.com/native-presence-and-sovereignty-in-college-9780807766132)
     2. [NDN Girls Book Club](https://www.instagram.com/ndngirlsbookclub/) on Instagram
   1. [Mountain of Good Health Powwow](https://events.nau.edu/event/mountain-of-good-medicine-powwow/) occurring on April 1
2. **Next Meeting**
3. Thursday, April 27, 2023, 2:30-4 pm
4. Meeting adjourned by Kiara Weathersby at 3:52pm