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**Commission for Indigenous Peoples Meeting**

27 April 2023

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Zoom Only

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

1. **Welcome and Land 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, Ora Marek-Martinez, Beth Cross, Angelina Castagno, Graylynn Hudson, Candi Running Bear, Gavin Healey, Vangee Nez, Colin Ben, Iris Price, Darold Joseph, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vita Allison, Dazhoni Scott, Michael Petillo, Adele Pablo, Sheena Hale, Davis Henderson, Jani Ingram
2. **Meeting minute approval**
   1. Motion to approve both months minutes made by Ann Marie Chischilly
   2. Motion Seconded by Jani Ingram
      1. The majority voted in the affirmative, the motion passes. There were no abstentions.
3. **Update from VP Office of Native American Initiatives –** Ann Marie Chischilly
   1. Farewell ceremony May 10 for Angelina Castagno
   2. Programs that are being launched
      1. 7th Generation Indigenous Knowledge through the Mellon Grant
      2. 7th Generation Services Center
         1. Webinars will be designed on tribal consultations for advice and knowledge sharing
   3. Events for NACC and ONAI programming
   4. May 11th 3pm at Audrey Auditorium is the Convocation for Indigenous Students
      1. 1.5 hour duration, with over 120 students
      2. Reception at NACC after the ceremony
   5. INE Director position is now posted for hiring
   6. Bill Gates will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Commencement ceremony
4. **Indigenous Peoples General Studies Curriculum Seminar –** Alisse Ali Joseph
   1. General studies program will be implemented in Fall 2025 semester in two 6-week sections (dates will be forthcoming as Fall 2023 gets closer)
      1. Faculty being asked to submit courses for approval that fall under the Indigenous Peoples curriculum portion
      2. Another Elevating Excellence grant has been approved and another seminar will be held in the Fall semester for faculty to work together to develop courses and revamp established courses
         1. 25 faculty are currently taking part in the development seminar
5. **Teaching in Indigenous Communities (TIIC) Certificate** – Angelina & Darold
   1. AIS flyer sent in the chat as a [PDF](file:///Users/jd/Downloads/TIIC%20Flyer%204-27.pdf) for the program
   2. Designed for undergraduate students who are interested primarily in teaching (College of Education)
      1. Has many overlapping coursework within the Education Major so that it does not conflict with coursework demands
      2. Will go into effect in Fall 2023, any undergraduate student can enroll
      3. Partly intended to help recruit Indigenous students, but also to better prepare all students interested in being teachers
6. **7 Generation Programming Information** – Dr. Colin Ben
   1. Mellon Indigenous Knowledge Center
      1. Founding Faculty Advisory Council- received many faculty who self-nominated for participating
         1. In the process of notifying those selected
         2. Next meeting is Friday, May 5th
      2. Receiving feedback from students about the programming they want to see from the Knowledge Center
   2. 5 scholars who are Subject Matter Experts in the Humanities are being chosen to be Knowledge Holders
7. **Tribal Consultation Discussion: Wednesday, May 3rd from 4pm to 5:30pm** – Shirley Conrad
8. **Indigenous Peoples Living and Learning Community –** Sharon Doctor
   1. No new updates since the last meeting in March
9. **Indigenous Convocation, Thursday, May 11th 3pm to 4:30pm @ Ardrey –** Sharon Doctor
10. **CIP Bylaws**
    1. January was the last revision approved
    2. March meeting had a discussion about adding verbiage about the length of time that someone had to be at NAU before becoming a Co-Chair
    3. Discussion about future revisions about Co-Chair updates happening in the Fall semester so that the vote isn’t happening in the last meeting of the Academic year
11. **Co-Chairs Updates and CoCom updates**
    1. VP of IDE Justin Mallett is starting June 1
       1. Will need to schedule a meeting or get together to meet with him and discuss ways to work together
12. **CIP Faculty & Staff Co-Chair Nominations Results**
    1. Official Results of the poll: Dr. Ora Marek-Martinez will be the faculty Co-Chair starting in the Fall
    2. The two new Co-Chairs of the Commission for Indigenous Peoples will be Sheena Hale and Dr. Ora Marek-Martinez
13. **Open Discussion & Announcements**
    1. Gold Axe and Distinguished Senior Awards
       1. 40 seniors awarded in total, 8 are Indigenous
       2. Sarah Chatter was honored as one of five of the President’s Distinguished Seniors
    2. Undergraduate Symposium – Friday, April 28, 2023, 9 am – 4 pm @ High Country Conference Center
       1. Land Acknowledgment will be given before each session (9 am – 11 am; 11:30 am – 1:30 pm: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) and will highlight research posters by Indigenous students and/or focused on Indigenous issues
       2. Judges could judge or grade posters beforehand but were told to give a 0 in the oral component of scoring. There is a need for more judges.
    3. Native American Cancer Prevention program has 12 students going to various National Institute of Health affiliates
    4. IMQ will have space for families to watch commencement if they are unable to get ticketing for the Commencement at the Skydome
    5. [29th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium and 13th Annual Indigenous Teacher Education Hybrid Conference](https://nau.edu/coe/aiitec/)
    6. Covid-19 Research Study for families with individuals who are disabled
       1. [Qualtrics survey to determine eligibility](https://qualtrics.nau.edu/jfe/form/SV_dciwXiDKe4Ksex0?Q_CHL=qr)
14. **Next Meeting**
    1. Fall 2023: 2nd Thursday of every month from 2:30pm to 4pm
15. **Meeting adjourned**
    1. Adjourned by Alisse Ali-Joseph at 3:35pm