Commission for Indigenous Peoples

MINUTES

Meeting 12 October 2023

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm NACC Pattea or Zoom [Join Zoom Here](https://nau.zoom.us/j/83982942804?pwd=SkhBcnRMTFo2aUxSN3lUVjU4R1N1UT09)

1. Welcome and Acknowledgments: Meeting started at 1:35pm by Ora Marek-Martinez
2. Land Acknowledgement read by Ora Marek-Martinez

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. Introductions
   1. Attendance:
      1. Beth Cross, Colin Ben, Naomi Ruth Lee, Chesleigh Keene, Angelina Castagno, Renee White Eyes, Kiara Weathersby, Ora Marek-Martinez, Vangee Nez, Cassie Webster, Ariel Leigh Roddy, Sharon Chief-Yazzie, Carmenlita Chief, Angie Begay, Ron Lee, Alisse Ali Joseph, Davis Henderson,
2. April and September Meeting minutes approval
   1. Will be voted on in the next meeting because of the delay in getting the minutes posted for review
3. Co-Chairs Updates –
   1. Kiara is new CoCom Chair
      1. She will begin her tenure as Chair at the start of the spring semester
   2. Center for Inclusive Excellence [Calendar of Religious Observances](https://in.nau.edu/center-for-inclusive-excellence-and-access/religious-observances-calendar/)
      1. Additions of Indigenous observances
         * **Please Reach out to Jo Whitney (**[**jdw366@nau.edu**](mailto:jdw366@nau.edu)**) for any observances that you feel should be added to the Observances Calendar. A form will be made that can handle submissions but for the time being email will suffice.**

**-Navajo New Year**

* 1. Request to ensure accessibility in emails to CIP Listserv
     1. Flyer PDFs must be accessible. Email body should include information from flyer.
     2. Resources to help: <https://in.nau.edu/accessibility/resources/>

1. Update from VP of Inclusive Excellence– Dr. Justin Mallett
   1. Work is ongoing for the Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (IEAP)
   2. Campus Inclusion Team, HSI are also allocated under CIEA now as well
2. CIP Bylaws – review updates to bylaws made by current co-chairs
   1. Changes incorporated from previous co-chairs, but there is a current request to review the bylaws to standardize them as needed to align with the IEAP
   2. Members took time to review the proposed changes
      1. Discussion of the mechanism for removing a member
         * Consensus vote vs. vote of the co-chairs
      2. Discussion about shadowing co-chairs upon becoming co-chair-elect
         * Tabled the discussion until next month pending Sheena Hale’s input, given her absence
      3. Question about sending out the proposed draft of bylaws via Qualtrics
      4. November 9th, a survey will be sent out to the commission listserv
3. CIP Directory – opt in or out
   1. [Form to opt in](../Lauren%20Edits/A.%09https:/qualtrics.nau.edu/jfe/form/SV_4OC4eA2Wj04TWJM)
4. Native American Heritage Month - Kiara Weathersby, NACC Director
   1. NDN Girl Book Club – Kinsale Drake at NAU Thursday, November 9, 6- 8 pm at the NACC
      1. Posters will be going up in the bus stops on campus
   2. NAHM Committee
   3. Exercising Sovereignty Run – Wednesday, November 1
      1. Prayer, run, breakfast, and conversation with Hosava
   4. NAHM Heritage Football – October 28, 2023
   5. Stew Fest – Friday, November 3
   6. Killers of the Flower Moon, screening on November 4th
   7. Native American Cuisine at the Hot Spot and The Düb November 6-9th
   8. Rock your Mocs – Wednesday, November 15
   9. Elder Lecture Series, November 16th
   10. Louie’s Cupboard Native American Heritage Month Cooking Demo
5. Open Discussion & Announcements
   1. ONAI Indigenous Faculty, Staff, and Allies Networking at the NACC, 3-4 pm
      1. Friday, October 13
      2. Friday, November 17
      3. Friday, December 1
   2. Congratulations to Sharon Singer-Doctor, the 2023 NAU Homecoming Dedicatee
      1. [Register](http://nau.edu/dedicatee) for Dedicatee Luncheon – Tuesday, October 24, 11 am – 1 pm, Ashurst Auditorium
      2. Indigenous folks in the NAU Review
      3. NAU Crowdfunding Native American and Indigenous Student Initiatives through the [NAU Foundation](https://crowdfund.foundationnau.org/project/26499)
      4. Tribal Leadership Initiative with University of Saskatchewan First Nations people–Gavin Healey and Manley Begay
      5. Event held in the valley and went well
6. Collaboration with NAU Communications and Social Media – highlighting NAU’s Indigenous people

throughout the year and during Native American Heritage Month

* 1. New guidebook for Native American and Indigenous Media usage will be coming out soon

1. Meeting ended at 2:45pm by Ora Marek-Martinez
   1. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023 (2nd Thursday of every month) from 1:30 pm to 3 pm