

University Student Union
California State University, Northridge
Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Agenda

Friday, April 7, 2023 | 9:30am – 10:30am

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 1650 3210 Password: 235531

Link:

<https://csun.zoom.us/j/83416503210?pwd=RGE3Tm9ISTJVOS81UUZCaitlZVBiZz09>

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Isela Vidauri called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

II. Land Acknowledgement

III. Committee Co-Chair, Nawshin Sabah provided the following land acknowledgement:
The University Student Union recognizes and acknowledges the Sesevitam, the first people of this ancestral and unceded territory of Sesevenga that is now occupied by our institution; and it honors their elders, past and present, and the Sesevitam descendants who are citizens of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. We recognize that the Sesevitam are still here and we are committed to uplifting their stories, culture, and community.

IV. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guest(s)
Isela Vidauri (Chair)*		Tari Hunter (Executive Secretary) *	Audrey Martinez *
Nawshin Sabah (Co-Chair)*			
Briana Walden*			
Briana Singer*			
Jasmin Zesati*			
Daniel Lopez*			

**Zoom video participant*

V. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P (B.Walden/N.Sabah) Motion to approve agenda for April 7,2023
Motion Passed 5-0-0.

VI. Approval of Minutes

M/S/P (J. Zesati/Lopez) Motion to approve minutes from March 17,2023
Motion 5-0-0

VII. Open Forum

N/A

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Land Acknowledgement

- Chair Vidauri led us the group in a discussion about the draft land acknowledgment policy and land acknowledgement eCourse.
- eCourse debrief
 - o Discussion brought up how the subgroup talked about working with the tribe and sharing how the USU contributes to the Native community with scholarships another project to support the tribe. People enjoyed learning new things we can do on campuses for Native students, like waiving tuition and reparations This discussion also brought up how many people have no idea who's land we are on and who it was taken from. Therefore, it would be good to share more information about this land, and have clubs learn about the land for their knowledge.
- Policy Draft
 - o Ms. Zesati shared that the DEI Internal subgroup discussed sharing the policy with the tribe and also how the USU contributes to the native community.
 - o Ms. Martinez provided an overview of the draft land acknowledgment policy.
 - o The land acknowledgement procedure will follow and we will need input from the committee
 - o There will be a DEIG funded project to house the history of the Native American communities, art on campus.
 - o A suggestion was to put a statement about whose land we reside on in our email signatures.
 - o Ms. Walden suggested we research into having land acknowledgement plaques installed in the USU. We can have a QR code so it translates to different languages
 - o Ms. Zesati asked Ms. Martinez if we had been able to connect with the tribe to share the draft policy. Ms. Martinez shared they have reached out to the new American Indian Studies chair and the Fernandino tribe for feedback.
 - o Mr. Lopez asked if we could consider reading the land acknowledgement at large scale SRC events like playoffs.

B. Resource Tabling on 4/13

- Vice Chair Sabah led the team in a discussion to plan logistics for the resource center tabling on April 13th.
- Need people to help set up and work the table
- The Experience the Heart of Campus Engagement opportunities and suggested we move table near showcase room.

- In marketing Wed items avail for pick up. Chair Vidauri will pick them up.
- Availability:
 - Isela Vidauri - can be there all day
 - Briana Singer 11-12
 - Daniel 11-1:30
 - Briana Walden can stop by before class

IX. Announcements

- Year End Celebration is 5/5 at 3:30
- Committee member of the year will be voted on at BOD meeting.
- Elections are next week. Folx are running so please vote.

X. Adjournment

Chair Vidauri adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tari Hunter

Executive Secretary