

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3396-19/FA (Rev)
September 19-20, 2019

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STATEMENT

- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) acknowledge that the Chancellor's Office is located on the traditional land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU formally recognize the original stewards of these lands; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU recognize that each CSU campus is located on the traditional land of other California tribes; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU include a land acknowledgment statement at ASCSU plenary convenings; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU encourage individual campus senates to consult local tribal communities to honor culturally-appropriate protocol, which may differ based on tribal nation, tribe, and/or band, in the development of land acknowledgement statements recognizing the traditional occupants of the land the campuses are on and incorporating those statements into their formal senate meetings; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Chancellor, Timothy P. White, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, Tribal Elders of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations, The California Faculty Association (CFA) , Indigenous Caucus, California Faculty Association, Office of Native American Affairs, California State Student Association (CSSA), Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA), and the CSU Ethnic Studies Discipline Council.

***RATIONALE:** The ASCSU and the California State University (CSU) should acknowledge and honor the five hundred and seventy-three (573) federally recognized Native tribes in addition to all terminated and unrecognized tribes. The historical record indicates that the first Governor of the State of California explicitly called for the extermination of Native peoples, and there continue to be eighteen (18) unratified treaties with California tribes that the federal and state governments refused to honor.*

The Chancellor's Office and every one of the 23 CSU campuses, as well as all satellite campuses, are situated on and were built on Native land, contributing to the history of

erasure, displacement, dispossession and attempted eradication of all original and tribal peoples to this land.

===== **Sample Land Acknowledgement Statements** =====

Sample acknowledgment statement 1

We begin today by acknowledging that we are holding our gathering on the land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here.

Hello and welcome to this ancient place of gathering. Meyiha (May-ee-hah) & Miiyuum (MEEE-You-Yum) I greet you in the two California Indian languages associated with Long Beach. The first term, Meyiha is the Tongva / Gabrieleño (TONG-Vah/Gab-BREE-Lane-Oh) greeting and Miiyuum is the Acjachemen /Juaneño (Ah-HAH-Chee-Men / Wah-NAIN-Yo) term of welcoming. As we begin, we acknowledge the spiritual connection of the Tongva / Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen / Juaneño Nations as the original stewards and traditional caretakers of the ocean and this land. We thank them for their strength, perseverance and resistance.

Sample acknowledgment statement 2

We begin today by acknowledging that we are holding our gathering on the land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here. We recognize the Tongva and Acjachemen Nations and their spiritual connection to the ocean and the land as the first stewards and the traditional caretakers of this area we now call Long Beach. As we begin we thank them for their strength, perseverance and resistance.

Sample acknowledgment statement 3

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We also wish to acknowledge the other Indigenous Peoples who now call Long Beach their home, for their shared struggle to maintain their cultures, languages, worldview and identities in our diverse City.