

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3583-22/EX (Rev)
November 3-4, 2022

**IN SUPPORT OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION
ACT (NAGPRA) COMPLIANCE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)**

- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) affirm its support for the federal [Native American Graves Protections and Repatriation Act \(NAGPRA\)](#) and [California Native American Graves Protections and Repatriation Act of 2001 \(CalNAGPRA\)](#) compliance, as per [AB 978](#), in the California State University (CSU); and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate CSU commend the CSU Office of the Chancellor for their attention to the need for [respectful and meaningful consultation](#) with California Native American Nations, administrators, and faculty on the stewardship of ancestral human remains and cultural items including associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU urge the CSU Office of the Chancellor to instate a moratorium on non-compliant faculty, student, and outside research as the CSU systems moves towards greater [NAGPRA](#) and [CalNAGPRA](#) compliance, and any work that uses ancestral human remains and cultural items including associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony until [NAGPRA](#) and [CalNAGPRA](#) compliance are achieved; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU urge all CSU campuses to develop and implement clear protocols that align with [NAGPRA](#) and [CalNAGPRA](#) and address limited and appropriate access to all [NAGPRA](#) and [CalNAGPRA](#) collections; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees; CSU Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester; CSU Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, Sylvia A. Alva; CSU Project Manager for CalNAGPRA; CSU campus Presidents; CSU NAGPRA Coordinators and Directors; CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs; CSU campus Senate Chairs; CSU campus Senate Executive Committees; Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS); California Faculty Association (CFA); CSU Council on Ethnic Studies (CSUCES); CSU Native American and Indigenous Studies Discipline Council; California State Student Association (CSSA); CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA); CSU Alumni Association; California Assembly Select Committee on Native

American Affairs; Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA); and the California State Office of Tribal Affairs.

***RATIONALE:** This resolution expresses the support of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) for [NAGPRA](#), [CalNAGPRA](#), and [AB 275](#) compliance in the California State University. In 2001, the California legislature passed [AB 978](#) "California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act." Central in this act was the requirement for all state agencies and museums that receive state funding to provide cataloguing and repatriation processes for human remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to Native American Tribal Nations. Since this act, the CSU Office of the Chancellor has taken positive steps to enable and ensure compliance with [CalNAGPRA](#), particularly with the [appointment of a new Project Manager](#) to work with Tribal Nations in the State of California for repatriation; however, in consultation with Native American members of the CSU community, new concerns have surfaced suggesting that a moratorium is needed to enable the assessment of [CalNAGPRA](#) systemwide to ensure current faculty activities and research is in compliance. This resolution seeks to respond to these concerns.*

Approved Unanimously – January 19-20, 2023