MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR CSU, CHICO CONSULTATION WITH
THE MECOOPDA INDIAN TRIBE OF CHICO RANCHERIA

Whereas California State University, Chico’s Strategic Plan for the Future and Campus Master Plan 2005 call for the recognition and celebration of community values and the University’s historic context,

Whereas the Mecoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria traditional lands encompass the California State University, Chico campus and Agricultural Teaching and Research Center,

Whereas the Mecoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria was not terminated within the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1958, P.L. 85-671, 72 Stat. 619, as amended August 11, 1964, P.L. 88-419, 78 Stat. 390 (California Rancheria Act), and is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as confirmed by the January 6, 1992 judgement in Scotts Valley Band of the Pomo Indians of Sugar Bowl Rancheria v. United States of America, Civil Case C-86-3660-VRW (Scott’s Valley Judgement), and duly reorganized under the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended (the Indian Reorganization Act),

Whereas the Mecoopda Tribal Council is the duly authorized body of the Tribe, empowered to make tribal policy and carry out tribal business,

Whereas the Mecoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria is a federally recognized tribe whose members are honored and respected first peoples of this land,


Whereas the California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria seek to consult and work cooperatively to protect, preserve, and manage cultural resources that may be identified on campus lands,

Whereas the California State University, Chico is committed to honoring the sovereignty, respecting the inherent rights of self-governance, and recognizing the deeply held interests of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria in the lands and operations of the University,

Whereas the California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria are committed to working with each other on a professional basis, and consulting before taking actions or making decisions that affect the University, the Tribe, or their interests,

Be it resolved that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall seek to remove procedural impediments to working directly and effectively with each other, and practice open, candid, respectful, timely, and effective communication in a cooperative process that works toward agreement, before a decision is made or an action is taken affecting the University, the Tribe, or their interests, and,

Be it also resolved that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall consult to assess the impact of plans, projects, programs, and activities of the University on the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, to assure that both parties’ rights and concerns are considered,

Be it also resolved that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall consult on the development and abide by the terms of a cultural resource plan whose purpose will be to specify actions to be taken to protect, preserve, and manage cultural resources that may be identified on campus lands,
Be it also resolved that the California State University, Chico, shall encourage contractors, management partners, and auxiliaries of the University to follow these guiding principles, and,

Therefore Be It Resolved by the signatures of the representatives on the dates indicated below that California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria do formally endorse and accept this Memorandum of Understanding.

California State University, Chico

Paul J. Zingg, President
California State University, Chico
Date: Oct. 28, 2005

Scott McNall, Provost and Vice President
Academic Affairs
California State University, Chico
Date: Oct. 28, 2005

Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Steve C. Santos, Tribal Chair
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: 10-28-05

Barbara J. Rose, Vice Chairperson
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: 10-28-05
Dennis Graham, Vice President for Business and Finance
California State University, Chico
Date: October 28, 2005

Kimberley Crowley, Treasurer
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: October 28, 2005

Gregory L. Francis, Executive Dean and Director of Planning
California State University, Chico
Date: 10/28/05

Sandra M. Knight, Secretary
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: October 28, 2005

Paulita Hopper, Member at Large
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: 10/28/05

Donna Rose, Member at Large
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: 11-4-05

Arlene Ward, Member at Large
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Date: October 28, 2005