



Academic Senate Approved: 4/25/19

Resolution

Endorsement of Territorial Acknowledgment Language of Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Whereas, The Academic Senate of CSU, Chico approved a Commendation of President Gayle E. Hutchinson for Acknowledging the Contributions of the Mechoopda People to CSU, Chico, April 27, 2017; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate of CSU, Chico encouraged meeting organizers from the campus community to acknowledge the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria at public gatherings to express gratitude and acknowledgement at events, occasions, and public university gatherings when so moved; and

Whereas, CSU, Chico renewed its MOU with the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria on September 19, 2018 acknowledging their commitment “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;” and

Whereas, Indigenous voices have in past contexts gone unrecognized and under-represented in our academic community and nation; and

Whereas, The Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria has requested that written acknowledgements of gratitude represent their continued presence in our community and relationships with the CSU, Chico accurately and in words approved by the tribal council; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of CSU, Chico endorses the use of Mechoopda Indian Tribal Council approved language as cited in this resolution for university publications, media, course syllabi (if faculty choose to include any acknowledgement) and other written contexts as follows:

Written acknowledgements including websites

We acknowledge and are mindful that CSU, Chico stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, and we recognize the Mechoopda and their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that once sustained the Mechoopda people for centuries.





Short syllabus option

We are meeting on the traditional lands of the Mechoopda people. Without them, we would not have access to this campus or our education.

and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of CSU, Chico encourages meeting organizers and faculty to utilize spoken acknowledgments of the Mechoopda at public gatherings whenever they are so moved with the following suggested language:

Suggested event language

We would like to thank the Mechoopda on whose traditional lands this event is taking place. Without their support and continued positive presence in our community, we would be unable to forward the cultural and educational work that is at the heart of this event.

and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution be distributed to the University Diversity Council, The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Associated Students Board of Directors and Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, The Cross Cultural Leadership Center, The Office of Tribal Relations, The Office of Admissions, Student Life and Leadership, University Communications, and through new faculty orientation, in order to reach the broader CSU, Chico community.