

Los Rios Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

Minutes

Friday, April 28, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

ConferZoom: <https://lrccd.zoom.us/j/92493717468>

Preliminaries

- Call to Order – 1:07pm
- Attendance – Council Members Present in Bold

Mark Carnero, ARC

Walter Kawamoto, ARC

Nyenbeku George, CRC

Alex Peshkoff, CRC

Winnie Hung, CRC

Tami Cheshire, FLC

Victoire Chochezi, FLC

Keith Heningburg, SCC

Surangi Frazier, SCC

Robert Unzueta, SCC

Malika Hollinside, SCC

Roxanne Morgan, Curriculum Committee Chair, ARC

Megan Bevens, Articulation Officer, ARC

Guest

Alisa Shubb, DAS President

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Approval of Agenda – Approved by Consent.

Public Comments

None

Announcements

None.

Chair's Report (Approximately 3 minutes)

- Update on requests for new Ethnic Studies hires
 - LTT's – Discussed FLC, CRC and SCC

- Administration support for this 'fix' to no new hires
- ARC no discussion

Discussion Items (10 minutes)

1. Resolution to prioritize Ethnic Studies Full Time Hires
2. Resolution pertaining to Safety of Ethnic Studies faculty

Decision Items (Council Members Vote in Chat When Called to Vote)

Note: Decisions should be discussed at one meeting and voted on in a subsequent meeting. Decision items must be made public 72 hours before a vote can be made per Brown Act.

- Resolution to Prioritize Ethnic Studies Full Time Hires
 - Walter Kawamoto Motion, Second Nyenbeku George
 - **Votes to approve** - Mark Carnero, Surangi Frazier, Malika Hollinside, Winnie Hung, Robert Unzueta, Tamara Cheshire, Walter Kawamoto, Keith Heningburg, Nyenbeku George
 - **Abstain** - Alex Peshkoff
- Resolution pertaining to Safety of Ethnic Studies faculty
 - Alex Peshkoff Motion, Second Keith Heningburg
 - Discussion to revise – edits from Nyenbeku George
 - **Votes to approve** - Winnie Hung, Malika Hollinside, Surangi Frazier, Marc Carnero, Keith Heningburg, Alex Peshkoff, Tamara Cheshire, Walter Kawamoto, Nyenbeku George, Robert Unzueta

Council discussed going to the board after further discussion and planning.

Alisa Shubb indicated that the council can present our argument to DAS to be placed in the board documents.

Land Acknowledgements

[ARC Indigenous Land Statement](#)

"We acknowledge the land which we occupy today as the traditional home of the Maidu and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient Federally recognized tribes and bands. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the generations that have gone before as well as the present-day Maidu and Miwok people."

[CRC Land Acknowledgement](#)

"We pause to acknowledge that Cosumnes River College sits on the land of Miwok and Nisenan people. We remember their continued connection to this region and give thanks to them. We offer our respect to their Elders and to all Miwok and Nisenan people of the past and present."

[FLC Land Acknowledgement](#)

"We respectfully acknowledge the land currently occupied by Folsom Lake College as the traditional home of the sovereign Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok peoples who have a unique and enduring relationship stewarding this land since time immemorial.

Despite colonization, occupation and genocide, the Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok people continue and thrive in their resilience and self-determination. We celebrate and recognize our Nisenan, Maidu and Miwok tribal neighbors and honor their sustained existence.”

[SCC Land Acknowledgement](#)

“We acknowledge the land currently occupied by Sacramento City College as the traditional home of the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people. These sovereign people have been caretakers of the area since time immemorial. Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan people continue as vibrant and resilient federally recognized and unrecognized tribes, bands, and rancherias. Today, we honor and recognize our Maidu, Miwok and Nisenan tribal neighbors for their contributions as the caretakers of the Sacramento Valley and honor their sustained existence. It is with their blessing and continued guidance that Sacramento City College seeks to provide an accessible, equitable, and supportive institution of learning and experience.”

[Los Rios Community College District](#)

In the spirit of community and social justice, we acknowledge the land on which our four colleges reside as the traditional homelands of the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of the health of the rivers, the wildlife, the plant life, and the overall eco-social balance in the greater Sacramento region since time immemorial.

Despite centuries of genocide and occupation, the Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok continue as vibrant and resilient tribes and bands, both Federally recognized and unrecognized. Tribal citizens of these nations continue to be an active and important part of our Los Rios college community. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original peoples, the present-day Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok tribal nations.

Delta College Land Statement

We acknowledge that San Joaquin Delta College serves students and the community on the unceded ancestral homeland of indigenous peoples, including the Yokuts [yoh-kuts], Plains Mi- Wuk [mee-wuck], Patwin [PAT-win], and Nisenan [nish-n-non]. This land remains inseparable from its aboriginal stewards.

As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland, and we wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Yokuts [yoh-kuts], Plains Mi-Wuk [mee-wuck], Patwin [PAT-win], and Nisenan, including by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

We remain grateful for the rich culture, languages, contributions, and heritage of the First Nation peoples who lived here and loved here, who raised their families here, who cared for land and life here, who are buried in many marked and unmarked places here, and who remain here despite acts of genocide, assimilation, and forced removal. Let us honor them, this land, and all life in our thoughts, words, and actions in this place.