UC Davis NAGPRA Advisory Committee Charge- 2016

BACKGROUND

The UC Davis NAGPRA Advisory Committee was established in June 2011 in response to the new regulation promulgated in May 2010 to address human remains identified as *culturally unidentifiable* under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)(43 CFR 10.11). NAGPRA implementation is an administrative function of the University. As of 2011, the Chancellor delegated this responsibility to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (PEVC). The PEVC is assisted in these responsibilities by the NAGPRA Project Manager.

Implementation of NAGPRA will be done consistent with the UC Policy on NAGPRA, which states:

> It is the policy of the University of California to assure that the respectful and dignified treatment of human remains and the consideration of living descendants of those deceased. The University recognizes that individuals and communities have cultural and religious concerns that must be considered in determining the treatment and disposition of human remains in its collections.

> At the same time, the University’s collections of human remains and cultural items serve valuable educational and research purposes important to the enhancement of knowledge in various disciplines. The University maintains these collections as a public trust and is responsible for preserving them according to the highest standards while fulfilling its mission to provide education and understanding about the past and present through continued teaching, research and public service.

NAGPRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE

The UC Davis NAGPRA Advisory Committee will provide recommendations to the PEVC on NAGPRA and related Policy and Procedures, decisions regarding cultural affiliation and repatriation or disposition of Native American human remains and cultural items, and overall implementation of NAGPRA at UC Davis. The committee will have broad representation including the appropriate academic disciplines, a broad segment of the campus community, and the off-campus Native American community, or others with interest and expertise in NAGPRA to ensure that relevant subject matter and diverse interests can best inform the PEVC’s decisions.

Committee members will be appointed biennially by the PEVC, who will serve as chair of the committee. Agendas of meetings will be available at least two days in advance and meeting summaries of the deliberations will be provided within a month of committee meetings.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The UC Davis NAGPRA Advisory Committee will advise the PEVC on implementing a proactive consultation effort with Native American tribes to ensure effective implementation of NAGPRA. The NAGPRA Advisory Committee will be asked to provide input on specific NAGPRA claims as well as the development of UC Davis Campus NAGPRA policy.

The NAGPRA Project Manager will implement campus NAGPRA compliance efforts in close consultation with the Department of Anthropology Museum Committee Chair and staff as well as other campus
repositories. The NAGPRA Project Manager will be the designated Liaison under the University of California Policy and Procedures on Curation and Repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items and will serve as the campus’s NAGPRA point of contact. The museum staff will continue to carry out requisite research, paperwork, and collections based work, while the NAGPRA Project Manager will be responsible for all official contacts with Native American tribes, drafting Notices of Inventory Completion and overseeing their publication through the National NAGPRA Program, and preparing NAGPRA Policies and Procedures for consideration by the Committee and PEVC. A close working relationship between the NAGPRA Project Manager and the Anthropology Museum Committee Chair and staff is essential to the success of the project.

In coordination with the Museum and tribes, the NAGPRA Project Manager will advance requests for repatriation or disposition to the UC Davis NAGPRA Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendation. Based on the input of the NAGPRA Advisory Committee, the PEVC would formulate recommendations to the University of California Systemwide Advisory Group on Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items (systemwide Advisory Committee). In the event that the committee cannot reach consensus, the PEVC would weigh all relevant information and formulate a recommendation that could include majority and minority opinions.

The Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor will nominate the UC Davis representative to the systemwide Advisory Committee. In the event that the UC Office of the President delegates NAGPRA-related decisions to the campus, this committee would assume the responsibility of deliberating and formulating recommendations to be sent to the PEVC for final decision.