

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS  
NATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Article I: Mission Statement**

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Under the leadership of the University Tribal Liaison, the California State University San Marcos Native Advisory Council will:

- advise the President on University relations with Native American communities
- articulate the educational needs of the local California reservations and surrounding Indian communities to the University
- foster collaboration between the University and the Native American community to achieve mutual goals
- promote and support academic and professional access and success of Native American students and employees at Cal State San Marcos

**Article II – Council Responsibilities**

To fulfill its mission, the Native Advisory Council shall work collaboratively with and through the University Tribal Liaison to:

- provide input and advice to the President regarding Native American issues
- serve as a communication link to the Tribal communities
- encourage and support outreach services to the tribal communities in the region
- foster support for the University by the tribes in the region
- support the Native American students, faculty, and staff at the University
- serve as a resource of Native American culture

**Article III – Membership**

- a. In recognition of their sovereign status, Indian tribes, and their tribal organizations in San Diego County and neighboring regions of Orange and Riverside counties may designate representatives to the Native Advisory Council. Each tribe or tribal organization may have one representative on the Council.
- b. Because it is the sovereign prerogative of tribes to participate on the Native Advisory Council, the size of the membership is not fixed.
- c. The Native Advisory Council shall consist of: (1) the representatives appointed by the tribes and tribal organizations; (2) the campus Tribal Liaison (ex officio); (3) one Native American faculty member and one Native American staff member recommended by the Cal State San Marcos Tribal Communities Initiatives Task Force; (4) one student representative recommended by the American Indian Student Alliance; (5) additional off-campus persons designated by the President who have a demonstrated interest in Native American affairs. Other university administrative officials may be recommended to the

Council for appointment. The President of the University shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member.

- d. The tribal representatives shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities, but, for the sake of continuity, they should serve at least one year. The student representative shall serve a one-year, renewable term. Remaining members shall serve terms of three years and may be re-appointed.

#### **Article IV – Responsibilities of Members**

Members are expected to engage actively in Council affairs. Members' activities include, but are not limited to, the following major functions which work to support of the goals of the University Tribal Liaison:

- a. serve on Council committees.
- b. participate in regular or special meetings of the Council.
- c. promote links between the University and the tribal communities.
- d. attend and support special events.
- e. assist in fundraising for tribal/university related initiatives.

#### **Article V – Organization and Operations**

- a. Members shall elect a Chairperson by a majority of those present and voting, and other officers may be elected as necessary for the smooth functioning of the Council. The Chairperson will serve for one year and may be re-elected. Elections will take place at the last meeting of the academic year and the new Chairperson shall take office on the first day of each academic year (July 1).
- b. The council shall constitute committees and task forces as appropriate, which shall be charged with specific tasks, to be accomplished under the direction of and in collaboration with the Tribal Liaison.
- c. The Office of the President of Cal State San Marcos shall provide staff support to the Council, as needed and requested by the University Tribal Liaison.
- d. The Council shall normally hold at least two meetings annually, one in the fall semester to launch and plan the year's activities and one in the spring semester to review results and assess outcomes. President and/or NAC Chair in consultation with Tribal Liaison may call additional meetings of the full NAC group to review progress on goals and discuss any other issues that may have arisen in the course of the semester.
- e. Recommendations of the Council shall be by majority of the voting members present; a quorum shall consist of 5 voting Council members. In special cases, by decision of the Chairperson, votes on motions and proposals may be cast by fax or e-mail.
- f. This charter may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number current members, after a proposition has been under consideration for one quarter.