

**Shane Noel**

**Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Member, Pakan'Yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria**

**Campus Preference: Chico**

**Qualified:**

Mr. Noel is qualified because he has five years of experience total in areas of expertise listed in the statute, however, he does not have five years of experience in any one area individually. He has served as his Tribe's cultural consultant for more than two years.

Mr. Noel has also served as member-at-large of the Tribal Council for the last six months during which time he has consulted with both State and Federal Agencies on the Yuba River Salmon Restoration project. Mr. Noel served as the Grants Director for Strawberry Valley from 2006 to 2009 and has also been providing cultural openings and blessings in collaboration with CSU Chico's Tribal Relations Department. Since 2006 Mr. Noel has served as a cultural teacher to youth. His instruction included courses on language, harvesting medicine, constructing roundhouses, and processing acorns, and has been a part of the Maidu dance group for over 10 years, performing all over California.

**Tribal Council Resolution Provided:**

**References Contacted:**

Rachel-McBride Praetorius (Yurok Tribal Member and Chico State Director of Tribal Relations), He-Lo Ramirez, and Paulita Hopper recommend the candidate.

**Systemwide NAGPRA Implementation & Oversight Committee  
Nominations Cover Sheet**

**Committee Type:**     Both     Systemwide Committee     Campus Committee

**Nominee Name:**

Preferred Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Sought:**    Tribal Nominee    CSU Nominee

Alt. Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation**

Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

- Federally Recognized Tribe     CA Indian Tribe  
 CSU Administrator     CSU Faculty    Staff     NAGPRA Coordinator

**Tribal Members (Check all that apply):**

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work  
 Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to CalNAGPRA/ NAGPRA  
 Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law  
 Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies  
 An Elder, Spiritual Leader  
 A minimum of five years' experience

**CSU Staff/Faculty Members (Check all that apply):**

- Archaeology     Anthropology     Environmental Studies  
 Ethnic Studies     History (with a focus in California)     Law  
 Native American Studies     Social Science     Sociology  
 A minimum of five years' experience working in field of study

**Circle One: Complete Application (Includes Attachments)**

- Short Bio, A Resume or CV  
 Tribal Resolution/Letter (as applicable)  
 Three References

**Incomplete Applications**

- Missing Attachments  
 Needs Follow Up Call  
 Other Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
CSU or NAHC Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT  
IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**NOMINATION FORM**

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The California State University (CSU) is committed to fully implementing the spirit as well as the legal requirements of both the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CaINAGPRA), which were enacted to acknowledge the fundamental human right of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians to their ancestral Human Remains and Cultural Items.

The CSU seeks nominees for the Systemwide and Campus NAGPRA Committees. The purpose of the committees is to provide oversight and guidance for the development and implementation of Systemwide and Campus CaINAGPRA and federal NAGPRA compliance, which includes NAGPRA policy development. The CSU is referencing the requirements as outlined in Assembly Bill 389 Section 8028.7 and Section 8028.71 to guide the committee selection and policy development processes.

If you are interested in serving or nominating a candidate please review the criteria below, complete the following application materials, and submit completed materials with 1) Attach a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) Attach a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) Attach a list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email address for each.

Committee Term: 3-year renewable staggering term

**Tribal Nominees:** Support letters or Tribal resolutions for Tribal nominees should be from Tribal governments, Tribal community organizations or Institutional leadership organizations, include the strengths of the candidate, as well as any information that might be relevant.

**CSU Nominees:** Support letters or resume for CSU nominees should include professional experience demonstrating the ability to work in collaboration with Native American Tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

Please note, the CSU will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

**Deadline:** Nomination materials must be submitted to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by **December 5, 2023**

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Tribal Nominees

A voting member of a California Indian tribe shall be an elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member, as designated by the governing body of the individual's tribe, with a minimum of five years' prior experience in any of the following:

- Repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to federal NAGPRA;
- Cultural resources protection under Tribal, state, and federal law; or
- Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

Preference shall be given to members of a California Indian Tribe. If no members of a California Indian Tribe meeting the qualifications of 8028.71 subdivision (c) paragraph (1) are available, members of other Tribes may serve.

### CSU Nominees

CSU Nominees must be affiliated with or employed by the California State University and have the following:

- A graduate degree in any of the following: Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Social Sciences, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California
  - If there are no candidates satisfying this clause, candidates that have degrees and direct professional experience in fields relevant to repatriation or tribal cultural resources matters shall be deemed to meet the requirements of the clause; and
- A minimum of five years' experience working in his or her field of study.

Preference shall be given to members who have demonstrated, through their professional experience, the ability to work in collaboration with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management.

In the event that candidates from the California State University are not available or do not meet the above criteria, the California State University representative positions may be filled by retired emeriti of the California State University who meet the above criteria.

**Note:** At least two CSU nominees to the Systemwide one CSU nominee to the Campus Committee(s) must be affiliated with an American Indian or Native American Studies program

**You are encouraged to submit a nomination/self-nomination if the nominee meets a majority of the requirements, even if you are unsure as to whether they meet a specific requirement.**

### COMMITTEE(S) SOUGHT

Please indicate the Committee(s) to which the nominee is seeking appointment. If nominating for a campus committee(s), list the campus(es) where the nominee is interested in serving, in order of preference. Check all that apply. If a nominee selects both the CSU Systemwide Committee and Campus Committee, their application will be considered for both Committees and they may be appointed to either, however at this time Committee members will only serve on one Committee at a time, unless the pool of candidates does not allow.

CSU Systemwide Committee (*if only Systemwide please skip to Nominator Information below*)

Campus Committee (*please fill out Section A below*)



A. If the Nominee would like to serve on a Campus Committee, please fill out the following additional information.

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): California State University, Chico

Alternative campus(es) Nominee will consider (*candidates are encouraged to complete this section, if possible*):

- 1) N/A
- 2) N/A
- 3) N/A

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: Rachel McBride-Praetorius Title: Director of Tribal Relations

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University, Chico

Email: rmcbride@csuchico.edu Phone: 530-898-6241

### Nominee Information

Name: Shane Noel Title: Cultural Consultant, Pakan'Yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: California State University, Chico

Email: shane.4winds@gmail.com Phone: 530-774-7903

Position Sought:       Tribal Nominee       CSU Nominee

Please attach:

- (i) A short biography and, if desired, a resume or CV;
- (ii) A tribal resolution or letter of support from Tribe (if applicable), and
- (iii) A list of at least three references, with name, telephone number, and email addresses for each.

Submit completed nomination materials to [nagpra@calstate.edu](mailto:nagpra@calstate.edu) by **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered



Shane Noel, a dedicated member of the Strawberry Valley Pakan' Yani band of Maidu, has made significant strides in fostering cultural awareness and educational opportunities within his community. As a respected figure on the Tribal council, Shane serves as a member-at-large, advocating for the needs and aspirations of his people.

Born into his Maidu culture, Shane has always felt a deep connection to his roots. He carries this sense of identity with pride, striving to preserve and promote traditional values for future generations. Alongside his commitment to tribal governance, Shane finds fulfillment in his roles as a devoted husband, father to seven children—six boys and one girl—and grandfather to eight grandchildren.

As a member-at-large on the tribal council, Shane recognizes the profound importance of reclaiming and honoring the traditions passed down by his ancestors. He understands the importance of his cultural and how it is a views cultural revitalization catalyst for empowerment and healing within his community.

In addition to his roles within Tribal governance, Shane has been interested in facilitating the repatriation of ancestors and cultural items through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). With an understanding of the importance of bringing his family members home, Shane has been learning and navigating bureaucratic processes, working with other Tribes and beginning to engage in consultation to ensure the safe return of the ancestors and cultural items to their rightful place.

Education has played a pivotal role in Shane's journey, shaping both his personal and professional endeavors. Graduating from both Butte College and Chico State, he honed his skills and expanded his horizons. It was during his college years that Shane embarked on a transformative path, intertwining his academic pursuits with his passion for cultural preservation. In June 2006, Shane's trajectory took a meaningful turn when he joined Four Winds of Indian Education, Inc. (Four Winds). Initially hired for their archery program, Shane found himself not only teaching archery but also engaging in a myriad of cultural activities with students. His unwavering dedication and expertise led him to assume responsibilities in fiscal management and reporting, leveraging his accounting degree to ensure the center's financial stability.

At Four Winds, Shane's impact extends beyond the confines of the classroom. He spearheads efforts to foster collaboration with various community entities and partners, recognizing the power of collective action in driving positive change. Whether liaising with the Office of Tribal Relations at Chico State, collaborating with Northern Valley Indian Health, or forging alliances with the Mechoopda Indian Tribe, Shane's commitment to his community remains unwavering.

Shane's tireless advocacy and leadership have not gone unnoticed. His peers and collaborators attest to his integrity, expertise, and genuine passion for serving others. Through his exemplary work ethic and unwavering dedication, Shane Noel continues to bridge cultures, empower youth, and build a brighter future for his community and beyond.

Thank you for your time and Consideration,



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Fiscal Analyst, Four Winds of Indian Education, Inc.

## **References**

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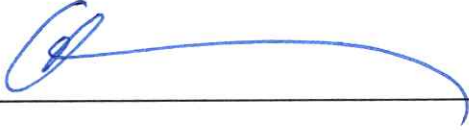
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Campus NAGPRA Committees and the Council has appointed Shane Noel to fill that position until further action by the Council and under the conditions stated above.

CERTIFICATION

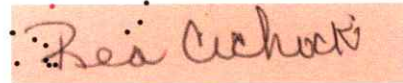
We, the members of the Tribal Council of the Pakan'Yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria do hereby certify that Resolution C is true and exact as approved by the Tribal Council in a specially called meeting held on the 30th day of April, 2024, organized in Sacramento, California, via Zoom, by a vote of 4 yes and 0 no.



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