

Ryan Martin**Federally Recognized Tribal Member, Morongo Band of Mission Indians****Campus**

Campus Preference: Fullerton

Qualified

Mr. Martin is qualified and has shared his extensive experience while interviewing for the campus committee. Tribal cultural resource protection has been a part of Mr. Martin's life since a young age. Mr. Martin has for over the last 30 years practiced traditional cattle ranching as a way to preserve monitor and protect tribal cultural resources in the tribes culturally affiliated territory. Mr. Martin has served on tribal council for one year, in that time he has provided guidance to the Morongo ad hoc NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA Committee. Most recently Mr. Martin has been actively engaged in working to establish a tribal cemetery where repatriated ancestors could be reburied on tribal land.

Chairman Letter of Recommendation Included**References Contacted:**

Assemblymember James Ramos, Ernest Siva, and Lorene Sisquoc recommend the candidate.

CSU Fullerton Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Sam Dunlap – Gabrieliño/Tongva Nation (Appointed July 10, 2024)
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
4. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
5. CSU Representative: Alexandro Gradilla (Appointed January 27, 2025)
6. CSU Representative: Vacant
7. CSU Native American Studies Representative: Vacant

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

Committee Type: ☐ Both ☐ Systemwide Committee ☐ Campus Committee

Nominee Name:

Preferred Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Alt. Campus: _____

Position Sought: Tribal Nominee CSU Nominee

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 _____

Date: _____

CSU or NAHC Reviewer _____

Date: _____

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

NOMINATION FORM

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 (CalNAGPRA), 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 CalNAGPRA 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 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*)

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

Campus Committee (*Preferred Campus*): CSU Fullerton

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

- 1) CSU Bakersfield
- 2) CSU Northridge
- 3) CSU San Bernardino

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee Information

Name: Ryan Martin Title: Councilmember

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Email: RMartin@morongo-nsn.gov Phone: (951)692-9939

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 by **December 5, 2023**.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Ryan Martin Biography

Ryan Martin is an active and enrolled member of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (MBMI). Having both Serrano and Cahuilla ancestors, Ryan is incredibly knowledgeable and protective of the many cultural practices and traditional beliefs that have been passed down to him. For decades, Ryan's family members have been active cattle ranchers and served their Tribe in various positions since the establishment of the Morongo Indian Reservation in 1865.

Ryan is a descendant of Captain John Morongo, a prominent Serrano leader of the *Maarrenga* clan for which the Morongo reservation name derives. His great-grandmother, Sarah Morongo, a direct descendent of Captain John Morongo, was the last known Serrano bundle holder, or *kika*, and lived in one of the last inhabited Serrano Big Houses until her death in the mid-1970s. Most recently, Ryan's father, Robert Martin, was the previous Chairman of the MBMI Tribal Council and held that position for roughly three decades, serving six consecutive terms.

As an avid cattle rancher, Ryan has spent countless hours navigating Morongo territory, familiarizing himself with significant ethnographic village locations. He is knowledgeable about native plants, local wildlife, and the ecological niches that were significant to his Serrano ancestors. Since 2004, Ryan has served as the President of the Morongo Cattlemen's Association where he has overseen and managed traditional cattle operations and practices on the Morongo Indian Reservation. This role has emphasized to Ryan the importance of cattle conservation as an integral aspect of Morongo's ranching history since the late 1800s.

Ryan's wide range of knowledge regarding Serrano and Cahuilla ancestral territory, cultural heritage, and traditional lifeways has provided many insights in his role as a Tribal Council Member. Since 2024, Ryan has served as a member of the MBMI Tribal Council; during this time, he has provided invaluable guidance to the Morongo ad hoc NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA Committee regarding the repatriation of Serrano and Cahuilla ancestral remains and cultural items.

November 5, 2024

Subject: Nomination of Ryan Martin
(California State University NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee)

California Native American Heritage Commission
1416 9th Street, Room 902
Sacramento, CA 95814

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A SOVEREIGN NATION

Dear Members of the California Native American Heritage Commission,

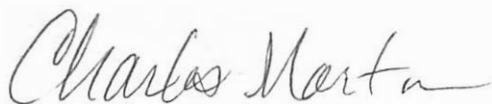
I am writing to nominate Ryan Martin for consideration to serve on the CSU NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee for the university of his choosing. Mr. Martin has a deeply rooted history within the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (MBMI) and comes from many generations of political leaders who have served our Tribe in different capacities. Mr. Martin possesses a profound and exceptional knowledge of traditional Serrano and Cahuilla lifeways, cultural heritage, and ancestral territories; therefore, making him an outstanding candidate for this important role.

In the last year as a Tribal Councilmember, Mr. Martin has demonstrated his commitment to preserving the cultural history of the MBMI by providing invaluable guidance to MBMI staff regarding the disposition of Serrano and Cahuilla ancestral remains and cultural items.

Mr. Martin's dedication to his Tribe is undeniable, and his efforts to educate and inform the MBMI Tribal community and staff have proven to be greatly beneficial in ongoing efforts to repatriate our ancestors and other items of cultural patrimony. I have the greatest confidence that Mr. Martin will be an asset for the CSU NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee, where he will continue to impart his knowledge of Serrano and Cahuilla culture while providing oversight and guidance for the development and implementation of Campus CalNAGPRA and federal NAGPRA compliance.

Thank you for considering Mr. Martin's nomination. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me or our MBMI Team.

Sincerely,



Charles Martin
Chairman, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

References

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