

**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: _____

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*): **Sonoma State University**

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

1) **San Francisco State University** _____

2) _____

3) _____

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: **Greg Sarris** Title: **Chairman**

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: **Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria**

Email: GSarris@gratonrancheria.com Phone: **707-566-2288**

Nominee Information

Name: **Lorelle Ross** Title: **Vice Chair**

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: **Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria**

Email: LRoss@gratonrancheria.com Phone: **707-566-2288**

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.

Attachment i *(CV included on following pages):*

Lorelle Ross has served five elected terms as a member of the Tribal Council to further her commitment to building a healthy tribal community that values cultural and social development, health, education, and economic fortitude. Beginning when she was just nineteen, she has served as a Council Member, Treasurer, and currently is serving her second term as Vice-Chair. Lorelle's grandfather was one of Graton Rancheria's original distributees. After the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria was illegally terminated in the late 1950's and early 1960's, her Grandfather maintained ownership of one acre on the original Rancheria. The one-acre parcel is currently owned and held in fee simple by Lorelle's mother Gloria Armstrong, who has lived on the land for over fifty years. Lorelle was also raised on this parcel and currently lives with her mother in the original wood frame house that was first constructed on the Rancheria approximately seventy years ago.

Attachment ii: *on following pages*

Attachment iii:

Dr. Gregg Sarris, Chairman of Graton Rancheria and retired Professor of Native American Studies. Sonoma State University. gsarris@gratonrancheria.com 707-566-2288

Dr. Karen Moranski, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Sonoma State University, moransk@sonoma.edu 707-664-3222

Buffy McQuillan, Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer at the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, BMcQuillen@gratonrancheria.com, 707 566-2288



Sent by electronic mail to nagpra@calstate.edu

December 5, 2023

California State University
Office of the Chancellor
NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee

RE: Nomination of Ms. Lorelle Ross as Tribal Nominee Member of the CSU Campus Committee NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee

Dear NAGPRA Implementation and Oversight Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit nominations for Tribal Nominees to serve as members of the California State University (CSU) Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Implementation and Oversight Committees for the **CSU Campus Committee**. The Tribal Council of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (Tribe) is pleased to nominate Ms. Lorelle Ross, who is currently the Vice Chair of the Tribal Council, the Tribe's governing body. Ms. Ross is also an enrolled Tribal Citizen of the Tribe and has served on the Tribal Council for the last 28 years. The Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe, and we are traditionally and culturally affiliated to present day Sonoma and Marin Counties. Our Reservation is in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, California. As a Tribal Citizen and the Tribe's Vice Chair, Ms. Ross has the personal and professional qualifications, experience, dedication, and understanding required to successfully serve as a Tribal Nominee member of the UC Systemwide NAGPRA Oversight Committee.

As described in more detail in Ms. Ross's resume, Ms. Ross has demonstrated nearly 3 decades of experience in **all** of the following areas: repatriation of human remains and cultural items pursuant to the federal NAGPRA, cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law, and consultation with state and federal entities and agencies. Ms. Ross is the Tribal Council liaison to the Tribe's Cultural Department, Sacred Sites Committee and the Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer. Ms. Ross has testified to the State legislature on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA issues and has engaged in countless hours of consultation with federal, state and local agencies and entities on these same issues. Ms. Ross is uniquely qualified to serve as a Tribal Nominee member of the CSU Campus Committee for Sonoma State University based on her extensive and exemplary professional background, experience, and commitment to her Tribe, Tribal Citizens and California tribes. Ms. Ross has successfully worked with and earned the respect of many tribal, local, state, and private partners and stakeholders. Thank you for considering our nomination of Lorelle Ross.

Yours Truly,

Greg Sarris
Tribal Chairperson

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PROFILE

Twenty-plus years of experience and direct knowledge of implementing, interpreting, and developing specialized knowledge of Tribal Governance, Policy development, and Federal Indian Law.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Administration & Governance- American Indian Studies
graduating May 2025 from University of Minnesota Duluth, MN.

Dual Associate of Arts: Social Justices Studies; Social and Behavioral Sciences Santa Rosa Junior College	May 2023 Santa Rosa, CA
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EXPERIENCE

Tribal Vice Chair-elected Tribal Council Government Official Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR)	Present- Jan 2021 Rohnert Park, CA
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- Elected Vice Chair and member of Tribal Council for federally recognized local Native American Tribe.
- Engaged in daily tribal governance and economic development issues while overseeing community development projects with Tribal Citizens.
- Managed legislative initiatives including development and passage of tribal laws policies and implementation; act as an advocate and public figure within the community to fostering cultural and political awareness, create, and maintain partnerships, and cultivate opportunities for enrichment for the Tribal Citizens of FIGR.
- Provided public presentations; participated in governmental meetings with federal, state, and local leaders, elected officials, and agencies.
- Administered child welfare cases and provided cultural awareness training and advisement for the social services department.
- Led in protecting and preserving the Tribe's ancestral and cultural territory, tribal traditional burial grounds, cultural sites, and associated grave goods and cultural artifacts.

Tribal Administrator Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria	Oct 2015 – Jan 2009 Rohnert Park, CA
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- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Office. Tribal administration and operations consist of the following Departments: Administration, Environmental, Education, Finance, Social Services, Housing TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office (THPO).
- Provided leadership and management for 45 employees; Direct supervision of 15 employees; direct report to elected officials of the Tribal Council.

- Collaboratively assisting with the efficient operation of official tribal business, creating and implementing administrative policies and procedures during a period of critical growth and development.
- Presented findings and recommendations to the Tribal Council of grants and services, tribal laws and strategic directives including multiple programs and their implementation.
- Coordinated with federal funding agencies for program compliance for tribal programs within stringent guidelines; overseen the annual audit and budget processes in coordination with CFO, and legal.
- Provided human resources management functions: Duties include establishing staffing needs, performance objectives, individual work plans, employee development plans, and published position descriptions; Responsible for hiring, promotion, merit increments, reassignments, corrective counseling, and terminations.
- Provided leadership trainings for executive management team, and all staff, including facilitation of community meetings comprised of tribal citizens and staff; Mentor and manage various levels of staff/interns through individual meetings and inter-departmental meetings.

Floor Manager

Community Market

Aug 1999 – May 1997

Santa Rosa, CA

- Lead cashier and shift manager; lead cashier's supervisor for evening and weekend shifts.
- Participated in hiring, including interviews, customized training, and implemented employee personnel policies; provided primary management of store for evening and weekend, and supervision of employees, including performance evaluations, discipline, and recommendations for termination.
- Provided outstanding leadership and customer service and created and fostered a cohesive and productive work team, and friendly service environment.
- Conducted and provided a report of nightly accounting of shift sales, credit card transactions, and particular transactions with superb accuracy.
- Contributed to management team with direct input to develop and amend personnel policy and procedures and actively took the initiative to make sound recommendations for company improvements and team morale.

ACTIVITIES

Tribal Advisory Committee Member, California Department of Social Services, Office of Tribal Affairs, Present-2018

Council Member, Save the Redwood League Councilors

Present-2018

Tribal Advisory Committee Member, University of California President's Native American Advisory Committee

Present-Nov 2023

Tribal Representative (Alt), Marine Protected Area California Statewide Leadership Team
Present-2019

SKILLS

- Proficiency in organizing and interpreting complex documents (i.e., general register notices, requests for bids or proposals, grant documents, Code of Federal Regulations, legal documents, compliance notices, etc.)
- Knowledge of fund accounting, monitoring/managing budgeting process
- Grant writing, implementation of programs and meeting objectives, and grant compliance
- Communication: Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing. Diplomatic aptitude, exceptional interpersonal tact, and professionalism.
- Empathy: exceptional ability to relate to others and their experiences compassionately.
- Problem-solving: Resourceful problem solver experienced with varied and complex operations—proven strategist with short/long-term goal setting/implementation.
- Highly ethical and a leader with heart.
- Proven management & supervisory on the job experience.