

Ted Atkins**Federally Recognized Tribal Representative, Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi Indians****Campus Preference:** Fresno

Mr. Atkins was previously appointed as a representative to CSU Stanislaus, however, he has resigned and seeks to serve on the CSU Fresno Committee where there has been a recent vacancy.

Qualified:

Mr. Atkins is a member of the Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi Indians and is the current Language/Culture Department Director. For many years, Mr. Atkins has served to preserve his tribes' culture and language as well as educate others. In the last two years Mr. Atkins has begun to work with and assist his Tribes Cultural Resources Department.

Letter of support from Tribal Administrator Caleb Martinez**References Contacted:**

Caleb Martinez, Christina Gonzales, and Orianna Walker recommend the candidate.

CSU Fresno Committee

1. Tribal Representative (Non-Federally Recognized): Vacant
2. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): William Barios – Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe (Appointed August 1, 2024)
3. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
4. Tribal Representative (Federally Recognized): Vacant
5. CSU Representative: Dvera Saxton (Appointed August 1, 2024)
6. CSU Representative: Vacant
7. CSU Native American Studies Representative: Cristina Gonzales – Coastal Band Chumash (Appointed August 1, 2024)

**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: _____

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.

On behalf of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), the CSU is soliciting and accepting applications for the Systemwide and Campus 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. All applications, incomplete or complete, will be forwarded to the NAHC for consideration. Nominee candidates will be interviewed by the NAHC for potential Commission nomination and appointment by the CSU Chancellor or chancellor's designee. 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) a short biography or resume demonstrating that the nominee meets the criteria below; 2) a letter of support from Tribe, Tribal resolution or a letter of interest with this form; and 3) 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 and NAHC will keep completed application on file for committee positions that may become available in the future.

The CSU and NAHC will continue to receive and solicit Campus NAGPRA Oversight Committee nominations on an ongoing basis. Submit the following nomination materials to nagpra@calstate.edu.

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*): _____

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

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominator Information (if applicable)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____ Title: _____

Tribal/CSU Institutional Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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.

Incomplete materials will not be considered.

Biography May 2024

My name is Ted Atkins, my current position is Language/Culture Director for the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians (PRCI), which is a federally recognized tribe, which I am also a tribal member and an elder. Home of residence is Coarsegold, Ca.

Employment history, PRCI, Fire Rock Casino, Gallup, NM., Table Mountain Casino, Friant, Ca., Tachi Palace Casino, Lemoore, Ca., Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Lincoln, Ca., Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino, Coarsegold, Ca., Department of Public Safety State Trooper Henderson, Tx., United States Navy, retired 2003.

Graduated Yosemite High School 1979, University Phoenix Bachelors Business Administration, 2010.

Hobbies include hiking, biking, traveling, wrestling, reading, and being outdoors.

Passions learning my language, culture, history, traditions, and practicing ceremony.

Note: Started working with THPO approximately one-year ago, which has changed my life. Have a new purpose, which is to help Tribes bring home their Native American Ancestors remains, funerary objects, cultural items, unassociated funerary objects, culturally sensitive objects, photographs, records, and all documentation related to repatriation in accordance with applicable laws and policies. Attended listening sessions and heard many stories that produce raw emotions such as anger, sadness, confusion, and heartbreak. Participated in consultations at Merced College, UC Berkeley, and Chicago Field Museum. Also visited an excavation site in downtown Sacramento, Ca. that is built on top of a Native American Village. The above-mentioned creates a new sense of purpose and energy, which is to bring home our ancestors respectfully and with dignity and to put our ancestors back to sleep in a good way.

Respectfully,



Ted Atkins



**Picayune Rancheria
of the
Chukchansi Indians**

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May 09, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Ted Atkins for consideration to serve on the University of California or California State University NAGPRA Oversight Committee. As the Language and Culture Director within our community, Ted has exhibited an unparalleled dedication to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians. I have every confidence that he will bring his exceptional skills, knowledge, and passion to this important committee.

Ted has been an indispensable member of our team for many years, during which he has demonstrated his profound commitment to revitalizing and preserving our tribal language and cultural traditions. His deep understanding of our language and culture has been instrumental in developing and implementing programs aimed at passing on our traditions to future generations.

In his role as Language and Culture Director, Ted has shown remarkable leadership and initiative. He has spearheaded initiatives to teach our language to tribal members of all ages, ensuring that it continues to thrive and evolve. His innovative approaches to language revitalization, including the use of technology and community-based learning, have been highly effective in engaging our community and fostering a sense of pride in our cultural identity.

Ted's dedication to our language and culture extends beyond our tribal community. He has been a passionate advocate for indigenous languages and cultures at regional and national levels, participating in conferences, workshops, and collaborative efforts aimed at preserving and promoting indigenous languages and cultures.

Given Ted's expertise, leadership abilities, and unwavering commitment to our tribal language and culture, I am confident that he will make a significant contribution to the University of California or California State University NAGPRA Oversight Committee. His unique perspective and deep understanding of the importance of cultural heritage make him an ideal candidate for this role.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Ted Atkins for consideration to serve on the NAGPRA Oversight Committee. His dedication, passion, and leadership qualities make him a valuable asset to any organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information regarding Ted's qualifications or suitability for this role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Martinez". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Caleb Martinez

Tribal Administrator

Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

References

1. Cristina Gonzales 559.909.2183 mgonzales@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov
2. Caleb Martinez 559.412.5590 cmartinez@chukchansi-nsn.gov
3. Orianna Walker 559.760.0109 Owalker@chukchansitribe.net