



Academic Senate

Solano Community College
400 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534
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Resolution 5.17.2021: Resolution on Land Acknowledgement and Recognition

WHEREAS, the Yocha Dehe Tribal Council approved the following statement of land acknowledgement on 23 July 2019:

We should take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

WHEREAS, Solano Community College is an institution that embraces diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice as vital components of educational quality;

WHEREAS, Beta Mu Gamma, the Solano Community College chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, on 3 May 2021, proposed to the Academic Senate of Solano Community College to recognize the impact of systemic racism and colonization by implementing a college-wide process for using the approved land acknowledgement statement;

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of Solano Community College acknowledges and honors the 574 federally recognized Native Nations, in addition to all terminated and unrecognized Nations;

WHEREAS, California is home to 109 federally recognized Native Nations, with nearly 80 seeking recognition, who did not cede the land to the U.S. or state government through any ratified treaty and such 19 treaties as were ratified were routinely violated by state and/or federal government;

WHEREAS, Native Nations and their indigenous populations were vastly reduced through genocide, disease, and environmental disruption brought upon it by settlers;

WHEREAS, the preservation of Native histories, lands, and cultures contribute to the intellectual, social and physical development of our campus community in a manner that contributes to inclusive excellence and the public good; and,

WHEREAS, Solano Community College campuses are located on the traditional land(s) of the Patwin people, including the three federally recognized Patwin tribes, Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation who have lived and continue to live here;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College adopts the land acknowledgement in its bylaws to be read aloud at the start of each meeting of the academic senate and the meetings of its subcommittees, ad hoc committees, and work groups;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College work with student groups, faculty, and administration to develop approved procedures for the adoption of the land acknowledgement, including college governance, college-wide committees, convocations, and ceremonies;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College develop recommendations for faculty for best practices for the inclusion of a land acknowledgement into course instruction and/or syllabi; and,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College work with the Superintendent-President and Board of Governors to include the land acknowledgment in its meetings, as well the meetings of its subcommittees, ad hoc committees, and work groups.



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Pronunciation Guide:

- Patwin [PUTT-win]
- Cachil Dehe [CATCH-ill DEE-HEE]
- Kletsel Dehe [KLET-SELL DEE-HEE]
- Yocha Dehe [YO-chuh DEE-HEE]
- Wintun [WIN- tune]

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