

Native American Relations and Programs

Faculty Senate Update – March 23, 2023

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& Tribal Liaison to the President

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Recap: Letter from Kirk, Elizabeth, & Zoe Nov 21, 2022

First, we found that according to state law, the income derived from WSU's land-grant trust is restricted to retiring building bonds, or capital improvements or maintenance. We have attached the Agricultural College Permanent Fund and the Scientific School Permanent Fund back to 1987, which is the data we've been able to verify thus far.

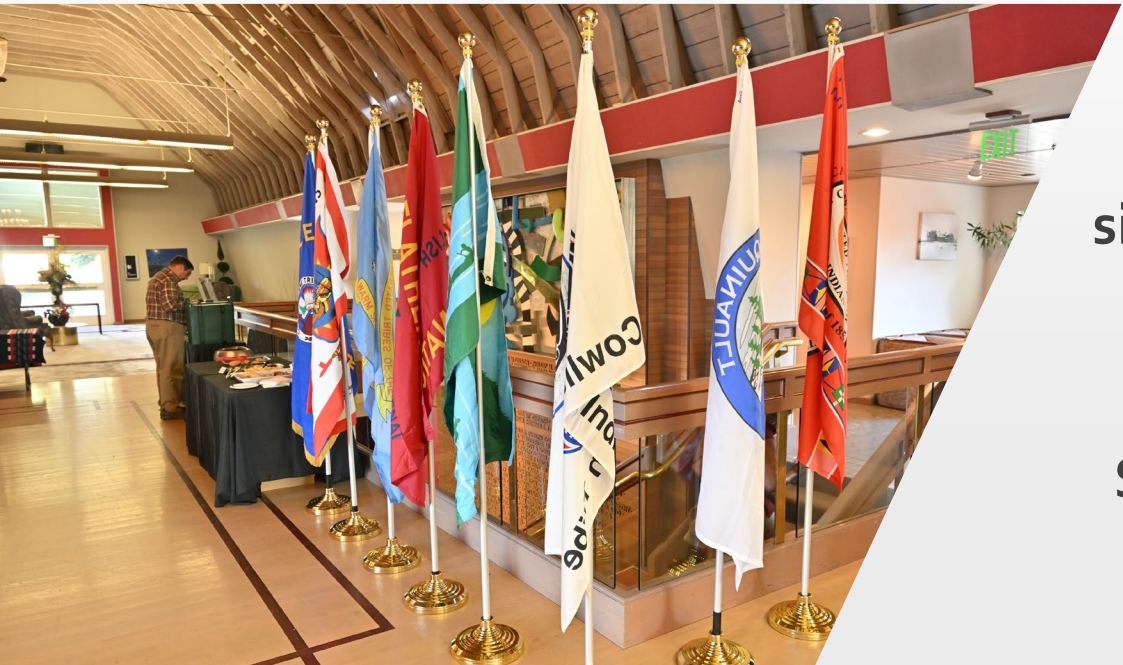
More importantly, as a system we take seriously our responsibility to the Native Peoples of the region, and are taking a number of steps to both acknowledge our responsibilities to tribal groups but also to foster strong relationships and programs that we hope will benefit tribal students and nations. These include:

FY	AGRI Fund (601)	SCI Fund (606)	Total
1987	5,534,351	6,406,225	11,940,576
1988	3,551,964	4,406,008	7,957,972
1989	4,077,224	5,191,078	9,268,303
1990	4,617,987	5,839,015	10,457,002
1991	5,323,010	6,164,261	11,487,270
1992	5,347,583	6,230,945	11,578,528
1993	5,048,219	5,792,586	10,840,806
1994	5,006,620	5,812,828	10,819,449
1995	4,614,758	5,490,246	10,105,004
1996	5,851,207	7,379,944	13,231,151
1997	5,701,994	7,193,285	12,895,279
1998	6,054,688	8,088,026	14,142,714
1999	6,093,168	8,079,197	14,172,365
2000	8,008,818	8,749,188	16,758,006
2001	8,519,134	9,881,340	18,400,474
2002	8,978,510	9,861,488	18,839,999
2003	7,671,255	8,431,244	16,102,499
2004	6,894,349	7,634,605	14,528,954
2005	6,565,906	7,277,060	13,842,965
2006	6,918,858	7,672,511	14,591,369
2007	7,519,034	8,307,962	15,826,996
2008	7,378,405	8,245,126	15,623,530
2009	7,841,990	8,544,438	16,386,428
2010	7,252,155	7,997,072	15,249,227
2011	10,402,203	11,463,018	21,865,221
2012	6,919,051	7,708,113	14,627,164
2013	7,551,508	8,461,264	16,012,772
2014	8,726,300	9,883,056	18,609,356
2015	8,571,450	9,782,917	18,354,367
2016	7,972,799	9,120,784	17,093,583
2017	7,083,256	7,994,551	15,077,807
2018	10,095,142	11,410,447	21,505,589
2019	7,630,051	8,670,263	16,300,314
2020	9,532,399	10,724,408	20,256,807
2021	10,910,191	12,299,555	23,209,747
2022	7,253,805	8,202,154	15,455,958
Total	253,019,343	290,396,207	543,415,550

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1) We continue to expand the MOU with federally recognized tribes. We recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of our original MOU, which now has 13 tribes as signatories. We will add the land-grant revenue and spending to the agenda for the Spring meeting of the MOU signatories to solicit their feedback.



**25th Anniversary of the
signing of the MOU between
WSU and signatory Tribes
October 14, 2022**

**Spring MOU NAAB Meeting
April 28, 2023**



2) We have elevated Vice Provost Zoe Higheagle Strong's position to report directly to the President as Tribal Liaison. She is working with leaders across the system to ensure strong tribal community engagement and services to tribes across the region.



Some examples of systemwide collaboration:

- NY'EHE camps expanding to the Vancouver, Tri-Cities, and Everett Campuses
- Coordination between all Native American Advisory Boards and Committees
- First annual Indigenous Research Conference



10:00 am – 2:30 pm, March 24 2023
Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center

KEYNOTE: Dr. Theresa Jean Ambo (Gabrieliño-Tongva), *Realizing the Possibilities of Research Partnerships in Nation Building.*

<https://native.wsu.edu/cnrc/cnrc-indigenous-research-conference/>

NY'EHE 2023

NATIVE YOUTH EXPLORING HIGHER EDUCATION



June 26-30, 2023

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Pullman, WA



NY'EHE is a WSU campus summer camp to excite Native American high school students about higher education and to stimulate an interest in professions they can take back to their communities.

OBJECTIVES

Expose

Students to cultural, social and academic learning

Prepare

Students with the skills, experiences, and guidance to attain college and career success

Motivate

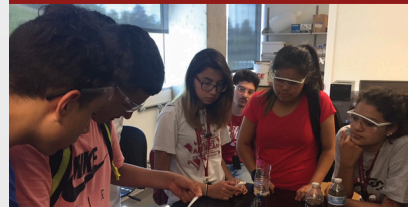
Native students to pursue higher education and career aspirations

Connect

Students to culture with Native role models and Tribal Nations Building opportunities

ACTIVITIES

- Work with solar power
- Tribal Nation Building
- Cultural games
- Meet friends
- New social media workshops
- Health and fitness challenges



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3) We are supporting efforts to provide tuition waivers and/or assistance to tribal students, either as part of a state-wide program or WSU-wide.



Update: Native American Scholarship Fund

- HB 1399 did not pass
- Rep. Lekanoff submitted 1.5 million proviso request for WSU to start a scholarship program
- President Schulz submitted a letter of support for this proviso





4) We are currently assessing our levels of support for Native American student organization, programs, community events (e.g., annual pow wow), and facilities.



The President's Office will cover facilities costs for Native American student and tribal community events on the Pullman campus.

- 10 events
- Events such as pow wow, NAAB meetings, round dance, Indigenous research conference, back to school barbecue, youth outreach camps, etc.
- Approximately, \$10,800 in facility costs

And... please join us at the next Pah-Loots-Puu Powwow!

ASWSU Ku-Ah-Mah Presents
45th Annual
Pah-Loots-Puu Powwow
Beasley Coliseum
Washington State University
Pullman, WA

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

HEAD STAFF

MC: Thomas Morning Owl
 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
ARENA DIRECTOR: Buck Wallahee
 Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
HEAD MAN: Sam Riding In
 Grand Ronde, Siletz, Pawnee, Seminole
HEAD WOMAN: Bridget EagleSpeaker
 Puyallup Tribe of Indians

HOST DRUM

Wildrose
 Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Grand Entry
 12pm & 5pm

Dance Specials

Men's Old Style Grass (16+)
 Women's Jingle (18+)

Dance Contest in all categories

Day pay to first 10 registered Drums

Appreciation Dinner Provided



VENDORS ARE WELCOME!

To register for a vendor table, please email: Ishmael.perez@wsu.edu

HOTEL BLOCK AVAILABLE

Scan QR Code to book your reservation
 Block rate available until 3/14/23
 Courtyard Pullman

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5) We continue to explore ways to recruit, retain, and support tribal students from across the state and region.



6) We are in the process of hiring five new tenure-track faculty members with expertise in Native American and Indigenous studies in the area of social inequality and social justice. We seek scholars who are integrated into the communities they study as a way to continue to build strong relationships of mutual benefit between the university and tribal nations.



Thank You!

Questions?

Creative ideas?

