

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the creation of the
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY NATIVE AMERICAN
ADVISORY BOARD TO THE PRESIDENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS entered into by and between WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY (“WSU”) and the several Native American tribal governments signatory below (the “Signatory Tribes”), with reference to the following facts:

WHEREAS, WSU is a land-grant university whose mission encompasses efforts to reach out to deliver quality education to all citizens of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, WSU recognizes and affirms for itself established Federal policies under which Native American tribal governments are treated as distinct legal and political entities, with their own powers of self-governance and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, WSU and the Signatory Tribes wish to create a structure to strengthen the relationships between them, and to improve the quality of educational services and opportunities provided to Native American students at WSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties hereto hereby agree to establish a Native American Advisory Board to the President of WSU (the “Board”).
2. The Board shall be comprised of the following members:
 - a. The President of WSU, or his/her designee;
 - b. The Provost of WSU, and his/her designee;
 - c. The President of the Ku-au-Mah Alumni Society of WSU, or any successor organization thereto;
 - d. The Chair of the Native American Alliance; and
 - e. Those Tribal Chairpersons enumerated in RCW 28B.15.012, or their designees, whose nations are signatories below.

The Board may, by consensus, add such other representatives or its roster as may seem to it most advantageous to achieving its mission.

3. The Board’s mission shall be to strengthen the relationship between the University and the Signatory Tribes at the highest levels, to increase access to and Native American achievements at WSU. In carrying out this mission, the Board shall perform the following functions:
 - a. Provide advice and counsel to strengthen the partnership between WSU and the land based indigenous Native American tribes of the Northwest;
 - b. Assist WSU in seeking to strengthen the functions and services authorized for it to provide to Native American communities, and to assist in facilitating the delivery of those services in areas under the jurisdiction of the Signatory Parties where appropriate;

- c. Promote a campus climate conducive to meeting the cultural needs of the Native American community at WSU;
 - d. Review, as appropriate, relevant reports and recommendations from the Provost's Native American Advisory Council and the University administration.
 - e. Promote Native American studies and educational programs throughout the University, to serve the needs of Native American students, other students, and the Signatory Tribes; and
 - f. Establish such internal procedures and rules as may be most appropriate to assist it in achieving these goals, including appropriate policies and internal structures (such as subcommittees).
4. To ensure that the Board can fulfill its mission, WSU will provide staff and resources in an amount to be agreed upon from time to time between the Board and WSU for the Board's use. WSU shall at all times have final control over the amount of such support and the manner in which University staff and/or funds are used, to ensure that such resources are properly utilized as required by State and Federal law.
 5. The Board's function shall solely be an advisory one to the President of WSU. It shall have no power to mandate any action or expenditure by WSU, which reserves its rights and privileges of academic freedom to determine its own curriculum and other educational characteristics.
 6. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, once each during the WSU fall and spring semesters. Meetings shall be called pursuant to procedural rules to be adopted by the Board, and may be open to the public if the Board so determines.
 7. The Board may add other representatives of other tribal governments to the Board by majority vote. Any such new Signatory Party must agree to participate fully in the Board's work as outlined herein.
 8. This Board and its functions may be altered or dissolved at any time by majority vote, except that WSU may dissociate itself from the Board at any time should it regard Board actions as not promoting the best interests and academic freedom of the University.
 9. This Memorandum imposes no legal obligations upon any party hereto. Rather, it sets out terms for mutual cooperation to improve WSU's efforts by providing educational services to Native American populations, and to promote better understanding of Native American issues. No portion of this Memorandum shall be construed to imply that any such legal obligations exist among any of the signatories.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Signatory Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as set forth below.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

By: Samuel H. Smith, President, 11/8/97

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By: Samuel N. Penney, Chairman, 11/8/97

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION

By: Donald G. Sampson, Chairman, Board of Trustees, 11/8/97

COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

By: Norma Peone, Vice-Chairperson, 11/8/97

YAKAMA INDIAN NATION

By: David Blodgett, Sr., Representative, 11/8/97

For: Ross K. Sockzehigh, Chairman, Tribal Council, 11/8/97

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

By: Robert Louie, Representative, 11/8/97

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

By: Garland Brunoe, Vice Chairman, 11/13/98

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

By: D. Fred Matt, Vice-Chairman, 11/17/98

For: Michael T. Pablo, Chairman

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

By: Mike Iyall, Council Member, 10/28/02

For John Barnett, Tribal Chairman

KOOTENAI TRIBE OF INDIANS

By: Gary A. Aitken, Sr. Chairman, 11/8/97

NATIVE AMERICAN ALLIANCE

By: David Iyall, President, 11/8/97

KU-AU-MAH ALUMNI SOCIETY

By: Ronald T. Halfmoon, President, 11/8/97

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By: President V. Lane Rawlins, 10/28/02