Resolution to Cease Using the Academic Senate Land Acknowledgement (AS 26-04)

Executive Committee, 10.29.2026

Whereas, in 2020 the Academic Senate of California State University Los Angeles adopted the Land Acknowledgement prepared by Tongva Elder Julio Bogany and Dr. Kimberly Robertosn (Mvskoke) and has opened every single academic senate meeting reading aloud the Land Acknowledgement and encouraged faculty to include the land Acknowledgement in their syllabi;

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate has been informed in Fall 2026 by Gregorio Pacheco, Cal NAGPRA / NAGPRA Repatriation Coordinator, that the five Tribes identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who have ties to the land where Cal State LA is located (Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrielino Tongva Tribe, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, and Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation) found the current land acknowledgement to be not inclusive and not recognizing all the Tribes identified by NAHC;

Whereas, the Tribal representatives suggested using a modified land acknowledgement that recognizes the five Tribes identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who have ties to the land where Cal State LA is located;

Whereas, the Tribal representatives suggested delivering the revised land acknowledgement primarily at official external events and larger campus-wide events and when possible, have it delivered by a Senior University representative to recognize the government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations;

Whereas, the Tribal Representatives suggested using the revised Land Acknowledgement only when appropriate at official external events and larger campus-wide events according to their guidance;

Whereas, a policy to govern the revised Land Acknowledgement statement is currently being developed; **be it**

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Cal State LA no longer use the current Land Acknowledgement and ask faculty to no longer use the current Land Acknowledgement in the syllabi; **and be it**

Resolved, that any future use of any land acknowledgement will follow all guidance of the tribal representative(s) who have consulted with tribal nations.