

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

Governance Structure

Originally approved by Native American Studies Faculty in 1998

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Approved by the Provost November 19, 2010

Faculty

Full faculty members are defined as tenured and tenure-track faculty and term faculty appointed on 1.0 or split appointments in Native American Studies, as well as other faculty endorsed by the Membership Committee. In the case of split appointments between Native American Studies and other departments or programs, the Membership Committee will decide, on a case-by-case basis, how much of a split appointment is necessary to be considered to be a full faculty member. Only full faculty have voting rights. New recommendations for appointment to the full faculty status are made by the Membership Committee and approved by a vote of the full faculty. Full faculty will be reappointed each year, unless an individual asks to have their appointment terminated or unless the Membership Committee recommends otherwise. A list of full and affiliate faculty will be made available to full and affiliate faculty at the start of every academic year, and will be updated as changes occur, with the changes provided to full and affiliate faculty as the updates occur. All faculty appointed to the NAS Program's Committee A shall be considered full faculty during their term on Committee A. Only tenured faculty may serve on Committee A.

Affiliate faculty members are either invited to apply or submit an expression of interest in applying to the NAS Program. Affiliation requires recommendation of the Membership Committee and a vote of approval by the full faculty. Affiliate membership will not carry voting rights but otherwise allows full participation in faculty meetings. Members are expected to make contributions that benefit students and the program. They may contribute by attending meetings, serving on student committees and/or serving on program committees. After one year of service, affiliate members become eligible for full faculty status.

Committee Structure

Committee A is composed of the Program Director and two members of the faculty elected for staggered two-year terms. Only tenured faculty may serve, and at least two members

(including the Director) must be in the College of Arts and Science. Tenured Affiliate members are eligible to serve on Committee A upon election by the voting faculty. Committee A conducts faculty evaluations and advises the Program Director and the faculty on programmatic matters.

The Membership Committee is composed of the Program Director and two faculty members with full voting rights elected annually. The Committee contacts faculty who are eligible for voting membership and encourages applications for affiliate membership and recommends their election to the full faculty.

The Curriculum Committee is composed of the Program Director and two faculty members with full voting rights elected annually. It recommends actions concerning the curriculum of the program to the faculty.

The Graduate Committee is composed of the Program Director, two members of the NAS professional staff and two other faculty members with full voting rights elected annually. The Committee oversees the admission of students to the MA program. If irreconcilable issues arise in the course of its deliberations, they will be referred to Committee A for resolution.



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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

TO: Joe Watkins, Director
Native American Studies

FROM: Nancy L. Mergler, Senior Vice President and Provost

DATE: November 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Native American Studies "Governance Structure"

I am pleased to approve your proposed revisions to the Native American Studies Governance Structure as approved by the faculty on October 7, 2010 and submitted to my office on November 2, 2010.

Development of these policies is an arduous but important task. I extend thanks to everyone in the department who contributed to the process.

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cc:/Paul B. Bell Jr, Dean College of Arts and Sciences

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TO: Joe Watkins, Director
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FROM: Paul B. Bell, Jr.
Dean

DATE: October 28, 2010

SUBJ: Native American Studies "Governance Structure"

We have reviewed the attached copy of the revised NAS Governance Structure. This document became operative upon approval by the NAS faculty on October 7, 2010. As required by the Faculty Handbook, a copy of the revised policy will be provided to the Provost.

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Attachment

cc: Edward Sankowski
Kelly Damphousse
Provost Megler