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DATE: July 29, 2024

TO: Campus Community

FROM: President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval, Ph.D.

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SUBJECT: Suspending new intake of NAGPRA-related collections

Following the legislative hearings in Fall 2023 and the passage of AB 389, in alignment with our implementation plan for repatriation activities, and in consultation with you and the Cabinet, California State University, Fresno, will suspend the collection of NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA-related materials, effective August 1, 2024, for an indefinite period of time. Therefore, no additional Native American human remains, ancestors, or NAGPRA or CalNAGPRA-affiliated cultural items will be received by the Fresno State campus for the purposes of curation, teaching, research, or as a gift to the University.

The only exceptions to this suspension would be at the verified and written request of and in service to a Tribal partner listed with the Native American Heritage Commission. The decision to suspend NAGPRA-related collections is driven by the need to focus existing resources on timely completion of the repatriation process for Fresno State's current collections.

I offer my sincere gratitude for the dedication and hard work of the staff and faculty of the Department of Anthropology and the American Indian Studies Program, as well as the invested leadership of College of Social Sciences Dean Elizabeth Lowham, Repatriation Coordinator Kellie Carrillo and Dr. Dvera Saxton, Chair of the Department of Anthropology.

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