



## **Resolution S2025.03**

### **Establish an Inter-Tribal Educational Advisory Board at Santa Ana College**

Moved: Maria Aguilar-Beltran

Seconded: Annie Knight

**Whereas**, Santa Ana College acknowledges the historical and systemic barriers faced by Native American students and recognizes the importance of addressing these barriers to ensure equitable access to education;

**Whereas**, the establishment of an Inter-Tribal Educational Advisory Board in partnership with the community Native American Educational Task Force would provide a critical platform to amplify Native voices, foster collaboration, and create culturally responsive strategies to close opportunity gaps for Native students;

**Whereas**, the participation of students, classified professionals, faculty, administration, and community members from the Native American Educational Task Force will ensure diverse representation and shared responsibility in addressing the educational needs of Native communities;

**Whereas**, the creation of this advisory board demonstrates a commitment to honoring the presence and contributions of Native communities while preventing their erasure within the college's policies, practices, and culture;

**Be it Resolved**, that the administration at Santa Ana College commits to the creation of an Inter-Tribal Educational Advisory Board with representation from students, classified professionals, faculty, administration, and community members from the Native American Educational Task Force;

**Be it Further Resolved**, that this advisory board will serve as a partnership between Santa Ana College and the Native community to:

1. Identify and address the educational needs and barriers faced by Native American students;
2. Develop actionable strategies to close opportunity gaps and promote academic success for Native students;
3. Provide a safe and inclusive physical space for SAC Native American students to connect with the greater Native community to dialogue, collaborate, and share in the decision-making process; and
4. Ensure the integration of Native perspectives and knowledge into the college's programs, services, policies, and practices.

**Resolved**, that Santa Ana College will dedicate financial resources and institutional support to the development and sustainability of this advisory board, reaffirming its commitment to equity, inclusion, success, and the empowerment of Native American students and their communities.

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