

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
September 22, 2015 4:30 PM
Conoco Student Leadership Wing, Room 181**

Call to Order: 4:33PM

Voting Members: Carrie Pavlowsky, Emily Sample, Daniel Pae, Jon Merlini

New Business:

- **Joint resolution discussing student support to change “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Day” Chair Pavlowsky sec Representative Pae**
- **Being written in meeting**
- **Used template from the Seattle group that managed to abolish Columbus Day this is the first step to open door for further communications and trust with the community to work together.**
- **We like it so far.**
- **Janessa Question: We cannot speak on behalf of the University**
- **Who all we want to send it to?**
- **All different groups could have an inter-tribal meeting in South Oval, many groups don’t have enough funding and CAC could set aside some time in their calendar, different peoples bringing their food and culture listen to stories and hear their experiences, dance exhibitions, an introduction to native culture, through food for facilitators for center for social justice and how food has changed over time, effects of colonization on food, music-drum circles and native hip-hop artists-moving forward, not just looking at past**
- **Janessa: Native American music classes-may be they have event funding,**
- **Sydne: Native Heritage Week is not very popular or big, using this historically significant day and move on to further actually celebrate days**
- **Ashley: Even if not celebrated, it is deeply ingrained in our history and memory**
- **Janessa: Maybe we can write a grant; one of the grants is \$5000 done by Majestic Athletic Company for events like this, concerned about branding; we don’t want the Sooner mascot; adorable alternatives to start a new movement: Mex the dog-the team’s dog 75 years ago and he is buried on the football field, something different**
- **Ashley: the name Sooner isn’t traditional at all**
- **Janessa: use this event to bring in something new to represent; if we want to get a grant, we will need to market it somehow in a satisfactory way that isn’t offensive and reflective of the experience that we have**
- **Ashley: People present in the room were rich, white men and needs to be more inclusive of the campus fabric**
- **Pav: Big push for diversity, should be a push for all things**
- **Janessa: Isn’t about changing it now, but we can suggest a new idea**
- **Sydne: Disrupt the social content**

- **Janessa: Grant is rolling and can be whenever certain number of days before the event**
- **Sydne: people are organizing an unofficial Indigenous People Day**
- **Pav: Focus next year or next semester**
- **Janessa: Once we have narratives, interviews with students, spend a lot of time planning and making it awesome**
- **Sydne: Could be done whenever, not just on this day, could still do something**
- **Janessa: Grassroots art show, lots of options**

Rec of Do Pass, Pae, sec Merlini

Adjournment