

To: The University Senate
From: Equity and Diversity Committee
Subject: Land Use Acknowledgement
Reference: University Policy III.C.2
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: The Purdue University campus sits on the traditional homelands of the Bodéwadmik (Potawatomi), Lenape (Delaware), Myaamia (Miami), and Shawnee People.

It is our responsibility as an academic institution to disseminate knowledge about Native peoples and the University's history with them.

Acknowledgement of this land as the traditional homeland of Indigenous People serves to improve Native American inclusion on this campus.

As a land-grant institution early funding for Purdue derived from the selling of additional unceded land across the nation.

Land sold to fund Purdue spans 2600 parcels (totaling 380,440 acres) across 11 states (CA, CO, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, SD, and WI).

Proposal: The Purdue University Senate shall display the following statement on the Senate website and each Senate Meeting should include a recitation of this statement as part of the opening remarks:

“The Purdue University Senate acknowledges the traditional homelands of the Indigenous People which Purdue University is built upon. We honor and appreciate the Bodéwadmik (Potawatomi), Lenape (Delaware), Myaamia (Miami), and Shawnee People who are the original Indigenous caretakers.”

Further, this statement shall be included in the recommended components of the Purdue University Syllabus template.

We also recommend that Purdue University waive tuition for all residents of Indiana who are members of federally recognized tribes.

Members of federally recognized tribes who are not residents of the state of Indiana should be granted in-state tuition rates.

Committee Votes:

For:

Peter Bermel
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Against:

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