

Resolution

WHEREAS, we as a faculty are committed to educating ourselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the CLA Senate recognizes that all members of the Purdue community deserve to live and work in a respectful environment without facing intolerance, bigotry, or bias; and

WHEREAS, the University has a responsibility to recognize and protect the rights of all members of its community; and

WHEREAS, we as faculty adhere strictly to University calls for diversity, inclusion, and equity; and

WHEREAS, we as a faculty recognize that Indigenous peoples have a strong and enduring relationship to the land that they and their ancestors reside on; and

WHEREAS, we call on Purdue to follow the lead of other higher education institutions in the United States such as Santa Clara University and the University of Illinois and make clear Purdue University's commitment to diversity and inclusion of all peoples:

BE IT RESOLVED that the CLA Senate will support efforts to acknowledge publicly the first people to live on the land now occupied by Purdue University and to reduce historical and cultural erasures, discrimination, racism, and xenophobia in our community and the University.

We will begin by putting the following statement on the CLA Senate website and by directing faculty and graduate students to it so that they may incorporate it into their classes and other events at Purdue University:

Before we begin today, we would like to acknowledge the ancestral home of the first people who lived on the land Purdue University now occupies. There are no monuments, signs, or named building that acknowledge the first people. We should do better. We must do more. The least we can do today is acknowledge those ancestral and historic people, including the Potawatomi and Miami, and acknowledge them for being the first stewards of this land.