



# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## SA1516-049: Resolution Supporting the Indigenous Land Recognition Policy

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SPONSOR(S): Native American Student Association, Joint Multicultural Affairs Committee, Patrick Brever, Chris Rudolph, Gaozie Yang, Molly Davis, Hmong Organization Promoting Education, Drake Hall Council, Laux Hall Council, White Hall Council, Hutchison Hall Council, Eagle Gray Hall Council, Coate Hall Council, Asian Student Organization, ALANA (African, Latina, Asian, Native American Women), Students for a Free Tibet, Black Student Unity, Wentz Hall Council, Reuter Hall Council, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Campus Climate, Office of Multicultural Student Services, Eagle Maroon Hall Council, Sanford Hall Council, Intercultural Organization Promoting Awareness, Angell Hall Council

WHEREAS; The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Native American Student Association and the Joint Multicultural Affairs Committee have worked together to create a statement to be read at the start of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse sponsored events;

WHEREAS; the statement is as follows:

We would like to recognize that the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse occupies the land of the Ho Chunk people. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor this ancestral Ho Chunk land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous peoples.

WHEREAS; this statement would reaffirm the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's commitment to diversity and inclusion;

WHEREAS; this policy would allow UW-L members to express their pride in residing on traditional Ho-Chunk land. This policy allows us to honor the land and the people who were and continue to live here as well as educate any persons who attends a following event at UWL;

WHEREAS; this statement has already been embraced by The Office of Multicultural Student Services, Black Student Unity, and read at several functions, including this year's Awareness Through Performance, Reflections of Ebony and LASO Fiesta;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse recognizes and supports the students of the Native American Student Association and the obligation to acknowledge the land upon which the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse occupies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

This statement will be read:

At the beginning of academic and leadership conferences and discussion panels;

At the beginning of home sporting events;

At the beginning of events sponsored by Campus Activities Board;

At ticketed events in Cartwright Center, the new student Union, Graff Main Hall, and Centennial Hall;

At other events where other interest parties feel inclined.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse supports the Native American Student Association and the proposed statement.

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