



FACULTY DIVERSITY AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

18-19 FDEC 2
August 23, 2018

TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee
SUBJECT: 18-19 FDEC 2: Resolution to Retire the CSUEB Mascot "Pioneer Pete"
PURPOSE: Action by the Academic Senate
ACTION That the Academic Senate adopt the attached Resolution to Retire the CSUEB Mascot
REQUESTED: "Pioneer Pete"

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its meetings on May 7 and August 23, FDEC discussed East Bay's mascot and on August 23 voted to send the attached resolution to the Senate.

Resolution to Retire the CSUEB Mascot "Pioneer_Pete"

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1097, from the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University system states: "The California State University (CSU) is committed to maintaining an inclusive community that values diversity and fosters tolerance and mutual respect." Executive Order 1097 also states that, "Discrimination, including Harassment, because of any Protected Status: i.e., Age, Disability, Gender, Genetic Information, Gender Identity or Expression, Nationality, Marital Status, Race or Ethnicity, Religion, Sexual Orientation, and Veteran or Military Status...." And;

WHEREAS, in April 2018 the California Faculty Association has condemned three CSU mascots as culturally insensitive including Pioneer Pete from California State University East Bay. And;

WHEREAS, the Native American population in California associates gold prospecting with a period of unparalleled violence in their history. And;

WHEREAS, Pioneer Pete is associated with prospecting during the California Gold Rush of 1849, which had a devastating effect on California's Native American communities including rape, murder, displacement and ultimately genocide. And;

WHEREAS, Pioneer Pete brings up potentially traumatic historical references that negatively impact Native American communities. And;

WHEREAS, Pioneer Pete reinforces the imagery and perpetuation of colonialism, manifest destiny, and the oppression of many diverse populations. And;"

WHEREAS, Pioneer Pete creates a potentially negative, uninviting image of CSU East Bay to Native Americans and to all people who are concerned with the use of offensive team mascots. And;

WHEREAS, CSU East Bay prides itself on the inclusion and celebration of diverse views and communities. And;

WHEREAS, CSU East Bay students have been concerned with Pioneer Pete as a mascot since at least the 1980s. And;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that CSU East Bay will show solidarity with and compassion to Native American communities by retiring Pioneer Pete, effective immediately. And;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the university will set up a taskforce with broad campus representation to find an appropriate image as the new mascot for CSU East Bay."