

# WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM?

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The Fresno City College Anthropology Museum has been closed to all students and faculty since early 2024 due to the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAG-PRA).

The museum opened in 1975 and is home to Indigenous artifacts that require proper identification under CalNAG-PRA. FCC has been working with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to ensure that all artifacts are in compliance with state and federal law, according to Kherstin Khan, the interim dean of social sciences at FCC.

On Dec. 31, 2020, the NAHC sent a notice to all agencies and state-funded museums to complete an inventory of any California Native American human remains and funerary objects they were in possession of or had control over.

The notice called for a "detailed assessment of all artifacts in the museum's possession" by Jan. 1, 2022, which would then be used for consultations with representatives of Native American tribes and groups in Fresno County.

Khan said the assessment process was completed under the department's previous dean, Cherylyn Crill-Hornsby.

Khan said there are still a few items in FCC's possession that need to be consulted about with Native American tribes.

"That was a huge part of what the previous dean worked on, we have loads of Excel files and software that helped us to essentially itemize what we have and where it came from, so if it was a previous faculty member who brought in that piece, we would say, 'Okay, there's

all of these potential native tribes that we would want to consult with to see if that piece belongs to them,'" Khan said.

The NAHC provided a tribal consultation list of the area for this purpose. Khan said that there are two major things currently being worked on in order to re-open the museum, including revisions of inventory and repatriations that will return artifacts to their respective tribes.

"We're working to make sure that our inventory is accurate with the Native American Heritage Commission and we are still working with Cold Springs Rancheria to ensure that we have appropriately repatriated the items that they have," Khan said.

The Indigenous Tribes with items found in the museum include the Cold Springs Rancheria, in Sycamore Valley and the North Fork Rancheria, in Madera County. These are homes to the Mono people and the Yokut and Miwok linguistic groups.

Erik Escovedo, an American Indian studies instructor at FCC, said that the Anthropology Museum is something that the district needs to prioritize.

"I would like to see it open, I'd like to see the district put effort into it because those artifacts deserve to be honored in a respectful and responsible manner, in the hands of the right people," Escovedo said.



The Fresno City College Anthropology Museum as seen through an open gate on the outside of the museum on Nov. 21. Photo by Logan Payne.



Photo of the Anthropology Museum's Coiled Basketry exhibit on Nov. 24. Courtesy of the FCC Public Information Office.

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# SCCCD FACULTY UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 'NO CONFIDENCE' IN CHANCELLOR GOLDSMITH'S LEADERSHIP

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On Nov. 13, the State Center Federation of Teachers (SCFT) union came together to vote "no confidence" against State Center Community College District Chancellor Carole Goldsmith and over 250 faculty across the colleges all voted against her. Despite Goldsmith announcing her plans earlier that day to retire by September of 2026, the SCFT has taken actions to speed up her retirement. The SCFT has taken immediate action against Goldsmith and her administration due to the "toxic environment" they have created against faculty in the SCCC.

The SCFT is accusing Goldsmith of pushing back or ignoring faculty and union inputs and creating a \$161,000 job opportunity within the district for her "goddaughter."

Following the no confidence vote, Goldsmith has voiced her disagreements with the union's actions with The

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"My decision to retire was something I've been considering for a long time, and I announced it last week after thoughtful planning," Goldsmith said. "I'm disappointed that my announcement is being used as a bargaining tactic."

In the SCFT's Resolution No. 20251113.1, the SCFT maintains that their actions are the result of long-standing dissatisfaction with Goldsmith's handling of district affairs.

"Chancellor Carole Goldsmith's leadership at State Center Community College District, as reflected in the collective faculty survey responses. [It] is characterized by a pervasive crisis of governance and value that has centralized power, demoralized the workforce, and led to significant financial and ethical turmoil," the first paragraph of the SCFT's Resolution No. 20251113.1 states.



A photo composite with members of the SCCC faculty, including SCFT President Keith Ford and Vice President Samantha Brookshire meeting in the Fresno City College cafeteria on Nov. 13, along with a photo of chancellor Carole Goldsmith. Photo by Miley Araujo and composite by Logan Payne.

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