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## **Resolution 20130220**

Faculty Senate

**Huron Logo [Abby Coykendall] 2/8/2013**

**Faculty Senate Resolution on the Huron Logo:**

In light of the September 11, 2012 press release stating that Eastern Michigan University has included the so-called “Huron” logo on its marching-band uniforms, the national and local news articles reporting that the logo has been revived as an official mascot of the university, and the continuance of that logo on the marching-band uniforms despite the disrespect which that ethnocentric image shows for the Native American community, the Faculty Senate hereby requests that the President issue a public statement in which she:

1. Announces the immediate removal of the Huron logo from all Eastern Michigan University materials, including band or athletic uniforms, event and scholarship announcements, websites, publications, or promotional merchandise, as well as any other items bearing the official insignia of the university or endorsed by the institution in any formal capacity;
2. Offers an apology to the Native American community and to the university community as a whole for the offense caused by the incorporation of the logo on the uniforms, taking responsibility for the apparent permission which that usage gave for the subsequent dissemination of the logo on university materials (e.g., the Presidential Scholarship and Distinguished Professor Awards announcements);
3. Affirms Eastern Michigan University’s early and courageous decision to remove racist iconography such as the Huron mascot from athletic uniforms in 1988, reminding the university community of the current policy prohibiting the display of that image as an official mascot of the institution;
4. States unequivocally that the Huron logo, which conjures an idealized yet stereotypical vision of a Native American tribe only erroneously called “Huron,” is no longer—and will never be again—sanctioned by Eastern Michigan University;
5. Explains that the Huron designation can not only be misleading when it comes to history, but derogatory to other people, and thus in conflict with the core mission of the university to foster leaders for a diverse and democratic society;
6. Announces in the Executive Council, and, in turn, within every division and subdivision of the university (from Communications to Athletics, to Academic and Student Affairs), that displaying the Huron mascot is prohibited on university-owned publications or property because contributing to a hostile working environment for students, faculty, and staff;
7. Sends corrections to news reports suggesting that the Huron mascot has been formally revived for Eastern Michigan University (e.g. ESPN, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Ann Arbor News*, *Detroit Free Press*, etc.);
8. Reinstates the University Diversity Committee to whom the President and the Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action can report about diversity initiatives, and from whom the administration can receive input from students, faculty, and staff about the climate for diversity on campus.