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**SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL**

**David W. Pershing, Ph.D.**  
*President and Distinguished Professor The University of Utah*  
201 Presidents Circle, Room 203  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112  
Email: president@utah.edu

Dear President Pershing:

I write on behalf of the Ute Tribal Business Committee to request a meeting with the University of Utah to discuss certain issues of importance to the Ute Indian Tribe with the ongoing use of the UTE name and logo and other tribal member student issues.

The Tribe has established a task force, pursuant to the attached resolution, to address these issues on behalf of the Tribe. We would like to work with the University to develop a new Memorandum of Understanding to assist Tribal member students with these ongoing issues and ensure the continued representation of the Ute Tribe is carried out in a fair and accurate manner.

We would like to meet with the University on campus on November 22, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Howell".

Gordon Howell, Chairman  
Ute Tribe Business Committee

Cc: Fred Esplin; Bill Warren

**UINTAH AND OURAY  
TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS:** The Tribal Business Committee ("Business Committee") of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation ("Tribe") is empowered by Article VI, Sections 1(c) and 1(f) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe to regulate the economic affairs of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** The Business Committee has become aware that some individuals have taken action to seek the removal of the UTE name and the accompanying feather and drum logo from the University of Utah; and

**WHEREAS:** The Business Committee supports the use of the Ute name and accompanying logo by the University of Utah as evidenced by letter to the NCAA dated August 29, 2005; and

**WHEREAS:** The Business Committee entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Utah as evidenced by Tribal Resolution No. 03-259 wherein the parties were to design, implement, and disseminate innovative educational programs that accelerate the development of tribal human resources; and

**WHEREAS:** The Business Committee finds that the MOU does not go far enough promote tribal human resources; and

**WHEREAS:** The Business Committee finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to establish a task force for the negotiation of a formal agreement with the University of Utah to promote tribal human resources by way of:

1. The University creating an Office of the Special Advisor to the President on American Indian Affairs, appoint a tribal member of the Ute Indian Tribe as the advisor; and
2. The University would offer tuition waivers instead of scholarships for enrolled members of the Ute Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** The Task Force shall have the authority to negotiate a formal agreement with the University subject to presentation and final approval by the full Business Committee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Business Committee hereby appoints Ron Wopsok – Business Committee; Phillip Chimburan – Business Committee; Angela Brown – Alum; and Joe Lafroboise – Alum to the Task Force.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Business Committee hereby directs the Task Force to negotiate a formal agreement with the University of Utah regarding the development of tribal human resources to include tuition waivers for enrolled members of the Ute Indian Tribe and other provisions as necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Task force shall present the negotiated Agreement to the Full Business Committee for final review and approval within sixty (60) days of the passage of this Resolution.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** that the Business Committee hereby authorizes and approves its Chairwoman or, in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

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Irene C. Cuch, Chairwoman

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Ron Wopsock, Vice-Chairman

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Frances M. Poowegup, Member

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Stewart Pike, Member

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Phillip Chimburas, Member

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Richard Jenks, Jr., Member

**CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Business Committee of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation at a duly called meeting in \_\_\_\_\_, Utah, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, at which time a quorum was present and votes \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_ against, \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_\_ absent.

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Tribal Business Committee - Secretary  
Ute Indian Tribe, Uintah & Ouray Reservation