TO: First Nations Student Organization

FROM: Jennifer Cohen, Director of Athletics – University of Washington

DATE: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: University of Washington Spring Powwow

Introduction

The University of Washington ICA is pleased to provide a response to your request to hold the First Nations Spring Powwow on the second weekend of April annually. ICA is a dynamic organization with considerable demands on our athletic venues. Realizing the significance of the annual Powwow and acknowledging the original caretakers of this Land, in partnership with the University of Washington Seattle campus and OMA&D, UW ICA is committed to guaranteeing a venue space for Powwow on an annual basis for American Indian/Alaskan Native students, faculty, staff, Tribal and Indigenous communities, to express, practice, and uphold their identity and traditional ways of being.

Agreement

UW ICA commits to the following:

- ICA agrees to provide the venue for the annual Powwow on the second weekend of April 2022. For future years, ICA will hold the second weekend of April for the Powwow. Considerations of extenuating circumstances may necessitate the review of an alternate April weekend.
- ICA agrees to confirm the date with the First Nations by September 1st each year, giving the First Nations ample time to plan for the event.

Closing

It is a high priority for ICA, to be in relationship with First Nations; American Indian students, faculty, and staff; and Tribal Nations. Supporting the annual Powwow is one way to do so. We hope it will strengthen meaningful and intentional cultural connections with and for American Indian/Alaskan Native students on campus.

*Terms of this agreement will be revisited on a three-year basis with First Nations, OMA&D, and ICA Leadership.