

Our Shared Future: UW-Madison and the Ho-Chunk Nation

Whereas, UW-Madison occupies ancestral Ho-Chunk land, a place their nation has called Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial;

Whereas, in an 1832 treaty, the Ho-Chunk were forced to cede this territory, which was followed by decades of ethnic cleansing by both the state and federal government, which was successfully resisted by the Ho-Chunk from Wisconsin; and

Whereas, a Bascom Hill heritage marker enshrining this history of the Ho-Chunk nation and UW-Madison called “Our Shared Future” was dedicated on June 18, 2019;

Therefore be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly thanks all of those who have continued to educate the university community and the state about this history and commits itself to acknowledging and learning more about the shared history of UW-Madison and the Ho-Chunk people;

Further be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly pledges to create a land acknowledgement statement to be used by the Assembly;

Further be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly encourages members of the university community to incorporate the history of this land and its connection to the Ho-Chunk people into the fabric of UW-Madison; and

Further be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly encourages members of the university community to further collaborate and partner with Wisconsin’s First Nations through its research, teaching, and outreach missions.