

To: Fairleigh Dickinson University, Governance Steering Council

Date: March 21, 2025

From: Fairleigh Dickinson University, DEBIA Council

Re: 12/18/24 Land Acknowledgement Request

On behalf of the DEBIA Council, we acknowledge receipt of your request to consider land acknowledgment for FDU New Jersey. After careful consideration, we respectfully request that this matter be tabled until the 2025-2026 academic year. Given current institutional priorities, such as contending with federal executive orders, we do not believe there is adequate time or resources to efficiently address this request. However, we acknowledge that this is an important matter within the DEBIA council's scope. We remain committed to addressing this request at a later time should our request be approved.

Respectfully,

Rosa Hanco, Co-Chair of the DEBIA Council and

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Cc: Faculty Senate Leadership

PAS Leadership

Union Leadership

Student Government Leadership