



CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL

Friday, February 28, 2025
2:00 p.m. BMU 205

Zoom Meeting ID: 707 822 3440
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - *The Chair shall officially call the meeting to order to begin official business of the council.*
At 2:00 PM
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** *“We acknowledge and are mindful that CSU, Chico stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, the Mechoopda, and we recognize their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land, the flora, the fauna, and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that since time immemorial have sustained the Mechoopda people and continue to do so today.”*
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - *At this time the council will review the agenda and make any needed amendments before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.*
- A. Approval of the (2/28/25) regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the (2/28/25) regular meeting agenda, as presented.**
Moved by: Ramirez
Seconded by: Santamaria
Approved: 6/0/0
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *At this time the council will review the minutes of the previous meeting(s) and make any appropriate corrections.*
- A. Minutes of the 2-14-25 of Campus Engagement Council meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of 2-14-25 regular Campus Engagement Council meeting, as presented.**
Moved by: Miranda
Seconded by: Sanchez
Approved: 6/0/0
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - *At this time, members of the council may choose to share brief announcements related to topics on the agenda or previously discussed at an official meeting.*
- Partida: Had a conversation with David about SOEAF funding that his fraternity could acquire the funding.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** - *At this time, members of the public may address the council related to items listed on the agenda. Limited to three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for the entire topic.*

VII. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Update and vision for a potential PROM (Sanchez)

- **Sanchez:** met with Ross and Wright to discuss extending the planning timeline for the prom, potentially postponing it to the next semester or a later date.
- **Santamaria:** mentioned that other prom events, such as the International Student Prom and the Queer Prom, are already being organized, and the committee could consider attending these in support.
- **Partida:** agreed, suggesting that participation in these events could foster community engagement.
- **Wright:** emphasized that although the prom cannot take place this semester, the idea can be carried forward by the next committee.
- **Partida:** noted the importance of ongoing discussions and inquiries about event planning.
- **Love:** highlighted the need for a budget plan and reservation strategy, suggesting that a spring semester prom would be a great option.
- **Wright:** encouraged the committee to attend the upcoming proms as a group.

B. Discussion Item: Civic Engagement Event, Student Town Hall, Choose Chico

- **Partida:**
 - has been selected as a panelist for an upcoming Civic Engagement Panel.
 - Student Town Hall:
 - Open to all students on Tuesday, the 4th, at 3:30 PM in BMU 203.
 - The university president and his cabinet will be in attendance.
 - Free burritos will be provided.
- Choose Chico on Saturday:
 - All are encouraged to attend and participate.
- Ibarra shared that farm tours will be available from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

C. Discussion Item: Role assignments for Mental Health Workshop

- **Partida** met with Ibarra to discuss the planning and structure of the event.
- **Ibarra** shared that the meeting was productive and encouraged the committee to discuss the event in detail to determine its direction.
- **Partida** outlined the initial agenda, with details as follows:
 - **Date:** TBD
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - **Locations:** The Well, the WREC, and the Auditorium
 - **Target Audience:** Men/male students
 - **Facilitators:** Nu Alpha Kappa (NAT), assisted by the Campus Engagement Council
 - **Goals:** To improve men's mental health and promote open conversations on the topic.
- **Miranda** asked whether facilitators would receive guidance on what to say or how the sessions would be structured.
- **Partida** encouraged speakers to share personal experiences when discussing mental health topics.
- **Ibarra** suggested that, depending on the number of attendees, the group could be divided into smaller, more personal discussions between students and faculty.

- **Partida** proposed incorporating women from the committee into portions of the workshop, as their perspectives could be valuable in fostering more inclusive discussions.
- **Santamaria** agreed, stating that having women present could help break the stigma surrounding men's mental health.
- **Dr. Cortez** emphasized the importance of making the event holistic and inclusive, suggesting it be open to all students rather than exclusively for men.
- **Ibarra** proposed inviting a WREC representative to speak on exercise and mental health benefits.

- **Ross** suggested including an introduction to the gym and workout guidance.
- **Sanchez** mentioned that her roommate, **Patrick**, would be a great speaker for this topic.
- **Santamaria** recommended involving on-campus therapists.
- **Dr. Cortez** suggested reaching out to Jessie Ramirez or Alva De La Torre-Peña as potential speakers.
- **Miranda** expressed concerns about presenting without professional expertise.
- **Ibarra** clarified that Miranda and Santamaria's names are placeholders and that they could help identify more qualified speakers or resources.
- **Partida** reassured them that they do not need to be experts to contribute—being students and men gives them valuable perspectives. He suggested finding a mentor or coach to guide them if they choose to participate.

- **Ross** reminded the committee that student organizations can apply for SOEAF funds and reserve BMU spaces free of charge for events.
- **Ross** asked whether attendees could come and go freely during the event, considering students' busy schedules.
 - Partida confirmed that it would be a walk-in, walk-out event.
 - Love suggested including this detail in the marketing materials to make it clear that students do not have to commit to the full event.
- **Ross** mentioned that the Men of Chico class (Tue/Thu) could potentially attend the event as part of their class schedule.
- **Partida** shared that there will be a closing activity, including a basketball game with Chris Sullivan or a swimming session with Paul Miranda.
- **Wright** emphasized the need to coordinate with professionals' schedules to ensure their availability for the event.
- **Miranda** suggested expanding advertising beyond the Men of Chico class to reach a broader audience and maximize impact.
- **Partida** clarified that while the primary target is men of Chico, the event is open to all students.
- **Love** proposed collaborating with University Housing to advertise the event to students living on campus.
- **Partida** agreed to incorporate general marketing strategies while maintaining a primary focus on men of Chico.
- **Love** suggested using word-of-mouth marketing by talking about the event in classes and possibly presenting it in lectures.
 - **Partida** supported this idea, emphasizing that personal recommendations are highly effective.
- **Ibarra** noted that the Men of Chico class only lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes, which may be a constraint in scheduling.
- **Santamaria** suggested incorporating anonymous sticky notes where attendees could write questions anonymously to encourage participation.

- **Ross** supported the idea, noting that people tend to be more honest when asking anonymous questions.
- **Ross** also suggested getting journals from WREC Sports for participants.
- **Love** mentioned having access to additional journals from AS that could be provided.
- **Partida** announced plans to cancel the Friday meeting before spring break but will instead hold one-on-one meetings with each committee member to gather their input.
- **Partida** will work on a final draft of the event plan and send it out over the weekend.

D. Chair Report:

Partida:

- Will attend Choose Chico tomorrow.
- Attended the TRIO Post-Grad Life Panel—found it highly informative.
- Encouraged everyone to attend the Student Town Hall on Tuesday.
- Welcomed members to attend GAC (Government Affairs Council) meetings.
- Plans to meet with the Nu Alpha Kappa (NAT) President.

E. Members Reports:

- **Ramirez** shared that his fraternity discussed the Mental Health Workshop during their chapter meeting on Tuesday and is willing to support the event.
 - He also announced a fundraiser scheduled for tomorrow, March 1, 2025.

F. Staff Reports:

Ross:

- Passed out flyers for upcoming events, including Día de Familia, Wildcat Fanatics, and the Men's Rugby match against San Jose State.
- Shared that 968 people attended the Basketball Game Champions in Unity event, highlighting a renewed sense of school spirit and student engagement on campus.
- Announced that the Men's and Women's Basketball teams are heading to the NCAA Tournament, with plans for a sendoff event to cheer them on.
- March 9th: A watch party for the Selection Show may be hosted at Woodstock's or The Bear—details pending.
- Mentioned being a Free Speech Coordinator, along with Dr. Cortez. Their role involves monitoring campus events to ensure everyone's rights are protected and educating students on free speech laws.

Dr. Cortez:

- Expressed appreciation for student leaders and their involvement in campus engagement.
- Encouraged students to stay engaged and take action to improve the campus environment.
- Committed to establishing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Center and is working with PATH Scholars to secure a designated space for them on campus.

Wright:

- Students running for office will be announced soon, with an official announcement scheduled for Thursday.

- Noted that there is a record number of students interested in running for positions in Government Affairs.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - *At this time, members of the **council** may choose to share news or announcements not related to items on the agenda.*

- **The meeting on the 03/14/2025 is cancelled and rescheduled to 3/7/2025**
- **Come to choose chico**

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – *At this time, members of the **public** may address the council on any topic. Limited to three minutes per speaker, nine minutes for entire topic.*

X. ADJOURNMENT

- 3:05 pm