



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SUSTAINABILITY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

This meeting is being facilitated both in-person and via an online Zoom format.

Friday, April 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. BMU 204

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 0430 2726
Password: 081832

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- 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 and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that once sustained the Mechoopda people for centuries."*
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of the 4/19/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 4/19/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 3/29/24 regular meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 3/29/24 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 2-3).**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- VII. BUSINESS ITEM**
 - A. Discussion Item: Earth Day
 - B. Discussion Item: Power Usage on Campus – Strategic Energy Plan
 - C. Discussion Item: Food Handling AS Dining Services
 - D. Chair Report.
 - E. Member Reports.
 - F. Staff Reports.
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IX. PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- X. ADJOURNMENT**



MEETING MINUTES

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Friday, March 29, 2024
11:00 a.m. BMU 204

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- XI. CALL TO ORDER-** Thungapati called the meeting to order at 11:02
- XII. 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 and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that once sustained the Mechoopda people for centuries."*
- XIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of the 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented. (Vobbilisetti/Madan) 4-0-0**
- XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 3/8/24 regular meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 3/8/24 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 2-3). (Madan/Vobbilisetti) 4-0-0**
- XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS-** None
- XVI. PUBLIC OPINION –** Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic. - None
- XVII. BUSINESS ITEM**
 - G. Discussion Item: Earth Day—Celebrating the Earth festival on April 22nd in the Trinity Lawn. The plan stays the same. Live music is in Trinity Hall, and elementary children are brought in to witness and enjoy the celebrations; along with 18 local companies from Chico. The local companies would be tabling and be part of the panel discussions. Thungapati asked if there are any specific questions or ideas the council has for the panel discussions as she will be addressing it on the day of celebrations. She added to see if anyone is interested to be part of the tabling for the SAC (Sustainability Affairs Council). During the tabling we want to showcase what we do for Sustainability on the campus. Leach said that the Green Campus has already signed up and are in conversations to be part of the tabling event. Chambers talks about a new program called "Adventure Outings," which will be tabling as well and shares that it is an excellent opportunity for students to participate in Sustainability. Thungapati further added that she will hold this as a discussion item for the next council meetings if there are any new updates she will get to hear.
 - H. Discussion Item: International Festival- Working to organize the international festival, and as of now it is tentatively scheduled to May 4th from 11-2. Before the spring break, the Student Leadership Organization has shared a form to all the student organizations to see who are interested in the international festival. Based on the responses some student organizations want to perform, some

want to sell food, and some want to just table. We want the ones who want to sell food to use the Marketplace kitchen and the Trinity Lawn for performances. For the ones who want to perform, we recommend not using Dollar Tree or products like that and instead opting for sustainable, compostable products. Thungapati said one issue noticed in the past was, students not using the allocated bins for the disposing the waste/ garbage. She brought up an idea to ensuring there are enough labels and instructions on where to put your trash. Akula stated about the garbage and how it can sometimes overflow, so getting a more significant or separate garbage can help. Thungapati adds on this to ensure having more trash cans around the event so that the trash is disposed in them and not in any other trash cans that exit across the campus. Madan says we can help reduce food wastage. Thungapati mentioned that we could use Cats Connect to RSVP to people who want to come so we have an accurate account of who is coming, and this can help reduce food wastage. For leftover food, Yash says we can give it to the food pantry or people in need. Sruthi thinks we can put it in the library. The Chamber adds that a text notification is sent if there is left over food at events.

- I. Discussion Item: Power Usage on Campus – Strategic Energy Plan - During the first meeting, we identified some ideas on campus, mainly the energy plan. If we can build on the recommendations for less power usage, Thungapati wants to make a document about it and present it at the GAC. Yash says that we can conserve energy if we turn off the lights at night when no one is there. Sruthi thinks it would be too scary and dangerous to leave the lights off for students at night. Thungapati said that we could be sensors in each room for the lights. Jones says there should be signs in study rooms or computers saying to turn off the lights and computers when not in use. Leach says there are quite a few buildings where we could have sensors, but there were sensors on the lights before, but they got to be too old and run down. Also, there can be sensors on lights in main entryways where it can be put to half-light instead of whole light. Thungapati says she has noticed how computers in the Library and O'Connell are left on throughout. Leach says that IT could spend time on computers so that they can automatically be put to sleep if they are not being used. Thungapati agrees on this, however, also suggests educating people about it and turning it off completely would help save more energy. She says, she will document all the issues identified, and the recommendations we have discussed to present it to the higher authorities and see if they can consider and make some progress towards this (especially ensuring that sensors are in good working order).
- J. Chair Report. -Thungapati says that there is a volunteer opportunity on Monday, Cats in the Community and asks people students to take part and volunteer in various activities happening on campus. She also mentions about, the Election Day and making sure to cast your vote for the students coming up on April 4th.
- K. Member Reports. - None.
- L. Staff Reports. – Lexi reminds about the Election Day and to make sure everyone cast their votes that will be sent through a ballot paper on every chico state email early at 8am on April 4th. Leach talks about a student green campus working on a project. Thungapati says Shar is not in the meeting today but will bring updates to our next meeting on Earth Day and International Festival.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

XIX. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic. - None

XX. ADJOURNMENT- Thungapati adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.