



MEETING MINUTES

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SUSTAINABILITY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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

Friday, February 23, 2024
11:00 a.m. BMU 221 (Fishbowl)

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 0430 2726
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Shar Krater, Colin, Brooke, Autumn, Jillian Leach, Eliza Miller

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Thungapati called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.
- 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 2/23/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2/23/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Jones/Madan) 5-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes to present.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Sustainability Affairs Council Meetings for the spring semester of Academic Year 2023-24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Sustainability Affairs Council Meetings for the spring semester of Academic Year 2023-24, as biweekly Friday 11 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. in BMU 204, unless otherwise stated (Jones/Madan) 5-0-0 MSC.**
 - B. Discussion Item: Introduction of the Council Members - Thungapati introduced herself to the committee. The committee went around and introduced themselves. Colin introduced himself as the Chair of the AS sustainability core value committee.
 - C. Discussion Item: Review of the Government Affairs Committee and Sustainability Affairs Council Mission. – Thungapati said that they will review sustainable practices that are currently being used on campus. She gave an example that the the OZZI boxes are an example of GA using the sustainability committee's recommended practices.

- D. Discussion Item: Appointment of Sustainability Affairs Council Vice Chair. - Thungapati stated that every member expressed that they would be interested in being the vice-chair of the committee. They would be taking the meeting minutes. Those still interested in being the vice chair raised their hands. They will address this at the next meeting.
- E. Discussion Item: Sustainability Affairs Council Brainstorming – How can the AS Reduce Their Impact on the Environment? Thungapati said that she sent out a Google form asking students to help her identify issues on campus that their committee can discuss. Jones said that she would like to see professors stop using so much paper for assignments in the classroom. Vobbilisetti said that she noticed in dining that they have been dumping a lot of room at the end of the shift. Akula said that when they complete classes, the lights and such all stay on and she believes that's a huge waste of energy on campus. She would like to see a timer system that powers them down after a specified time. Thungapati said that the shift starts early in the math departments she has noticed that the computers are already on when she gets in. She would like to brainstorm future ways to address this. Sruthi said that she likes the idea of distributing the extra food for dining to the homeless or to students studying in the library. Thungapati said that she has also noticed the waste and that a lot of it goes to compost. Miguel said that to reduce paper waste for students, he has noticed that there are a multitude of ways to help people transition to online formats (apps and ai). Sruthi said that they dump coffee at the end of the shift in dining. Colin said that the core values committee he chairs took feedback from all professional staff in the AS to help identify problems. He said they are tackling educational resources for career staff to better practice sustainability in and out of home. They are also working with the print shop to get Western coast manufactured paper that is recycled. It looks like this is something that will be used across campus. Krater introduced herself to the team, and said they are looking to hire a new Sustainability Coordinator to the team. They are implementing reusable cups, the Ozzi containers and marketing needs to continue reminding students of those options. She said they also consider this when ordering swag as well. Thungapati said that she noticed that students take the Ozzi boxes home; she would like to see changes that you need to turn in the Ozzi boxes before they can get their meal. Krater said that dining did a campaign asking to "fork it over" and asking students to return them. She will find out how it will work in the future; she suggests laminated pictures and reeducating students over and over may help. Thungapati said that she appreciates all for the brainstorming idea and would love to help narrow them down in the future.
- F. Chair Report. Thungapati thanked all for being here and noted that we are at quorum, so she thanks all for attending. She is sending out an invitation to anyone else that is interested in joining the council for the future. Please send those interested her way. February 27th at 8am they have a creek cleanup happening.
- G. Member Reports. None.
- H. Staff Reports. Krater stated that the river is flowing high, so it brings a lot of garbage downstream. They have equipment for the students. They will meet at 10am and cleanup will be at noon. March 26th and April 16th will be the last ones. She is working with adventure outings to use their paddleboards to get deeper areas. Monday April 22nd is earth day. They will have an International Festival as well; they have a sustainable waste station they will utilize. Leach said she is looking forward to that. She touched on a waste audit that is happening mid-March and they are taking 3 buildings and dissecting the trash to see how much recyclable materials are being thrown away. They will have a tent up at SSC. She said they would love to have assistance so please let her know if anyone is interested.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Thungapati said she would like everyone to communicate if they are unable to attend future meetings.

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

X. **ADJOURNMENT**- Thungapati adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.