



STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025 10:00 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Chase Weiland (Vice Chair), Miguel Sueki (President Designee), Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Ellie Ertle, Stephanie Duarte-Amezcuca, Pushpak Rane, Mary Cox.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Kureha Takayama (excused), Michael Coons (excused).

OTHERS PRESENT – Luke Bagwell (Recording), Kendra Wright, Eliza Miller, Brooke McCall, Mahalley Allen, and David Kentiner.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Weiland, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/16/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/16/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Johnson/Marin) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/2/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/2/25 regular meeting, as presented (Sunderman/Marin) 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
None.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meeting for Academic Year 2025/26, as presented. **Action Requested: Motion to Approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the Academic year 2025-26, as presented. (Sunderman/Johnson) 7-0-0 MSC.**

Miguel Sueki arrived at 10:14 a.m.

- B. Information Item: Presentation on the Implementation for the Course Auditor System.

David Kentiner presented Information Item B. Kentiner explained that Course Auditor tracks financial aid compliance. This process ensures there is an efficient use of these financial aid dollars. This also helps ensure you graduate faster because it restricts funding for courses that do not apply to your degree path. This process is only applicable for those who receive financial aid. This will roll out in the Spring 2026 semester.

- C. Information Item: Strategies to Gather Student Feedback on General Education.
Ertle asked the Student Academic Senate what the best ways to get student feedback regarding general education.

Sunderman had conversations with HFA administrators regarding this topic and determined it would be of benefit if you communicate to the different departments within the different colleges, as it may come across as more applicable to whoever is administering the survey and whoever is taking the survey.

Sueki mentioned that student-to-student outreach would be more effective and may get better responses.

Cheung mentioned that incentives would also be an effective way to motivate people.

Marin mentioned that material incentives don't always provoke authentic results.

Sunderman mentioned the reason they were looking at going to departments is that certain departments have more online classes compared to others.

Cheung mentioned that teachers often give extra credit as an incentive, and you should want a lot of responses, even if someone fills it out quickly.

Sueki mentioned that the formatting is very important, and suggested trying a sample group to initially test the efficacy and ease of the survey.

Ertle expressed that they would love for us to go beyond surveys to look at these issues. She asked the question, "Are there other ways we should be gathering student impact?"

D. Information Item: Strategies to Gather Student Feedback on Mode of Instruction.

Ertle mentioned that this is essentially the same discussion as the above item (Business Item C).

Sunderman mentioned that what she shared in the curriculum advisory board was her true experience with online classes.

Cheung expressed that they enjoy online classes because they give students more autonomy and freedom, and some classes don't require you to be in person.

Johnson expressed that it's important to remember that everyone learns differently, and it's important to maintain options for students.

Motion to suspend the rules to move Business Item E to the next meeting. (Sueki/Sunderman) 8/0/0 MSC.

~~E. Information Item: Representation for Undeclared Students.~~

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Marin—Marin spoke to a person from the CARS department about how to get information to both students and faculty so that the faculty can help students be aware of student opportunities. Conducted a 1-on-1 meeting with SAS Chair Takayama, regarding the use of the senator budget and the different options they can pursue.

Humanities and Fine Arts, Sunderman—Sunderman reported that Wildcat Preview went very well and HFA had lots of traffic. She mentioned there will be a Jazz concert this Saturday, October 18. Finally, on Wednesday, October 22, there is a glass pumpkin sale hosted by the Glass Arts Club from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM on Trinity Lawn.

Business, Ly— Ly reported that the College of Business is planning to host a haunted house on the second floor of Glenn, October 30, at 5:00 PM (These are tentative details subject to change). At their last meeting, Dean Jeff Trailer had made mention of the closure of the IT Software Career Fair this semester. Ly later met with Art Cox after the ASFC meeting, and Cox had mentioned the potential for a career style mixer for ECC majors that will be ran in early to mid December.

Natural Sciences, Mann—Mann has been working on the November newsletter for the college. She has also scheduled a meeting with the interim dean and the club presidents to hopefully reinvigorate the club council talk for the College of Natural Sciences. Finally, she met with Kaylie from the Career Center to further the developments for our College Career Fair this upcoming year.

Communication and Education, Johnson-- Johnson mentioned that Wildcat Weekend was fantastic and that they have sent out the October newsletter and stated that they have been getting some good feedback. She

also highlighted that the CME student success center has been hosting grad checks all week so you can come to the office at any time and get some academic assistance. Johnson reported that her first CME committee meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 3:00 PM.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management, Cheung-- Cheung reported that he has begun attending committee meetings. Cheung also stated that later in the week they will be voting to disperse the IRA/SLF funds, which is around \$400,000 being dispersed among Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management clubs.

Agriculture, Weiland-- Weiland chose to skip this report and include it in the chair report for the sake of brevity.

AS President-designee Sueki -- Designee Sueki mentioned that the Presidents Town Hall is October 29, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. This event will provide students with the opportunity to engage with the AS President, Tia Saunders, and University President, Steve Perez.

Chair for the Academic Senate, Coons-- Vice Chair Weiland will also share this report on behalf of Michael Coons in his chair report.

Provost or designee, Ertle-- Designee Ertle reported that General education is going to be undergoing its 5 to 8 review, and will be looking at mode of instruction across campus.

Chair, Weiland -- Vice Chair Weiland reported that the College of Ag has sent out their eighth newsletter this week, and two weeks ago they held their ICC meeting with all of the clubs. Weiland shared that Wildcat Preview had lots of involvement from the college of Ag, with about 30 Ag ambassadors in attendance. Weiland also stated that he was able to give Farm Tours for Wildcat Preview and also to delegates from China, to show what the Chico State College of Agriculture has to offer, and on Thursday, October 23, the Farm Store is having its Grand Opening from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Chair Takayama requested that all senators that are completing newsletters, to please send them to her also so that she can stay up to date. As for the Academic Senate report, Academic Senate Chair Coons shared his report with Vice Chair Weiland and included that tonight (October 16), they will be moving forward with the faculty constitution and the rewriting discussion. Coons also wanted to share that they will be discussing actual amendments to the Academic Senate.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Cox shared that the Neuro Diversity Ally Training is October 29. Registration for the training is required in order to participate, and she can send the members of this committee the link.

Marin shared that Make a Difference Day is next weekend, and she encourages all officers to attend.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

McCall thanked the committee for representing your roles so well at Wildcat Preview, and shared that the event was a wild success. McCall also said, this year at Make A Difference Day there are several teams that you can participate with, and she encourages you to bring folks in from your own circles as well!

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Weiland, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.