



STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama (Chair), Miguel Sueki (President Designee), Chase Weiland, Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Michael Coons, Ellie Ertle, Stephanie Duarte-Amezcu

MEMBERS ABSENT – Mary Cox

OTHERS PRESENT – Luke Bagwell (Recording), Kendra Wright, Eliza Miller, Brooke McCall, Rosemary White, Jason Nice, Mahalley Allen, Jeff Trailer.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/2/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/2/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Weiland/Johnson) 9-0-0 MSC.**

Madi Sunderman entered the room at 10:08am

- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 9/12/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/12/25 regular meeting, as presented (Sueki/Ly) 9-0-1 chair academic senate abstained MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

Chair Takayama – Noted that the meeting will be stopped at 10:50 am to accommodate member schedules.

- 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 Meetings for the Academic Year 2025/26. **on Requested: Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26, as presented. (Sueki/Weiland) 10/0/0 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: Graduate Education and Representation at Chico State

Rosemary White presented information on the structure of graduate studies and the role graduate studies plays at Chico State. CSUC includes 1200 plus graduate students, 30 plus diverse programs, all of which have 100 percent distinct needs. Some key differences between undergrad and graduate students include the governance structure, stricter academic standards, culminating requirements, and life circumstances. Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is the official voice of graduate students. White also expressed why SAS should maintain a

connection with COGS, including the argument that the relationships helps collaborate and coordinate between grad students and undergrad students, as SAS serves both.

C. Information Item: Next steps for College of Business

Jeff Trailer (Interim Dean of The College of Business): The Entrepreneurship Center was not shut down. It would have had to go through an arduous process in order to be completely removed and shut down. The class 489 B still exists, and it will be offered in spring 2026. Whether or not a class is offered depends on several factors, but it is a very difficult task to remove a program.

Sueki asked why he was getting questions about the class and the center being taken away.

Trailer mentioned that he does not know why the students believe the program and class have been cancelled. The class was not offered in Fall 2025 because it had under 3 students enrolled. It was also explained how enrollment actually dictates whether or not a class will be offered any given semester. Low enrollment means less funding for the costs of hosting a class.

Ly stated that one of the pros of the class was the fact that there was a low number of students involved in the course, which led to a higher quality of attention from the instructor. Ly asked Trailer if he thought that 489 B would be closer to the Student to Faculty Ratio (SFR) of 20 when it is offered again in the Spring?

Trailer responded that it is hard to tell at this point, but any class with only one section gets more difficult to offer the further away it recedes from that SFR of 20.

Cheung stated that students are confused about why the previous director is being replaced.

Trailer responded that a lot of the decision has to do with the budget crisis that the college is in, and the guidelines that are set forth by the faculty union.

Cheung asked how they could hire a new director if money was the problem?

Trailer responded that the previous Director was hired during a time when the college was not in a budget crisis and was being funded in a way that was not sustainable. The new Director is being funded in a much more sustainable way.

Wright stated that she wanted to give credit to the student academic senate members for their proactive response to student concerns so early in the semester. Wright also inquired about who the student reps could go to with further questions regarding this topic and Jeff Trailer responded that they can send him an email.

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Marin stated that the BSS has started its monthly newsletter. The dean of BSS would like all the senators to send a survey to all the students to determine course scheduling.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Sunderman has had a very interesting month celebrating Spanish Heritage Month. The Janet Turner Print Museum opened up a new exhibit that will be on display until December. The two academic senators, Nice and Jackson, are coming together to discuss AI and policy surrounding it.

Business – Ly stated CFE is back open on the second floor of Glenn. He asked some of the student workers how they feel about the current situation, and the students expressed their faith in the new leadership for CFE. Wildcat preview day is on October 11. He wanted to collaborate with the College of Business social media to highlight club leadership in their college.

Natural Sciences – Mann has made the first newsletter for the college. Has been attending club meetings from the clubs in my college to gain student input on various topics. Will be meeting with the dean of the college to discuss goals for the year very soon. Will be meeting with Katy from the career center for a potential career fair in Spring 2026.

Communication and Education – Johnson has been working on filling the spots on their committee. Looking to plan an event in November or December. Will be attending Wildcat Welcome Days. Will be sitting on the RTAC committee.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management Cheung heard news that the career center staff was cut in half, which caused the Software IT Career Fair to be canceled. Met with Art Cox, where we discussed how we can work together to amplify the student voice.

Agriculture – Weiland sent out our 6th weekly newsletter. Ag Education and learning center has a grand opening on October 23, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm! Currently planning our College of Ag career fair. Also planning Winter Social. The Academic Senate is discussing changing the faculty constitution.

AS President-designee Sueki- President Saunders called for the use of shared governance among students and faculty regarding the use of AI.

*** Members Ysabella Marin & Madi Sunderman exited the meeting at 10:50 am.

Chair for the Academic Senate—Goal this year as the Chair is to dissolve many of the committees we have on campus to make our work much more sustainable over time. University Budget Committee is now open to the campus community. UBC will be held on October 13th at 3:00 pm.

Provost or designee – Curriculum advisory board is also discussing mode of instruction and AI. Reach out if you're interested in being a part of the conversation.

Chair- Politely requested everyone to be here on time for the sake of our short and strict meeting schedule.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

Nice stated they are advocating for shared decision-making between faculty and students, specifically regarding AI.

McCall expressed the importance of connecting with students and prospective students! In particular, Choose Chico and Chico Preview.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kureha, adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.