

# STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

**Thursday, February 13, 2026 1:00 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Kureha Takayama (chair), Chase Weiland (online), Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Michael Coons, Emily Riera, Pushpak Rane, Ellie Ertle.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Tia Saunders, Pablo Soto, Mary Cox.

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Adin White, Sarah Lanum.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/13/26 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 2/13/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Ly/Sunderman)**  
Weiland-yea, Marin-yea, Ly-yea, Johnson-yea, Cheung-yea, Sunderman-yea, Mann-yea, Coons-abstain, Ertle-yea. **8-0-1 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 1/30/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 1/30/25 regular meeting, as presented (Sunderman/Cheung)**  
Weiland-yea, Marin-yea, Ly-yea, Johnson-yea, Cheung-yea, Sunderman-yea, Mann-yea, Coons-abstain, Ertle-yea. **8-0-1 MSC.**

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

Takayama introduced Representative from Council of Graduate Students, Emily Riera, and the Representative from First Year Experience, Pushpak Rane.

- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic –

None.

VII. **BUSINESS**

- A. **Discussion Item:** Continued Review of the Student Academic Senate Code

Takayama resumed the review of the student academic senate code. Next meeting the updated Student Academic Senate code will be proposed.

**B. Information Item: Student Advocacy Proposal on Full-Semester Access to Course Materials**

A majority of the Senators shared the feeling that unlocking all material and modules in asynchronous courses at the beginning of the semester could potentially lead to an influx in the use of AI to aid in the completion of course material. It was also shared that faculty often pace their courses deliberately, to ensure students are allocating an appropriate amount of time to each module and its materials.

Senator Cheung shared how unlocked courses offer more flexibility and freedom to students who require it throughout the semester, thus providing more access to students.

Coons and Ertle shared that the enforcement of such a policy is an interesting conversation as faculty often have great discretion when it comes to their courses. It was also mentioned that students could raise these concerns to their professors directly if they feel strongly about unlocked courses, as policy enforcement may be challenging to uphold.

**VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –**

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Marin reported that she had her check in with the dean and spoke about her duties and codes and how she is going to use her budget. She intends to support the BSS research symposium with her budget.

Business – Ly reported that the guest speaker event was a huge success. He is working toward fostering a relationship between companies and students at Chico State.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Sunderman reported that she will be meeting with her dean next week. She has determined that she will be spending budget on the HFA Meriam Park Barn event. She also shared the Senior Showcase happening for the seniors of the theater department. Finally, she shared about the Hearne collection displayed in Arts 121, and the Janet Turner Print museum have exhibits right now until March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Natural Sciences – Mann reported that she sent out her newsletter for February. She also had their club council meeting where they planned for the softball tournament. She expressed the desire to host an all-clubs event which will be highlighted in the March newsletter.

Communication and Education – Johnson reported that she met with her dean on Tuesday and is still working on the pathways panel event. She is also working on prepping the CME professor award.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – Cheung reported that he met with his dean last Thursday, and covered problems and goals. Cheung shared that students have been struggling to manage coursework and maintain a life outside of

school and he shared that in the meeting. He also shared that he intends to be more present on the social media page.

Agriculture – Weiland reported that they had the last ICC meeting where we met with all the College of Ag clubs. He also shared that May 1 there will be a student research event, and this past week had ag ambassadors. Finally, he will be meeting with the dean this upcoming week.

AS President – Absent.

Provost or designee – Ertle expressed thanks for the discussion regarding representation of the undeclared student population. She also shared they have a new strategic enrollment management plan that focusses on getting students to go to Chico State and keeping them here, which included building out a more robust online degree program at Chico State. She also spoke about the transfer in place program which would allow students to remain in one location, and the faculty from Chico State actually travel to the institution the student is at. She also shared that they are looking at how to increase support and access to the nursing program. Ertle and her team are working on connecting with the high school population in an attempt to make the transition into the University an experience that sets them up for success. Lastly, she shared that the Provost is hosting a town hall on the February 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Colusa Hall.

Academic Senate Chair – Coons mentioned that at their last Academic Senate meeting they discussed changes to the faculty policy manual and a suggested change to the bylaws with regard to resolutions which would mandate that resolutions be presented at least 2 days before the voting meeting in order to be voted upon. He shared they will be inquiring to the AS regarding Academic Senate as part of a large review to make sure member attendance for respective meetings is relevant or not anymore.

Chair – Takayama reported that she joined Academic Senate for the first time this semester which she has found to be a great experience and she appreciates the ability to report to the senate what business SAS and the AS at large have been up to. She also shared that five Government Affairs students will be attending CHESS. Lastly, she gave a reminder that AS elections are coming up.

#### **IX. REPORTS: NON-VOTING MEMBERS --**

Student Representative appointed by the Director of Social Justice and Equity -- None

Student Representative from or appointed by the Council of Graduate Students -- None.

Student Representative from First Year Experience or adjacent programs – None.

Student Representative from the University Honors Program in General Education – None.

Staff or student representative from Academic Advising Programs -- None

Staff or student representative from the Accessibility Resource Center -- None

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Ly announced that he is pushing for an increase in social media posts to promote club engagement.

**XI. PUBLIC OPINION –** None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** The Chair, Takayama, adjourned the meeting at 2:04 PM.