

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Thursday, February 27, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama (chair), Chase Weiland (recording), Ysabella Marin, Madi Sunderman, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Andrew Ly, Kesar Mann (online), Michael Coons, Ellie Ertle (online), Mary Cox (online), Tia Saunders, Pushpak Rane, Caleigh Werblow, Emily Riera,

MEMBERS ABSENT – Pablo Soto, Amari May

OTHERS PRESENT –Kendra Wright, Richard Carrillo (online), Adin White, Parker Pedone, Shawn Brackett, Sandra Jauregui, Mathew Nyby, Ashley Kaplan

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 2/27/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sunderman/Marin)** Saunders- yea, Weiland-yea, Marin-yea, Ly-yea, Johnson-yea, Cheung-yea, Sunderman-yea, Mann-yea, Coons-abstain, Ertle-yea. **9-0-1 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/13/26 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/13/26 regular meeting, as presented (Johnson/Sunderman)** Saunders-abstain, Weiland-yea, Marin-yea, Ly-yea, Johnson-yea, Cheung-yea, Sunderman-yea, Mann-yea, Coons-abstain, Ertle-yea. **8-0-2 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Kureha shared that Caleigh will be representing as a nonvoting member for the honors program. Senator Mann shared that their club council will have their first event, Natural Sciences Kahoot Event on Tuesday next week.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

VII. BUSINESS

A. **Information Item:** Presentation - Update on Degree Planner and MAPS

Presentation by Shawn Brackett, senior coordinator for advising and student success in college of CME, Sandra Jauregui, college advising lead for ECC, and Matt Nyby, who works in degree audit programming under the Office of the Registrar. They introduced the degree planner system, to recognize the features of the system, introduce them to SAS, and answer questions. Further they wanted to gain feedback on Degree Planner, after recent development in the system. They went over using the ROAR feature for course selection, planning, enrollment, which can be found on left of the menu items. Further they showed the degree planner features for general education-upper division pathway, planning out course work, Quick view of GPA, classes left, in progress, and viewing past course work.

Senator Ly left the room at 1:27 PM

Presentation ended and discussion began on MAPS begins. They shared that this is a starting point, but changes based on your experiences. Validated that it is normal for students to not start on MAPS immediately. Council of Graduate Students Representative, Emily asked if there was a version of this program that Graduate Students could utilize. Matt Nyby shared that a test group has started a possible version, but it will continue to be a partnership with advisors. Senator Cheung

gave feedback on making tutorial videos. AS President Saunders asked about the training advisors receive regarding this system and learned that part of the update to training material is to help advisors, and offer training so advisors feel more comfortable.

Senator Sunderman left the room at 1:35 PM

Tia shared that she would like to see this become mandatory part of becoming advisors, and senator Cheung agrees. Sandra Jauregui posed the question of where to have flow charts or videos, to which Tia suggested- pop up on canvas, and another in the portal would make it easily accessible to students. Senator Marin asked if they would like senators to share these with our colleges, and what is the best way to do so. It was shared that the previously sent out link could be sent out to all students. Chair Takayama shared that some senators share weekly or monthly newsletters to colleges, and that they could share it in those. Shawn Brackett shared that Ashley Kaplan is taking notes on all feedback. Senator Cheung suggested to put the tutorials by the path actions area in the student center. Matt Nyby shared that some things are vendor specific, some have rules or regulations, that make it more complicated.

Senator Sunderman returned at 1:41 PM

Chair Takayama shared her experience as an ECC student and her appreciation for flow chart or MAPS and requested to see that in the degree planner. Sandra Jauregui shared that degree planner is to mimic that in a more list-like way that is interactive and personalized. Mary Cox left zoom at 1:43. After Coons requested further clarification on if that map could be populated, it was shared that they use the flow chart to program the degree planner, so it is there in a different way. Chair Takayama further shares that while she is not really following it, because of previously taken courses, she appreciates the visual aid of seeing the order of classes and noticed that not all colleges send them out. Matt Nyby shared it would be beneficial to use that for the prerequisite side of course order. Chair Takayama reminded members to take the link and survey.

Andrew Ly reentered the room 1:47. Shawn Brackett shared that Degree planner is just a resource, that students should play with, and use as a tool, knowing that it won't make any permanent changes to their academic schedules. Senator Ly shared about his experience with workshops and suggest that degree planner could possibly use a visual aspect. He also asked if there was a possible way to build technology onto the current system. The response discussed that would be a decision campus does not have complete control over. They shared the focus of this is to help students know what they need to enroll in and get them to meet their graduation goals. Pushpak left the room at 1:52. Senator Sunderman shared her experience with the advising tool, that her friends did not understand it, but because she was able to play around with it, she found it beneficial but shared her disapproval that it does not work for master's students.

Chair Takayama wanted more clarification on what the degree planner looks like for undeclared students. Matt Nyby shared that General Education and all degree requirements- free electives, needed to graduate/get to 120 units, will be shown for them.

VIII. **REPORTS: MEMBERS –**

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Marin reported she has finished and is about to publish the March newsletter for BSS. She also shared she will be supporting BSS research Symposium, each week finding stuff to help with.

Business – Ly reported in his weekly meeting with the associate dean he was informed, the idea shared at the previous meeting does not align with College of Business social media policies. He would like to hear more from other senators about how colleges support their clubs, as he sees this as a current issue in his college. He would like to see more communication, and involvement to get student club voices heard.

Chair Takayama asked further clarification on the reason behind these issues. Senator Ly shared he tried to utilize the social media for outreach of club events for the semester, while unable to do it on College of Business Platforms, he will still support promotion in alternative methods. He would like to see College of business provide further support but understands policies.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Sunderman reported she met with her dean and associate dean, talked about what would spend funding for throughout the semester, no big events planned currently.

Natural Sciences – Mann reported she finished her March newsletter and will be sending it to faculty, staff, and students. Natural Science club council will be discussing the softball tournament planned for April. She also attended the Academic Integrity council meeting this morning.

Communication and Education – Johnson reported met with dean on Tuesday. CME is hosting a guest speaker distinguished alumni presentation, Joe Rothschild, a communication design alumnus who works as a virtual reality team lead at the CDC. The event will be in YOLO 217 from 2-3:15 PM. She is finalizing the date for the CME alumni dinner and information on the inspirational professor award.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – Cheung reported he got feedback on his survey questions and will be working on adjusting them before sending out the survey, with a Nintendo Switch as the incentive.

Agriculture – Weiland reported the successful completion of Chico State FFA Field day, with the support of College of Ag Faculty, Students, and Staff. Current efforts are working on the Excellence in Ag award ceremony and recognizing students in the college. Further, he is sending out his 7th Newsletter, and working on a resource email for students, that will be shared soon.

AS President – Saunders reported CSSA is currently against the proposed executive compensation usage of non-state dollars that will be going to university presidents, because it could be used to fund other areas. Several bills have passed that including ones on immigration enforcement on campus and American history classes. Saunders also shared that Chico and other Northern CSUs are part of a pilot program with Title IX. Further, several AS Government affairs team members will be attending CHESS in March to advocate at the Capitol for system-wide issues.

Provost or designee – Due to designee, Ellie Ertle, having to leave early, Vice Chair Weiland read out the report on her behalf, reporting that there will be a panel for book in common that is scheduled for March 2nd from 4 PM to 5 PM, Student research and creative summer grants applications are due March 27th, and the McNair scholarship has opened for students interested in graduate school. The provost will also be holding office hours Tuesday, March 3rd, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in Kendal 106 for interested students.

Academic Senate Chair – Coons reported bylaws change in resolution for Academic Senate, now agenda items must be sent to all senators at least two days prior.

Chair – Takayama reported a thank you to Student Academic Senate members for giving feedback and sharing information, and sharing she got the Idea from UNCC, and wanted to get student input. She also shared Luke is out of town, but started internal newsletter for government affairs, please share updates with him. Further reported if you would like items shared on the agenda, please share with Kureha, and reminded everyone to stay healthy!

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 –

Caleigh Werblow reported that t-shirt design contest for honors program ends tomorrow, they will be tabling at Choose Chico on March 7th and their director Jason nice will be speaking.

Staff or student representative from Academic Advising Programs -- None

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

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

XI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Parker Pedone wanted to share the request to increase transparency and suggested that the president dedicate a percentage of his new income to Chico State to increase student enrollment and favorability.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Takayama, adjourned the meeting at 2:12 PM.