

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Thursday, April 10, 2026 1:00 p.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama (chair), Tia Saunders, Chase Weiland, Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Michael Coons, Ellie Ertle, Pushpak Rane, Caleigh Werblow.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Amari May, Emily Riera, Pablo Soto, Mary Cox.

OTHERS PRESENT – Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Jordan Johnson (presenting).

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 4/10/26 regular meeting agenda.
Motion to approve the 4/10/26 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sunderman/Weiland) 7-0-1 MSC.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 3/27/26 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 3/27/26 regular meeting, as presented (Johnson/Sunderman) 7-0-1 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- VII. **BUSINESS-**

*** Madi Sunderman left the meeting at 1:05 PM.

A. Information Item: Support for Transfer Students

Jordan Johnson presented about Transfer Year Experience and what resources they offer students to help them through the transfer experience.

*** Madi Sunderman re-joined the meeting at 1:15 PM.

It was asked if TYE was available for all transfer students. Answer – Yes, it is open to all transfer students.

*** Ysabella Marin arrived at 1:21 PM.

B. Information Item: Budget Overview from the Senators and Director of Academic Affairs

All members shared what and where they are intending to spend their senator budget on.

Director Wright recommended that the senators use the shadow budget in their title accounts through Box to track where they are at budget wise.

VIII. REPORTS: VOTING MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Marin shared that she has been in communications with the Dean and his office so they can figure out everything they need to know about the BSS symposium.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Sunderman shared that they hosted the HFA Barn Event and the candy bar was very popular. She also shared that there will be a hike to Table Mountain that you must sign up for on April 19. Lastly, she shared the SpongeBob musical coming up at Laxson Auditorium April 30, May 1, May 2, and May 3.

Business – Ly shared that he has three more guest speakers on the way for his college. He has also been in communications with the incoming college of business senator.

Natural Sciences – Mann shared that the annual Natural Sciences Softball Tournament confirmed for April 18, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. She also attended the last club council meeting and will be sending emails to students to encourage them to take up vacant club positions.

Communication and Education – Johnson shared her event Advice and a Slice which was an event to inform students on career information. She also finished her transition document for the incoming senator.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – VACANT.

Agriculture – Weiland shared that the College of Ag is going to send out a survey that the Dean put together with the topic of belonging in Ag. He also mentioned there are farm tours on April 21, in collaboration with AS sustainability, and there is a form on cats connect to sign up for it. He also shared that their senior event is on the 23rd, and Ag excellence is on the 24th. Lastly he shared that the diversity officer search committee has kicked off and interviews will start soon.

AS President – Saunders shared herself and the Commissioner of Legislative Affairs will be going to CHESS this weekend. Gia will also be going to DC next week for CSU hill week.

Provost or designee – Ertle shared that they have identified outstanding student leaders-nominating them for the university wide award. She also shared that the office is still moving forward on the Chico State online initiatives, as is the transfer in place initiative. There is also an expansion of the nursing initiative going on because of the demand. She then shared more about the undeclared initiative where they enrolled undeclared students in University 120 which is a general education and social sciences course, they then collected data which determined the students in the University 120 course had a higher chance of staying through from the fall to the spring semester compared to undeclared students that weren't enrolled in the course. Lastly, she shared there is currently a search going on for a library dean.

Chair of Academic Senate – Coons stated that there will be updates to student rights and responsibilities. He also mentioned they closed nominations for officers on Academic Senate.

Chair- Takayama shared that during the April 8, BOD meeting, it was voted to remove senator for ECC, and today the new senator for the 26/27 team was announced as a result of the AS General Election. She also shared that the Student Academic Senate Code is on its way to GAC today and to BOD after that. UNCC is talking about movement from in person to online classes. Lastly, she shared her congratulations to the folks that won their elections on the AS Board.

IX. REPORTS: NON-VOTING MEMBERS -

A. Student Representative appointed by the Director of Social Justice and Equity: None

B. Student representative from or appointed by the Council of Graduate Students: None

C. Student representative from First Year Experience or adjacent programs: None

D. Student representative from the University Honors Program in General Education: None

E. Staff or student representative from Academic Advising Programs: None

F. Staff or student representative from the Accessibility Resource Center: None

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Marin shared that her club is doing a fundraiser called Ducky Derby where you can purchase a duck and race it down the creek and the funds will be donated to various organizations across Chico. She shared that you can purchase a duck for \$5.

Weiland shared that it would be nice to put something together for the new ECC senator considering they do not have a person transitioning them into the position.

XI. PUBLIC OPINION- None.

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