

**STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE**

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**Friday, April 22nd, 2022**

ZOOM Meeting ID: 862 5567 4398

**2:00 p.m. BMU 205**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** "We acknowledge and are mindful that Chico State stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, the Mechoopda, and we recognize their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land, the flora, the fauna, and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that since time immemorial have sustained the Mechoopda people and continue to do so today."
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of 4/22/22 regular meeting agenda.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 4/15/22 regular meeting.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- VII. **BUSINESS**
  - A. **Information item:** Update on 4/15/22 Resolution delivered to Chico State Academic Senate
    - a. Associated Students Report (attached, page 2)
    - b. Student Academic Senate Resolution on Academic Senate Representation (attached, page 3,4)
  - B. **Discussion item:** Amendment to SAS Duties: Appointment of CAB student at large, inclusion of other appointments and duties (attached, page 5)
    - a. <https://as.csuchico.edu/government-affairs/councils-committees>
  - C. **Discussion item:** Student representation on Commencement Policy Committee (attached, page 5)
    - a. **Commencement policy committee current membership:**  
<https://www.csuchico.edu/sen/university-committee-list/cc.shtml>
- VII. **REPORTS: MEMBERS**
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IX. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

# **California State University Chico**

## **Associated Students**

Academic Senate Report

April 21st, 2022

Associated Students elections have concluded, with new officers being introduced and positions transitioned on May 5th. Language amending the duties of Student Academic Senate to reflect an additional student appointee, as well as the addition of the Associated Students President to Curriculum Advisory Board is on the 4/22/22 agenda for SAS. On April 15th, Student Academic Senate passed a resolution regarding an increase of student representation on Chico State's Academic Senate, to be distributed to the Chico State Academic Senate Chair, President Hutchinson, and Chico State Campus faculty.

# **California State University Chico**

## **Student Academic Senate**

### **Student Academic Senate Resolution on Academic Senate Representation at California State University Chico April 15th, 2022**

**WHEREAS:** The Academic Senate is a deliberative body comprised of faculty, staff, administrators, and students that is guided by the principles of shared governance. Originally known as the Faculty Senate, the Academic Senate has existed on the CSU, Chico campus since 1955. Shared decision-making combined with collegiality among various university constituencies are essential for the success of the institution; and

**WHEREAS:** "The legislature recognizes that joint decision-making and consultation between administration and faculty or academic employees is the long-accepted manner of governing institutions of higher learning and is essential to the performance of the educational missions of such institutions and declares that it is the purpose of this act to both preserve and encourage that process..."; and

**WHEREAS:** The duties of the CSU Chico Academic Senate are to "formulate, recommend, review, and revise all academic, personnel, and professional policies, including fiscal policies related thereto, broadly, and liberally defined. In cases where the Faculty Personnel Policies and Procedures (FPPP) is considered, only faculty members can vote."

"To assure through well-established and well-defined channels of communication the maximum cooperation among all members of the university, in order that policy and administrative implementation shall be consonant."

"To present through proper channels to the Trustees of the California State University and/or the Statewide Academic Senate of the California State University any appropriate recommendations relating to, but not limited to, those policy matters enumerated in Article II, Section I of the Constitution of the Faculty of California State University, Chico. Such recommendations may ask for amendment to or the elimination of any law, code section, regulation, or policy when the faculty deems it to be in the general welfare of this, of any, or of all the campuses of the California State University"; and

**WHEREAS:** Student membership consists of President of the Associated Students and the Associated Students Director of University Affairs or their designees, voting. Two additional students selected by procedures determined by the Student Academic Senate of California State University, Chico, voting

**WHEREAS:** Faculty membership is comprised as follows from each college: "Divide 23 by the total number of the faculty electorate. For each College multiply this result by the full-time equivalent faculty positions. Each College shall be entitled to the number of members equal to the whole number part of this product. One additional member is allocated to the College(s) with the largest fractional part of this same product up to a total of 23 members with the exception that all College(s) shall have at least one elected member."

**RESOLVED:** The Student Academic Senate (SAS) of California State University, Chico recognizes the outstanding number of students representation allotted by the University Academic Senate, and in comparison

to other CSUs, shows a willingness to highlight student opinion in decisions regarding university matters. SAS as an elected representative body of students from the Colleges of:

- Agriculture
- Business
- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Communication and Education, Engineering
- Computer Science and Construction Management
- Humanities & Fine Arts
- Natural Sciences

And as such represents the interests, considerations, and experiences of students within those Colleges. It is the opinion of this body that implementation of increased representation through the addition of each of the elected Student Academic Senators or a designee chosen by the respective Senator to the University Academic Senate, to better represent the interests and goals of each of the respective Colleges, as is done with faculty electorates.

**RESOLVED:** That this resolution be distributed to:  
CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson,  
California State University Academic Senate Chair, Marianne Paiva  
California State University Academic Senate,  
and the CSU, Chico campus faculty.

## **Student Academic Senate Description**

**Student Academic Senate (SAS):** The Student Academic Senate represents the voice of the student body on academic affairs. SAS is chaired by the AS Director of University Affairs and is comprised of seven elected student senators representing each of the seven colleges within the University. Additionally, several students at large as well as faculty and staff advisors are invited to serve as voting or non-voting members. The Senate is responsible for representing the student voice on issues related to the curricular experience and creates a true link between the Associated Students and the seven University Colleges. Senators also serve on campus-wide committees and act as a liaison between students and college administrators to increase communication, interaction, and cooperation between administration, faculty, and the Associated Students. Meeting agendas are available online (add url?). For more information contact the chair at [as-universityaffairs@csuchico.edu](mailto:as-universityaffairs@csuchico.edu).

## **Commencement Policy Committee**

The Commencement Policy Committee will be composed of the Chair of the Commencement Policy Committee (marshal from prior year commencement chosen by the President), one faculty representative from each of the colleges chosen by the Dean of the College (Agriculture; Behavioral and Social Sciences; Business; Communication and Education; Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management; Humanities and Fine Arts; Natural Sciences), one representative from the Graduate Council, chosen by the Dean, and two student representatives chosen by the Associated Students. Term of appointment: one year, renewable.