

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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Friday, September 12, 2025

9:00 a.m., BMU 205

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MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama, Tia Saunders, Chase Weiland, Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Ellie Ertle

MEMBERS ABSENT – Michael Coons

OTHERS PRESENT – Mary Cox, Kendra Wright, Audrey Zelaya, Cherie Higgs, Sophia Giordano, Sirena Rios, Eva Shepherd-Nicole, Brad Ledford, Cassidy Corboline, Max Fitzpatrick, Eli Libby, Evan Swartz, Jole White, Kyle Nelson, Nestor Corvalo, James Mitchel, Lonny Grafman, Sarah Hominmenier, Grant Rooney, George Bell, Luke Thomas, Slade Brown, Allison.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 9:12am
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/12/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/12/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented. (Ly/Weiland) 9-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 5/1/2025 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 5/1/2025 regular meeting, as presented. (Ly/Mann) 9-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION:**

Shepherd-Nicole – Introduced herself as the most recent Director for Entrepreneurship & Lecture, and the Executive Director for Chico START. She has built programs including, but not limited to, the student lounge, paid internships, speaker series, advising services, received grants for \$16M, K-12 entrepreneur programs, and taught MGMT 489B. This class furnished 100% placement rate in programs upon completion. Her contract has not been renewed and the original donor would like it to be renewed. She is asking the Student Academic Senate to provide an endorsement of practicum to be hosted under Chico Start. Or, alternatively, for the Associated Students to host the internship.

Giordano – Chico State graduate stated he has never taken the class but sees value in it. He was able to graduate college with a small business in hand. Giordano chose Chico State because of classes like this and this opportunity is why students choose to go to Chico State.

Grafman – Currently teaching opportunities similar to MGMT489B at Cal Poly Humboldt and would like to offer strong support for the MGMT 489B class. This class has been a direct link between Chico and Humboldt, as well as with multiple additional institutions. This class is vital to the success of college students.

Ledford – Stated that the MGMT489B class has been successful. Ledford encourages the committee to support this class. As budgets tighten, this class should not be dropped.

Corvallo – Co-founder of Chico Sprouts. Through that class, he was taught all aspects of a start-up. He attributes this class to his successful business and have offered two internships as a result.

Libby – Chico State graduate who has started four different companies since Chico State graduation. He attributes his success to this program and there is no way this would be possible without this program. The real world experience is imperative for success.

Corboline – Chico State graduate, class of 2024. Since meeting Eva, she has engaged in entrepreneurial adventures launched through 489B. She has travelled to compete in competitions and attributes her success to this program. She would like to encourage the University to invest in Eva.

White – Is a Chico local business owner and uses this program to recruit and hire people. These skills cannot be replaced.

Nelson – Chico State graduate, class of 2012. He urges the University to reconsider the cuts. It's through this center that he has been successful because of this network. This makes Chico State unique. This program connects classwork learning to real world outcomes.

Swartz – Was a student in the inaugural MGMT489B class. This sets Chico State apart from other Universities and explained that this program set Chico State apart from other options that perspective students could peruse.

Hofheimer – Took this class in her final semester at Chico State and received valuable experience from it. Urges the University to not take it away.

Mitchell – Chico State graduate, class of 2021. This class has been a blessing to his life and stated that each person can benefit from having a sense of business. This class is very important and should not be removed.

Fitzpatrick – One of CEO club founding members and won an award through the program. This program changed his future. He found it to be an impactful program and urges the University to please reconsider the removal.

VII. BUSINESS

- A. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for Academic Year 2025-26. **Action 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. (Ly/Sunderman) 9-0-0 MSC.**
- B. Information Item: Student Academic Senate Vice-Chair selection. Takayama states that she would like to know what member of the committee is interested in being the Vice-Chair of Student Academic Senate. She stated that Weiland has expressed interest but asks if anyone else is interested. With no further interest, Takayama appoints Weiland as the Vice-Chair.
- C. Information Item: Future of Student Academic Senate. Takayama states that the current time for SAS will not work for a voting member moving forward. She calls on the committee to find a new time. Wright encourages committee members to complete the scheduling survey on direct availability and not on desired meeting times. She stated that previous SAS groups have met at 7am and that may happen again if they are unable to find a collective time.

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS

- A. **Behavioral and Social Sciences** – Marin shares that she has met with Dean Patten in addition to the BSS CARS representative. The college of BSS will be starting a monthly newsletter. In the future, The Dean will look SAS for feedback as they explore the future of academic schedules.
- B. **Humanities and Fine Arts** – Sunderman had a successful event for Wildcat Welcome. She will attend the first Curriculum Advisory Board meeting this week. An initiative that she will focus on will be that general education diversity courses haven't been easily transferred from community colleges.
- C. **Business** – Ly stated that the first COB CORE meeting was last Wednesday and that Wildcat Welcome was successful. He notified the team that Dr. Sendze is making alterations to the Chico State mobile app. The Management Club will be hosting seminar on stakeholder management, 9/16 from 5:30-6:30pm. The SAP club will host a networking mixer coming up in October and the

College of Business is seeking a new director for CSE? Additionally, students who were offered positions with CSE will be reinstated with the reopening of the program.

- D. **Natural Sciences** – Mann stated that over the last three weeks, she has had a successful meeting with the NS CARS representative, attended her college welcome of which she was a spokesperson, has attended club meetings within college, and is working on the newsletter that she will send soon.
- E. **Communication and Education** – Johnson has met with the CME Dean who shared that they want to see more events through CME. They will be forming a committee and having an upcoming newsletter. The Student Success Center has several workshops about internships and resumes. Johnson will attend the 9/22 Curriculum Advisory Board meeting.
- F. **Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management** – Cheung attended coffee with the clubs this week and is focused on club involvement.
- G. **Agriculture** – Weiland has met with the College of Agriculture Dean as well as the CARS representative. Weiland has since sent communication to all faculty and staff to obtain information for weekly updates. They hosted their first ICC meeting with 18 members in attendance. Weiland also spoke at the Ag Wildcat Welcome event. There will be a farm building event on 10/23 at 11am, as well as a filming for California ag teachers' association. Weiland attended FASP and they are looking to change the faculty constitution to include more inclusive language.
- H. **AS President** – Saunders stated that this has been a great meeting so far, Luke and her are planning a "know your resources" video series forthcoming. She is interested in establishing an International students committee possibly under the Student Engagement Council. She is recruiting for any members who want to join the academic integrity committee and she will work with schedules.
- I. **Chair of Academic Senate or designee** – not present
- J. **Provost or designee** – Ertle is excited to work with all of you this year. Her role is to share information from the Office of the Provost and additionally bring information from this committee back to Provost. She is happy to be a resource for this committee. The General Education review is upcoming, of which happens every 5 years. This process will begin later in spring. They will be soliciting student feedback from this committee. Student feedback will be requested on areas such as; mode of instruction preferences (ex. in person/online/synchronous /asynchronous)
- K. **Chair** – Takayama would like to thank everyone for joining today. The committee needs to establish a new meeting time and will be in touch.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cox stated that she is the Accessible Support Services Coordinator for Accessibility Resource Center. As the semester starts and as you plan events, please follow accessibility guidelines. It's imperative to ensure all events are accessible and inclusive.

X. PUBLIC OPINION

Rios - A Senior at Chico State and co-founder of Done Deal which is an app for odd jobs in the community. This is a great resource in COB since students come from diverse backgrounds, and this is important to create a safe space for people of color.

Shepherd-Nicole – The CSE program has been shut down and the office has been closed. I was the advisor for three clubs, CeO, investor, venture capital, 5 students thought they had jobs and have been offered their jobs back. You have heard a lot from a lot of people and she realizes it's a lot, I appreciate their support, restarting these things is not easy.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Takayama adjourns the meeting at 10:12am.