



## STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

**Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**BMU 205**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Kureha Takayama (chair), Chase Weiland, Miguel Sueki (President Designee), Ysabella Marin, Andrew Ly, Joerly Johnson, Justin Cheung, Madi Sunderman, Kesar Mann, Ellie Ertle, Stephanie Duarte-Amezcu, Pushpak Rane, Michael Coons.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Mary Cox.

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording).

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Takayama, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 10/30/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 10/30/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sunderman/Ly) 8-0-1 MSC.**

Marin entered the meeting at 10:03 AM

- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/16/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/16/25 regular meeting, as presented (Johnson/Sueki) 9-0-1 MSC.**

### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ertle updated SAS that the General Education Committee met yesterday, and the board will be hearing more about how they are going to collect feedback from students using the suggestions from SAS.

- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None.

### VII. BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion Item: Representation for Undeclared Students

Presented by Ertle. Undeclared students make up about 10 percent of first-year students. It was mentioned that undeclared students are actually not at risk of spending a longer time in college, and when students take time (i.e., enroll in college as undeclared), they actually tend to have a clearer idea of what they would like to major in by the end of their first year. Ertle also mentioned that because these undeclared students are not associated with a specific college, they often don't have representation, which is something Ertle expressed was important to consider.

Wright mentioned that if the members of SAS wanted to incorporate a new member to the board that represented undeclared students, that is an option that they can explore.

#### B. Discussion Item: Form to collect information about the colleges to establish a solid foundation

Presented by Takayama. Takayama created a form for all the senators to fill out and get to know their college on a deeper level. Once they have been filled out, the senators need to send the completed document to Chair Takayama.

**VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –**

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Marin – Marin reported that she has been working on the form mentioned above already. She also mentioned that she is working on the next newsletter, which will eventually go to faculty in addition to students. Lastly, Marin shared that she is still exploring ways to utilize her budget.

Humanities and Fine Arts, Sunderman– Sunderman reported that she is in frequent communication with her dean and associate dean regarding online classes. Sunderman mentioned that there was an exhibit happening this afternoon, October 30, at 5:00 PM in the Janet Turner Print Museum. On November 1, there will be a performance in the Performing Arts Center, the Wind Ensemble. Sunderman also shared that the deadline to apply to be a summer orientation leader is November 4.

Business, Ly – Ly reported that on October 30, 6:00 - 8:00 PM in Glenn 202, 203, and 204 will be the haunted house. The College of Business is also hosting a Friendsgiving eventually, and the date is TBD. Ly highlighted that SFAC proposals are due by November 4. Lastly, the Chico State app is being redesigned, so if anyone has any suggestions, be sure to mention them to him.

Natural Sciences, Mann – Mann met with her dean to discuss the Student Learning Fee Committee, in addition to how she is going to utilize her budget. Mann also mentioned that the College Club Council is having its first meeting next Friday, November 7.

Communication and Education, Johnson – Johnson reported that the November newsletter will go out on the first, and is in the middle of planning a Sit, Stay, Relax event, which would happen around finals. Lastly, Johnson reported that something fun coming out of CME is the Computer Animation and Game Design Program is hosting a Halloween Party on October 31.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management, Cheung – Cheung reported that he has been speaking with the associate dean about what to do with the Software and IT fair that has been taken away.

Agriculture, Weiland – Weiland shared that the grand opening for the new Agricultural Education and Learning Center was a hit! He also mentioned that he is getting ready to send out newsletter number 10, which has been a great way to keep folks informed. Weiland also highlighted that the Intercollegiate Council Meeting, the College of Ag career fair, and the Precision Ag Day are all happening next week, and the College of Ag Scholarship Night is the week after. Regarding the Academic Senate, Weiland reported that the Academic Senate has approved two new minors, and they are currently discussing the faculty constitution and shared governance regarding AI.

AS President Designee, Sueki – Sueki shared that the president just hosted their Town Hall event, and it seemed to be a success. Sueki also congratulated everyone on making it through the first half of the semester and for doing a lot of good work.

Provost or designee, Ertle – Ertle reported that we have recently adopted a new strategic enrollment plan for the university, which is aimed at recruiting more students to Chico State but also to ensure retention and success of our current students. One of those functions was to start building out a more robust summer semester or third term. Ertle also shared that they have just finished a round of funding for Scholarships for Research and Creative Projects, which is exciting. Lastly, Ertle mentioned that the school is going through our reaccreditation process; the last time we did this was 8 years ago.

Chair of Academic Senate, Coons – Coons reported that we had a faculty constitution that was in need of being revised to become more equitable. He also shared that at 4:00 on 10/30, there will be a presentation on accreditation.

Chair, Takayama – Takayama reported that she attended the Graduation Initiative Symposium 2025. This was a great opportunity where she learned a lot. She would like the team to complete the form that she sent out to the Senators and she will also send to Coons and Ertle so they can have an idea of what the Senators are working on. Have a safe Halloween.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

Marin shared that the Committee for Accreditation has been asking her how the senators reach the students. Marin suggested that the senators should have another way to contact them available to students outside of office hours.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION –**

None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Takayama, adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM