

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Thursday, November 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.

BMU 205

MEMBERS PRESENT – Kureha Takayama (chair), Madi Sunderman, Chase Weiland, Puskpak Rane, Michael Coons, Andrew Ly, Jorely Johnson, Kesar Mann, Ysabella Marin, Miguel Sueki, Justin Cheung.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ellie Ertle, Pablo Soto, Amari May, Audrey Zelaya.

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

- 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 11/13/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 11/13/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sunderman/Weiland) Weiland-Yea, Marin-Yea, Ly-Yea, Johnson-Yea, Sunderman-Yea, Mann-Yea, Coons-Yea. 7-0-0 MSC.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the 10/30/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 10/30/25 regular meeting, as presented (Ly/Johnson) Weiland-Yea, Marin-Yea, Ly-Yea, Johnson-Yea, Sunderman-Yea, Mann-Yea, Coons-Yea. 7-0-0 MSC.**
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
None.

***Cheung and Sueki enter the meeting at 10:08 AM.

VI. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic

None.

VII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: Review of the Student Academic Senate Code

Takayama informed the SAS board that they should review the student academic code during Winter break and be prepared to discuss adding a member to SAS who would represent the undeclared student population by January 10, 2026.

B. Information Item: College Information Collection Updates

Takayama informed the SAS board that they will share their findings in officer reports.

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Marin – Marin reported that they collaborated with the dean to collect the information requested by the SAS chair. It was found that there is a general lack of connection among students who are in the same college but in different majors. Marin also mentioned that she has included faculty in her newsletter distribution list to keep more people informed.

Humanities and Fine Arts, Sunderman– Sunderman discovered that there is a lack of funding for events and a lack of student participation within the college. The Success Studio seems to be a beneficial and highly used resource within the HFA. Sunderman expressed that she would like the events to be more successful moving forward and will work to make that happen. The Winter Bazaar is on Thursday, December 4, and the distress fest is at the same time. Lastly, the Frog and Toad musical is happening this weekend.

Business, Ly – Ly determined that there is a need for more club engagement. The professors have determined that there is generally low student engagement. Ly mentioned that he will begin to work more on club engagement and increase engagement from the students within the College of Business. Ly is also working to increase alumni relations.

Natural Sciences, Mann – Mann reported that there seemed to be a lack of advocacy for the graduate students within her college. Mann also spoke with someone from the career center to discuss hosting a career fair for students in the College of Natural Sciences. She also explained that emailing students or being in active communication has not really been a practice of the past, and she is working toward advocating for that change.

Communication and Education, Johnson – Johnson reported that her college is working on developing an online-based credential program. She also expressed that improving the flow of information has been and will continue to be a priority. Johnson highlighted that the college has lots of workshops every single month, which seem to gather lots of attention and engagement from students.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management, Cheung – Cheung reported that he is in the process of collecting information. He is planning to get bagels and coffee for finals week.

Agriculture, Weiland – Weiland shared that communication is difficult for the College of Ag because of its unique geographic locations across Chico. Weiland then mentioned that student engagement has been pretty good for the past couple of events we've hosted. He shared that the college is utilizing social media more this year, which has helped. He mentioned that they want to bring back the farm committee, which incorporated one student from every major. Weiland mentioned his newsletter, which he is working on finding out how many people open it. Lastly, Weiland mentioned that he wants to bring back Wildcat at the farm day to bring students and faculty who are not a part of the College of Ag out to the farm.

AS President Designee, Sueki – Sueki had no new updates from President Saunders to share.

***Marin and Sunderman left the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Chair of Academic Senate, Coons – Coons reported that the faculty constitution proposal has been passed and has now been sent out to all faculty for the actual vote.

Provost or designee, Ertle – Absent.

Chair, Takayama – Takayama reported that the forms have been a great snapshot, and thanked the SAS members for filling those out. Last SAS meeting for the Fall semester, so thank you all!

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Ly announced that on November 19, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM, the College of Business is having a Friendsgiving event.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Takayama, adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.