



MEETING MINUTES

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Thursday, April 17, 2025 8:00 a.m.

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Ashley Arce, Tawny Bolinas, Gaia Villani, Flor Ibarra, Maggie Farlow, Chris Sullivan, Alex Goslawski, Tia Saunders, Mary Cox, Jose Gonzales-Ayala.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Tia Saunders, Elie Ertle

OTHERS PRESENT – Madison Sunderman, Jose

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kachiwala, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approval of the 4/17/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 4/17/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Farlow/Arce) 8-0-0 MSC.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 4/3/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 4/3/25 regular meeting, as presented (Vilani/Volina) 8-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Kachiwala - looking forward to the discussion on transitioning the new officers.

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

VI. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CSU Hill Day – (AS President)

Sullivan - Just came back from Washington DC to advocate for the CSU, Fed Pell Grant, and Title 9! Went to a luncheon with a former Chico AS President.

Kachiwala - Asked what the reaction from the congressmen when Sullivan was asking those questions.

Sullivan – Responded that our congressmen was receptive to the concerns.

Gonzales-Ayala - Asked what some of the talking points were about the pell grant.

Sullivan – Responded that the topic was mainly surrounded by expressing the importance of the pell grant for students at Chico State, and the CSU at large. Sullivan also mentioned that Lamalfa really focused on the debt that the US is in currently and how that impacts the issues the students are advocating for.

B. Discussion Item: Transitioning of New Officers into their roles (Advises/Feedback)

Kachiwala – Will be creating a document outlining various topics and pieces of information that could be used to help the next SAS Chair.

Farlow - Mentioned that having a set meeting time early on for SAS would make it much easier to build your school or work schedule around your officer role schedule.

Sullivan - Mentioned that it would be imperative to their success to express how important these next few semesters will be especially regarding a potential university restructuring.

From the senators at large, It would be desirable to increase the level of communication between the executive board members and the senators so that everyone can be as informed as possible. Also it would be valuable to give the future senators some suggestions or examples of information that they should listen to/pay attention for.

VII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – None.

Humanities and Fine Arts – HFA Connections is doing Chico Cemetery tours 22nd, 24th of April. We also have lots of different concerts going on, and Little Women will be shown. Passing on some information to the new HFA Senator and setting up an event where they can become acquainted with their constituents.

Business – Spring Festival theme will be Stagecoach on Glenn Lawn April 23 10:30-1:00. 2:00pm April 30th Glenn lawn will have a yoga de stress event.

Natural Sciences – Just had the softball tournament which was awesome. Speaking with new representative to inform them of the position. Spoke at APIDA opening. Will be presenting my research at a symposium April 28th 11:00am-3:00pm!

Communication and Education – Just had Sit Stay Relax event and it was a great hit! Have been working on our inspirational professor award. Have been tasked with redoing all of the documents in the senator dropbox and have been working on transitioning the new senator.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – Had our ECC Cornhole Tournament which was a hit! Working on transitioning the new senator and getting them acquainted with the dean. College of ECC graduation celebration which takes place just before the actual commencement.

Agriculture – Senator Adam Schiff visited the farm. Next week we have a VIP tour at the farm! Excellence in Ag is also happening next week and it will showcase what we do at the farm.

AS President - Our reimagining Chico resolution did not pass at the advice of legal council. It will be sent back to GAC where it will be revised, and potentially sent back to BOD for another vote. Had a meeting with COGS which was very informative and helped us achieve a better understanding of each other. Board Designated Fund Committee passed lots of funding for projects. Met with President Perez and spoke about the International Student Visa concerns, and Pres Perez mentioned that it is an issue that is currently being looked into, and students with concerns should be referred to the International Office. Lastly, I wanted to express my gratitude and praise to all of you!

Chair of Academic Senate – Will be reviewing the different constitutions which are involved with the academic senate. It has been requested that the chair of the senate release a survey through the senate to the faculty and staff which asked whether or not we should continue with the reimagining. There is a possibility that the survey may also be released to the student population as well.

Provost or designee – None.

Chair- The wellness vending machine is has not passed and needs further review. I will be sitting on a review committee with the purpose to reduce the amount of committees on campus.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

COGS - May 8th graduate research symposium in Sylvesters 100 6-8pm.

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 9:03am