



MEETING AGENDA

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

This meeting is being facilitated both in person and via an online Zoom format.

Friday, October 27, 2023
11:00 a.m., BMU 205

Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2709 2229
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. 11:02am

- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** *"We acknowledge and are mindful that CSU, Chico 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 has sustained the Mechoopda people and continues to do so today."*

- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of the 10/27/23 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 10/27/23 regular meeting agenda, as presented. (Kelley/Owen) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 10/13/2023 regular meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/13/2023 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 3-4). (Wiggins/Machado) 7-0-0 MSC.**

- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Arisman said happy birthday to Wright and happy early birthday to Yash and Madison Kelley.

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

- VII. **BUSINESS**
 - a. Action Item: Approval of appointment of Zackary Machado to the Student Academic Senate Vice Chair position for Academic Year 2023-24. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Zackary Machado to the Student Academic Senate Vice Chair position for Academic Year 2023-24, as presented. (Parella/Wiggins) 7-0-0 MSC.**
 - b. Information Item: Academic Scheduling Advisory Committee (ASAC) Chair, Ryan Patten, joins us to gather student thoughts on the Executive Memorandum on final exams.
 - i. Patten stated we have an EM that states the 16th week is finals week and they're required to have finals. Our current body requires student have 15 weeks of class. They have been trying to pass EM for past year or so. He is here to ask what students would like to have and what finals may look like. IT can be as is, 15 weeks of class, 16 is finals week or cumulative activity. They are looking to explore options of what students like regarding moving to 15 week with no final. They have been attempting to pass this EM for a year and a half. Arisman asked for clarification on what the EM will do. He stated that it will state what finals will look like, whether that may be 15 weeks of finals and 16th week

being finals. If they want finals to look radically different. Landry asked if there's a reason why finals are implemented in the 16th week for a specific reason? Patten said it pre-dates him and most campuses have a final week but he is unsure. Wiggins said from her experience, after changing majors multiple times, she notices that other schools may have week off before finals to study. She's unsure if she would be in favor of having final week, but she likes the idea of having a true dead week before finals instead of having a new system. Parella said she thinks finals are necessary. She said you may have students that won't push themselves to do good if there's no final. Owen said portfolio projects and research papers are helpful to have time. Machado said he agrees and likes the idea of having no work due on Dead Week, because many professors have work due that week even if its not new work. Owen said a defined dead week should be better. Autumn said she likes the idea of being optional class. Patten said "what if we had a fall break?". He asked about what about having a break in the second week of October. Arisman asked what the benefit would be of having a fall break. He said if we have a fall break we wouldn't have a true dead week of no classes. The break could help students get ahead. Owen voiced the concern of having students being forced to go home and travel. Patten said there would be no new expenses. He said the campus is trying to examine what they're doing and why they do it that way. An example is the class scheduling convention (m,w,f) & (tues,thur). It has been that way for over 50 years and it's just the way they've always done it. He's curious if Chico may want to be unique in some way. He said if we're happy with what we are doing and why, then no change needs to happen but that is why he's here to ask. Arisman said she's unsure if a fall break would help students get ahead actually due to the lack of content. Wiggins said that she thinks that may be too early. She believe November is a great time. She said she doesn't know if the student will use break to study. She reiterated she likes a true dead week for that reason. Parella said she's not stressed out even that second week of October, and she would take the break to relax instead of study. Patten said some faculty don't even have a final, and if this went forward students would force in-class participation during the final week if they were to have a true dead week. He reiterated that no finals week and no fall break seem to be the reason. Landry was curious if there's a reason for the 16th week. He would prefer just the 15-week class schedule and be "done" a week early. Kelley said that she would like that. Patten said he would like to come back in a few weeks once the students have a chance to talk about it with their peers. Arisman said they would like to gather feedback.

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS

- a. Behavioral and Social Sciences: Parella said she has first meeting next Friday.
- b. Humanities and Fine Arts: Owen said no academic issues and report. He wanted to address the student's attitudes towards the tuition increase, Students have become critical about how the school is spending money. He doesn't have any solution but is floating the concern to group. Machado said in ASFC just voted on an increase. Owen specified that he is just explaining the perception. Parella said it's due to lack of budget and how state-side and AS have completely different budgets. She said an info session may be helpful to clear it up to the students, she believes many are unaware. Machado said stateside created resource page and he likes the idea fo having a session. Parella said marketing can help with infographic. Arisman said she will put this as info item at next meeting. Yash asked if this impacts resident and non-resident students as well for increase and Wiggins said yes. Autumn said that Jamie Clyde is working to shuffle things around and she will find out info for Yash.
- c. Business- Kelley said first meeting next Tuesday. They are in process of making COB campus wide event. They had one that SSP funded recently that was fun.
- d. Natural Sciences- Not here
- e. Communication and Education- They had a meeting last week and chatted about some proposed new minors and majors and changes within the college.
- f. Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management- Yash said last week 92k dollars to buy new clubs?

- g.** Agriculture- Machado held IC meeting last week. They had discussion on funding. Current internship fair on 14th. He is attending luncheon with Federal Relations coming up.
- h.** AS President- Wiggins sad winter and summer sessions are moving and it will make students lives easier (from Continuing education to stateside). They will discuss services that are available during these times.
- i.** Chair of Academic Senate or designee - None
- j.** Provost or designee -None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.-None

XI. ADJOURNMENT -11:32am.

**Britanee is a rep for the college of graduate studies.
Mary Cox and Cara C were in attendance.**