ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Friday, November 17, 2023  
11:00 a.m., BMU 205

Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2709 2229
Password: 072410

I. CALL TO ORDER – Arisman called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

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 11/17/23 regular meeting agenda. Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/17/23 regular meeting agenda, as presented. Kelley approves, Parella second. Passed 6-0-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the 10/27/2023 regular meeting. Action Requested: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/27/2023 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 2-4). Machado approves, Kelley second. Passed 6-0-0.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

VI. PUBLIC OPINION: Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic. (None)

VII. BUSINESS

   a. Information Item: Academic Scheduling Advisory Committee (ASAC) Chair, Ryan Patten, joins us again to gather student thoughts on the Executive Memorandum on final exams.

612 total submissions for Chico State Finals Schedule Survey.
1st choice – Fall Break
2nd choice – 15 weeks
3rd choice – No change

Highest suggestions:
True dead week
Finals same time as regularly scheduled class
Allow students to take finals via Canvas
Finalize final exam schedule earlier

Student comments:
More breaks
Parella mentioned that having an additional fall break would allow more structure for professors to hold midterms. Kelley, Wiggins, and Arisman were in agreement, and mentioned how midterms this year have been very unstructured when talking about scheduling. Patten mentioned different ways to implement a fall break, and how making a week-long fall break would be similar to eliminating a week of instruction. Patten mentioned that the survey has been distributed among faculty within Academic Senate. Patten mentioned that campus should have a clear understanding of what “dead week” refers to. Patten requested Arisman to share survey results with him so that he may take those results back to Faculty and Academic Senate.

b. Information Item: Addressing student attitudes towards the CSU tuition increase.

Motion to propose to suspend Business Item B until next Student Academic Senate meeting. Wiggins motions, Kelley second. 6-0-0.

VIII. REPORTS: MEMBERS
   a. Behavioral and Social Sciences – No report
   b. Humanities and Fine Arts – No report
   c. Business – Attempting to meet with club presidents to plan meetings to increase club attendance.
   d. Natural Sciences – No report
   e. Communication and Education – No report
   f. Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – No report
   g. Agriculture – Will share update via email
   h. AS President – Working with CSSA to change EO 1037 (grading policy, appeals, etc.)
   i. Chair of Academic Senate or designee – N/A
   j. Provost or designee – N/A

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. PUBLIC OPINION – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Arisman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.