

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:00 a.m. BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Ashley Arce, Tawny Bolinas, Gaia Villani, Flor Ibarra, Maggie Farlow, Chris Sullivan, Dr. Leslie Cornick, Alex Goslawski, Tia Saunders, Jose Gonzales

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Michael Pratt

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kachiwala, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

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

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 9/17/24 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 9/17/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Sullivan/Farlow) 8-0-0 MSC.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 11/17/23 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/17/23 regular meeting, as presented (Villani/Arce) 9-0-0 MSC.** Saunders joined the meeting at 8:04am

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Kachiwala had all the members present introduce themselves.

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

VI. **BUSINESS**

A. Action Item: Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the academic year 2024-25. **Motion to amend the Resolution changing the room number from BMU 205 to BMU 209 (Sullivan / Villani) 9-0-0 MSC. Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the academic year 2024-25, as amended (Sullivan Villani) 9-0-0 MSC.**

B. Action Item: Vice Chair Appointment. **Motion to approve Maggie Farlow to become Vice Chair for Student Academic Senate (Arce/Villani) 9-0-0 MSC.**

VII. **REPORTS: MEMBERS** –

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Saunders sent an email to all BSS students about who she is and what she does. She received lots of interest in their college's committee.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Farlow has been meeting with the deans, and her first newsletter is out. She is working with student ambassadors to make a council for HFA. Business- Goslawski just hosted college of business clubs meeting. She will set monthly meetings with her Dean by the end of the week.

Natural Sciences – Bolinas is looking for students for her college council.

Communication and Education- Villani set up biweekly meetings and met with DAC to set up student council within her college.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management- Arce attended her college's Coffee with the Clubs event, which went well.

Agriculture – Ibarra reported that the college of Ag is experiencing a lot of changes. She just had the first meeting of all club presidents. She is sending out weekly emails to Ag Students and Working on planning a dinner for AG students, and groundbreaking for the new farm store building is on Friday.

AS President - Sullivan shared that they are still looking for two students to serve on the Academic Senate. Dr. Cornick reiterated the importance of that spot. He also shared the Board of Directors is hosting their first meeting tomorrow at 2:30 in BMU 205. Sullivan added that he is also looking for a student to film a promotional video for the Chico State app this week. He also requested that anyone who hears from students about the new time, place, and manner changes, please loop him in.

Provost or designee- Provost Cornick shared that the needs of students have changed so drastically over the last 10 years and she is looking to ensure that our university is structured in a way that supports what the new measures of success are for students. She

asked the senate to encourage students to participate in his process through any surveys or outreach that is sent out to help the university become more sustainable and responsive to the student's needs. She added that they are also working on getting budget allocations out to the colleges.

Chair- Kachiwala thanked everyone for being at this first SAS meeting of the year.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Farlow shared a brief announcement that a large vote at CAB is coming up that will affect GE starting next year, so if you are considering joining CAB, reach out soon.

IX. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Michael Pratt shared that there are new grant-funded programs available for students looking into PhD or other advanced degrees. Contact his office to learn more. Additionally, Gradtoberfest is coming up and is a great way for undergrads to learn about grad programs here at Chico State or for grad students to learn about resources. His office will be opening some workspace for grad students soon to help fill the gap in the availability of workstations in the hours before the rose room in the library opens at 5 pm. Jose Gonzales shared some upcoming graduate student mixer events and PHD 101 workshops.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 8:44 am