

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 8:00 a.m.

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Ashley Arce, Tawny Bolinas, Gaia Villani, Flor Ibarra, Maggie Farlow, Chris Sullivan, Kate McCarthy, 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 and introduce themselves.

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

VI. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Time, Place, and Manner of Expression Policy and University Tabling Policy. Kanchwala shared that this topic has been discussed in a few different forms recently, and he was hoping to hear from the Student Academic Senate what the students in the colleges are sharing with their senators. Saunders entered the meeting at 8:07 Goslawski shared that many students felt like this policy was preventing them from engaging with the preacher on campus. Saunders shared that she attended the forum and believes these conversations should continue.

Sullivan entered the meeting at 8:10am

B. Discussion Item: Student Engagement and Collaboration efforts for future campus events. Kanchwala asked the table about their ideas for collaboration on events, either lending support to existing AS events or partnering with each other for their own ideas. Sullivan shared that this is a priority of his as well. Ibarra shared that the College of Agriculture is always looking to get students out to the Farm, and she would be happy to work with others to partner on events out at the farm. Saunders shared that BSS hosts a winter contribution drive to collect donations for unhoused folks in the community. They are looking to expand the reach of this drive this year. Arce also shared an opportunity to collaborate from ECC. Villani requested updates from the other senators to add to each other newsletters to promote other college's

C. Discussion Item Academic Reorganization of Chico State. – Kachiwala shared that he has been participating in the provost's special action team for academic reorganization. He reached out to the AS president at Sonoma state to get perspective on their recent reorganization. Arce shared that students in the college of ECC are very confused about the departments that comprise their college. Ibarra shared that she has heard some students discussing the potential of Agriculture combined with natural sciences and feeling confused because they

rent part of the conversation and are only hearing rumors. She requested some transparency around this topic because there are some serious concerns about how Ag and natural science would work together and no way to confirm what is going on. Farlow asked what the timeline for this Special action team is. Sullivan Clarified that December is the goal. McCarthy added some context to the discussion on the special action team, saying they want to bring more than one possible model by November. Implementation would be after Fall of 25. She added that the goal is not to slash programs, but to find synergies. Saunders asked if academic advisors were included in the organizational changes. McArthy shared that this would start with the colleges and departments, but the support, like advisers, would be secondary. She would also like more advisors of color to help students see themselves in advisory jobs. Villani Shared concerns about our smaller departments or niche bring student from the region to chico because other CSU's don't offer them.

VII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Saunders shared her fall event will be on October 18th.

She shared some discussions she had within her college.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Farlow shared that they have skate night at the WREC tomorrow at 5. this week and working with the success studio to get HFA ambassadors council working.

Business – Business career fair tomorrow from 11 to 3pm.

Natural Sciences – Bolinas has been meeting with clubs and will be sending out her second newsletter. Experiencing issues with her dean and the deans fellow which has caused some holdups

Communication and Education – Working on student council. Serving as liaison from the academic senate and EPPC and using that information to serve her college. Encouraged everyone to go to Wildcat weekend!

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – had two career fairs and the student feedback has been positive. ECC student leadership council convenes on November 6th.

Agriculture – Groundbreaking event for the new farm building. club council meeting is October 11th and having SLL come to talk about posting tabling and events.

AS President -

Provost or designee – McCarthy shared that while academic affairs is restructuring, the campus is developing a new playbook for the entire university. There are GE changes coming, MCarthy encouraged the senators to reach out to her for more info

Chair- CFAC meeting and GAC where TPM was discussed

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS — Saunders Black resource center

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – Michael Pratt shared some upcoming events and workshops related to grad students. He also reported concerns about the availability of fuds for travel and conferences (co curricular resource funds) Brooke McCall Shared that as we head in to Wildcat weekend she asked that we look out for the future student leaders.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 9:04am