



## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

**Friday, March 29, 2024**

**9:00 a.m., BMU 205**

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 843 6850 2336

**Password:** SAS24

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order by Arisman at 9:02 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 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/29/24 regular meeting agenda, as presented.**  
Boggeln motions, Kelley seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 3/8/24 regular meeting. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 3/8/24 regular meeting, as presented (attached, page 2-3).**  
Parella motions, Landry seconds. Motion passe 6-0-0.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION:** Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic.
- VII. **BUSINESS ITEM**
  - A. Information Item: Financial Aid Conversation  
Two representatives from the Financial Aid office, Maria Olsen and David Kentner, joined the meeting. They mentioned that some students don't feel welcomed coming into the Financial Aid office because they don't seem that welcoming, and that there seems to be a stigma about students needing to ask those from the office for additional help. Arisman asked what we can provide in terms of a student's perspective. Landry mentioned that from his experience he did not realize that the FAFSA form was associated with the Financial Aid office. Olsen mentioned the possibility of doing a PR campaign by partnering with AS Officers. Arisman asked how the Cost of Attendance was calculated, and Kentner broke down how it is calculated. Kentner mentioned that the State sends out a survey to students asking for the costs in certain categories, and those averages are added to make up the COA. Parella mentioned her previous struggles with the Financial Aid office, and mentioned the process can be somewhat complicated. Olsen mentioned doing a workshop with the community members, such as prospective students so that way the Financial Aid office can help those that are still struggling with the FAFSA form. Arisman mentioned the possibility of working with AS marketing, as well as doing a separate PR campaign.
- VIII. **REPORTS: MEMBERS**
  - A. Behavioral and Social Sciences

- Parella mentioned that she would like to get stickers made for her college but is running into trouble with some logistical issues.
- B. Humanities and Fine Arts  
Nothing to report.
  - C. Business  
Kelley is planning the spring event for her college and mentioned that it is going to be a big event.
  - D. Natural Sciences  
Not present.
  - E. Communication and Education  
Working on the Faculty of the Year award for his college and started a student council. He also mentioned he would like to plan for the next Senator for the College of CME and how he can best help them.
  - F. Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management  
Madan is working with Sophia Vazquez, the Senator from the College of Natural Sciences, on the collaborative Women in STEM event.
  - G. Agriculture  
Machado is working on the Excellence in Ag awards ceremony and mentioned extending the Club of the Year deadline for the College.
  - H. AS President  
Working on internal protocol changes and creating a new commissioner position.
  - I. Chair of Academic Senate or designee  
Not present.
  - J. Provost or designee  
Not present.
  - K. All non-voting members  
No reports.
  - L. Chair  
Arisman mentioned that at the next meeting we will be hearing from the VP of Information and Technology.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** Arisman adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.