



STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:00 a.m.
BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Ashley Arce, Tawny Bolinas, Gaia Villani, Flor Ibarra, Maggie Farlow, Alex Goslawski, Mary Cox, Jeff Trailers, Chris Sullivan, Jose Gonzales-Ayala

MEMBERS ABSENT – Tia Saunders, Kate McCarthy, Ellie Ertle

OTHERS PRESENT – Eliza Miller, Mercedes Cortez Nava, Fay Mitchell-Brown, Candice Sawyer, Elizabeth Kimerek, Kaylee McCallister-Knudsen, Kendall Ross

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kachiwala, called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION** – The meeting started with the reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition Statement.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the 3/13/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 3/13/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Farlow/Villani) 7-0-0 MSC.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/27/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/27/25 regular meeting, as presented (Villani/Bolinas) 7-0-0 MSC.**

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

V. **PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to items on the agenda, three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – Kaylee McCallister introduced herself and made it known they are here from SOLE, and is attending since they saw SOLE on the agenda. Mercedes introduced themselves as a first semester student who is attending because they want to see how things are ran and get more involved.

VI. **BUSINESS**

- A. Information Item: Change in Supplemental admission criteria in School of Nursing – Three presenters from Chico State Nursing Dept. - Fay Mitchell-Brown, Candice Sawyer, and Elizabeth Kimerek. They presented on how they want to change admission criteria for the nursing program and how it needs to be approved by the Chancellor office. So part of working towards that is presenting on campus and

getting feedback. Changes relate around being more holistic and less academic based. They provided data on the current students and the current problems the system in place creates. Proposed changes include switching the academic test TEAS for the situational judgement test Casper. As well as changes in increments in other categories. Positive feedback especially with more priority being given to local and current students. After presentation they left the meeting.

- B. Discussion Item: Sole trainings for being a recognized organization - Farlow shared that some of her clubs are experiencing challenges with SOLE. Villani spoke with council and they shared that they were having the same issues, Arce also shared that the club recognition process has been really challenging, especially presidents meeting, Farlow proposed that some training be offered during AS training to help support clubs as senators. Sullivan agreed.

VII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – absent

Humanities and Fine Arts – SLF committee has completed and HFA Club fair is later today.

Business – Cob Core meeting and the sales program opened a scholarship opportunity for the first time. Was asked to speak for Choose Chico and working on Weekend Wildcat. Still working on details for a destress event at end of semester.

Natural Sciences – Women in Stem event went well and SLF committee is still deciding on allocation. Working on plans for softball tournament.

Communication and Education – SLF committee concluded and Stem even went well. Joint even with Student Success center, details still in work. Committee council will be a part of Choose Chico.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – SLF committee will be making decisions by next week. Student Leadership meeting last week and got to present about AS. Last week was able to speak at scholarship reception with donors.

Agriculture – Survey going out about new building for students and what they want to see. Choose Chico is coming up so clubs have deadline to update boards in Plumas Hall, a new policy put in place about them

AS President - Feb 17th State of the University with Perez also March 4th townhall event.

Provost or designee – absent

Chair of Academic Senate - Senate is cancelled for the week since they are caught up on their work.

Chair- Looked at IRA funding and student learning fees at CFAC

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mary Cox gave a reminder about sending students who are struggling to send them to disability support on campus ssc 170. Graduate student represent reminds about Grad event next week that will inform students about commencement and graduation details.

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – Kaylee from SOLE agree to present at a future SAS. Provided distinction about meetings and ways to work with clubs if needed to provide accommodations.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 8:46am