

MEETING MINUTES



STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Thursday, April 3, 2025 8:00 a.m.

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Chris Sullivan, Flor Ibarra, Tia M. Saunders, Alexandra Goslawski, Gaia Villani, Ashley Arce, Maggie Farlow, Tawny Bolinas, Jeff Trailer, Ellie Ertle, Mary Cox, Jose Gonzales-Ayala.

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Luke Bagwell (recording), Eliza Miller, Gina Sims, Jenni Hernandez-Ortiz.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Kachiwala, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approval of the 4/3/25 regular meeting agenda. **Motion to approve the 4/3/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (Arce/Farlow) 9-0-0 MSC.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/27/25 regular meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 3/13/25 regular meeting, as presented (Villani/Goslawski) 9-0-0 MSC.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

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

VI. BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: CalFresh Presentation

Gina Sims and Jenni Hernandez-Ortiz gave a presentation on CalFresh benefits. Described the qualifications you must meet in order to be eligible for the program. Outlined a unique opportunity to spend some of those CalFresh funds at the local farmers markets. International students are not eligible for CalFresh benefits because it is a federal program. They are located in the CCLC and also have resources available on their website.

B. Discussion Item: Reimagining Academic Affairs at Chico State: Phase 2 (Round 2 Potential Academic Models Overview) (<https://www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/assets/documents/updated-3-25-models.pdf>)

C. Discussion Item: Reimagining Academic Affairs at Chico State: What's Next? (Provost's Email, attached pg. 7)

The provost has provided new models that have been tailored to the feedback received by students.

Trailer: Mentioned that there is a vague policy with the college that would require a vote by students to approve the models provided by the provost.

Farlow: Mentioned that it may be helpful to explain what the roll out/implementation of this project would look like.

Bolinas: Mentioned that Natural Science students are curious about how the natural sciences will blend with the college of agriculture.

Ibarra: Mentioned that there was a general concern from the senators that some of the majors might be difficult to blend or integrate with other colleges.

Erle: Mentioned that the majors included in the different colleges are just a sample and the final placement of these majors to be decided by department chairs and faculty to determine where the majors make the most sense.

VII. REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Trying to do a resource fair to bring in all the different resources and clubs in the new BSS building to show the students in BSS all of the opportunities that are available to them.

Humanities and Fine Arts – Next Tuesday there is a Meriam barn night for majors in our college that will include food and activities and an opportunity to meet our new senator. Hector Tobar is giving a public lecture about the book in common April 10 at 7:30 Laxon auditorium.

Business – On the 23rd the Spring Festival with the Project Management Group is coming up. The 19th of April we are working to do a Chico Creek pickup with CAVE and on the 30th. There will be a De-stress Yoga Fest on Glenn Lawn at 2:00pm.

Natural Sciences – Informing students about the expos and our AS meetings to help keep students informed. Finally concluded with the student learning fee committee. CNS softball game coming up as well as a research symposium!

Communication and Education – Keeping my college up to date on the expos and other opportunities to learn more about the reimagining.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – Next Tuesday is our cornhole tournament Langdon O'Connell court yard. My dean and I are working on getting more details for our colleges graduation celebration. Working on the transition for new senators.

Agriculture – Last Inter-club council meeting this Friday. April 24 Friday from 2:30-5:00pm we will be having a gallery walk to see student research. Transitioning new senator.

AS President - Met with each senator for a check in. Will be attending CSSA this weekend virtually. Will be in Washington DC next week to advocate for our college at the federal level with President Perez. VP of Student Affairs is creating a student hall of fame.

Provost or designee – Wanted to remind everyone that UED supports undeclared students, and we have an Instagram page where we would love to share all of your activities that you have going on.

Academic Senate Chair – The last university budget forum had lots of great questions from student faculty and staff.

Chair- Board designated Fund committee meeting tomorrow, and will hopefully bring proposals to the next meeting. Chat GPT roll out is happening and something to look forward to implementing on campus.

Academic Integrity Council will be meeting to update some of their policies especially regarding AI.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Cox: Friday April 18 the Neurodiversity Disability Faculty and Staff Association is hosting a creative showcase from 1-3 in the Arts courtyard.

COGS: Planning on hosting a panel with the provost Thursday April 10 from 6-8pm in BSS 101, there will be food.

IX. PUBLIC OPINION – none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 9:09am