



MEETING MINUTES

STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

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

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Thursday, February 27, 2025 8:00 a.m.
BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dev Kachiwala, Ashley Arce, Tawny Bolinas, Gaia Villani, Flor Ibarra, Maggie Farlow, Chris Sullivan, Alex Goslawski, Tia Saunders, Kate McCarthy, Mary Cox, Ellie Ertle, Leslie Cornick, Jose Gonzales-Ayala.

MEMBERS ABSENT – None

OTHERS PRESENT – Michael Pratt, Kendall Ross, Anne Paladini, Kylee McAllister-Knutson, Dr. Leslie Cornick.

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kachiwala, called the meeting to order at 8:00.

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approval of the 2/27/25 regular meeting agenda. Motion to approve the 2/27/25 regular meeting agenda, as presented (8) 0-0- MSC. Maggie Farlow motioned, Ashley Arce seconded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the 2/13/25 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/13/25 regular meeting, as presented (8) 0-0- MSC. Tawnie Bolinas motioned, Chris Sullivan seconded.

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. Approval of Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the academic year 2024-25. Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Student Academic Senate Meetings for the academic year 2024-25, as biweekly Thursday 8 a.m. –9:00 a.m. in BMU

205, unless otherwise stated.(attached, page 5) (7) 1-0- MSC. Tia Saunders motioned, Chris Sullivan seconded.

B. Discussion Item: Student life and leadership presentation

Reviewed the administrative structure of the SLL and rec sports. Explained what SOLE is (Student Organizations and Leadership Education) oversees all general student clubs and organizations. (SO)LE is the recognized Student Organizations part, currently at the highest amount of student orgs since our start. Our student organizations host over 1000 events annually! On the SO(LE) side, they provide Leadership Education opportunities for our student leaders. Our Executive Order comes from the chancellors office, which tells us everything we need to do in order for clubs to exist on our campus! This is standardized across all CSU's. Our Executive Memorandum comes from the Presidents office which we make sure is in compliance with the EO. We have over 3000 student leaders on campus, with our average GPA being 3.25. Some important resources are the SLL website and cats connect.

Member asked where we can find the EO and the EM, answer was they can be found on the website.

Chair mentioned that students had expressed difficulty in starting and maintaining a student club with the necessity of attending essential meetings.

C. Discussion Item: reimagining academic affairs at chico state.

Provost Leslie Cornick presented. She started by acknowledging the lack of effective communication which was unintentional and will be changed in the future. Mentioned that it is paramount that college administrators make decisions with the student experience in mind first. We have added another student only expo to ensure engagement with the campus community, she also called on the officers to help relay that message to their constituents. In the fall there was a special action team who was responsible with coming up with two or three comprehensive recommendations regarding the reimagining. They came up with 4 different collegiate structures. The provosts team took the recommendations from the special council and built upon them. It was thought among the student community that the sciences were going to be eliminated. The provost could say this misconception is untrue, and NO department or major will be cut as part of the reimagining project here at CSU Chico. At the Presidents address, he went over a lot of numbers, some of which illuded to the fact that chico state has been spending much more on students than is sustainable. We are making decisions to mitigate this issue with the utmost effort to minimize the negative effect it may have on students. Some of this reimagining is about removing some of the opacity from the departments and colleges and how they are named. The feedback forms for the first three iteration models are getting ready to close, and there are a few concerns that have been recognized and will absolutely be taken into account in the next steps of this process. We will have another expo to have students revise and offer opinions on the second iteration of models. Around the end of March it is ultimately up to me to create a final proposal that I will bring and present to multiple interest groups for their opinions. It will probably take the full 25/26 academic year to implement the changes we decided needed to be made. I want to make it clear that student who are currently in a certain program or major will not be affected through this change! You have catalogue rights according to the year that you enrolled at chico state.

Dev asked, a lot of students were afraid that their faculty were going to be laid off, it was answered that layoffs WILL NOT be entertained. And we are not looking at cutting programs in that way.

Sullivan asked, that if students have further questions that the provost also recommend that they attend the 8am SAS meeting to further educate themselves on this issue.

The provost also wanted to express that maybe it wasn't in the way she had hoped, but this reimagining has given her the ability to interact with students more than she has had the ability to since she got to chico state and she was appreciative of that.

Farlow asked if there will be an opportunity to see some of the feedback from the survey. Short answer is no, the feedback is confidential. Long answer is we can come up with some general themes that students had, and present them to you all.

Town hall is on Monday at 2:00 in Selvester's. It will be recorded for folks who can't attend.

Ellie expressed that this is really an exciting opportunity for students to be a part of some great change and growth for the college and she encouraged the officers to communicate that to their constituents.

VII.REPORTS: MEMBERS –

Behavioral and Social Sciences – Missed the first couple meetings, once due to a conference. Looking at ways we can increase enrollment and retention especially for black students.

Humanities and Fine Arts – We are prepping for choose chico, and a lot of different grants to showcase. Wednesday march 12 there is an event on AI. Details will be on Cats Connect. There was also a college wide event to discuss the reimagining event where students could voice their opinions.

Business – We have our cop core meeting on Monday. We also had a huge turnout at our business career fair which was awesome. The Project management club wants to host an event in the spring with all the other clubs.

Natural Sciences – I have mainly just been sending out information on the reimagination process.

Communication and Education – Just working on some events with the student success center. Planning stage mainly.

Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management – We are all prepping for choose chico! We have also come to some conclusions on different funding allocations. Also taking into account my constituents opinions on Reimagination.

Agriculture – We are discussing a plan on how we can market our farm products.

AS President - Monday march 4 student town hall please RSVP. Met with President Perez where we discussed the university budget. March 7th there is a invite to meet with the VP of finance for the AS. Please share and encourage students to come by the student town hall.

Provost or designee – UED sponsors on may second an equity and student success research symposium, and we are inviting people who have done applicable research to come and present at the event. EAB has been working with the strategic enrollment committee to help with retention. You will start seeing communications about general education changes, but please remember your catalog rights for current students, please communicate this to your constituents. We will be tabling in the Meriam Library breezeway at choose chico.

Chair -- Board designated fund committee where we looked at a few proposals. We had grad fest yesterday and today so swing by if you need to get ready for commencement. Me and Chris met with provost to express student concerns with reimagination.

VIII.ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Cogs rep if there are students who are interested in research there will be an event Sylvesters from 9-11 to learn from professors who have conference experience.

IX. PUBLIC OPINION –

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The Chair, Kachiwala, adjourned the meeting at 9:02am