

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

This meeting was offered in-person and in an online Zoom format

October 22, 2025, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mahraya Davis (chair), Io Loya-Gaytan, Savanna Dupart, Amari May.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Miriam Jimenes Cuevas (presenting on Business Item C).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molly Skinner.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:40pm.
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** *The meeting started with a reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition.*
- III. **Purpose of SJEC:** The Chair read the SJEC purpose statement.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of the 10/22/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 10/22/25 regular meeting agenda.** (Dupart/May) 3-0-0 MSC.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *At this time the council will review the minutes of the previous meeting(s) and make any appropriate corrections.*
 - A. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 5/6/25 meeting minutes.** (May/Loya-Gaytan) 3-0-0 MSC.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Davis announced that, as it is the first SJEC meeting, it's normal for there not to be many announcements just yet. Davis also shared that the committee will be hearing a presentation from MEChA and will be voting on that business team later.

VII. **PUBLIC OPINION:** None.

VIII. **BUSINESS:**

A. **Action Item:** Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Social Justice and Equity Committee Meetings for 25-26. **Action Requested: Motion to approve Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Social Justice and Equity Committee Meetings for 25-26** (Loya-Gaytan/May) 3-0-0 MSC.

B. **Information Item:** Social Justice and Equity Committee Summary and Goals

Davis expressed their goal of spending the entirety of the SJEC budget, and ensuring that funds from SJEC are being used in a way that reflect the values of the committee.

Wright explained that the SJEC code outlines everything that the committee stands for. Please see the Social Justice and Equity Committee [Duties, Codes, and Policies](#).

C. **Action Item:** MEChA Presentation for Dia de Los Muertos

Jimenez Cuevas began by explaining the background of their club, which was founded in 1969 during the Chicano Civil Rights Movement. She also elaborated on the cultural significance of Dia de Los Muertos, which provided relevant background information that the committee needed in order to make an informed decision. They are requesting financial support from this committee to support their Dia de Los Muertos event in November.

Davis proposed a funding cap of \$500 per event. All members of the committee agreed with that sentiment. It was also shared that the cap could be overruled if the committee votes to do so.

Wright commended the presentation from Jimenez Cuevas, as it included all pertinent information that the committee requires of presenters. Wright also outlined which components of the proposed budget would be easiest to fund from a logistics standpoint.

Dupart asked the presenter if the amounts in the budget are exact or estimates. Jimenes Cuevas said that the budget is estimated.

Action Requested: Motion to approve up to \$500 to contribute toward decorations for the MEChA Dia de Los Muertos event (Dupart/May) 3-0-0 MSC.

IX. **Staff Report:**

Wright notified the committee members that all of our councils require the appointment of a vice chair, which will likely occur at our next SJEC meeting. If any member of the committee is interested in serving as the vice chair, please email Chair Davis letting them know you are interested.

Dupart asked if committee members have access to the minutes.

Wright explained the process of how and when meeting minutes become public record.

Davis mentioned that the previous meeting minutes will always be included in the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

X. Members Report:

None.

XI. Chair Report:

Davis shared that SJEC is hosting the Multi-Cultural Showcase and holding auditions today (10/22/2025). The Multi-Cultural Showcase is taking place on November 19, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Davis shared that the Black Resource Center is having an AI workshop tomorrow, October 23, from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Registration is also happening soon.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION:

Jimenez Cuevas expressed thanks to the committee for funding a portion of the MEChA event. She also encouraged members of the committee to attend the event!

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Davis at 3:19 PM.