

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

March 3, 2026, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BMU 205

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Tia Saunders, Melys Aroujo-Jerez, Chehel Lakhwara (presenting), Dash Ferrero (online).

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:01 PM.

- 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 3/3/26 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/3/26 regular meeting agenda.** (May/Dupart) 3-0-0 MSC.

- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. Approval the 2/3/25 meeting minutes. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2/3/25 meeting minutes.** (May/Loya-Gaton) 3-0-0 MSC.

- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.
- VII. **PUBLIC OPINION:**

None.
- VIII. **BUSINESS:**

A. Action Item: Hanging of the Pride Flag in the BMU.

Davis lead a discussion involving the history of the pride flag in the BMU and how this committee could ensure that the process follows the BMU flag policy.

Action Requested: Motion to hang the pride flag in the BMU. (May/Dupart) 3/0/0 MSC.

B. Action Item: Global Student Society Presentation for International Prom.

Chehel gave a brief and informative presentation from the Global Student Society regarding the purpose of the International Prom event.

Action Requested: Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for the Global Student Society International Prom on April 24, 2026. (May/Dupart) 3/0/0 MSC.

C. Information Item: Updating SJEC fund allocation.

Chair Davis shared how she felt the funds from SJEC could be used. She explained a proposed program that would provide clubs with an allocation of money at the end of the semester in hopes that it can help with the operations of the whichever club receives the funding. There would be an application process that the

clubs would utilize in order to become eligible for the funding opportunity. This would be targeted towards recognized student organizations in SOLE.

Director Wright shared some historical context that helped explain where this information item is coming from.

The general struggle that smaller clubs tend to experience was cited as a reason for this funding opportunity by the committee members.

D. Information Item: Email to Clubs and Organizations on Campus.

The committee agreed that they do not need to send an email with the discussion that just took place in Business Item C.

E. Information Item: Budget Sheet Update.

Davis shared that \$384.88 spent by MEChA from the \$500 allocated. All \$1000 from the Victory in Unity event were utilized. GSS was approved for up to \$1000 dollars during this meeting and the budget will be updated when the actuals come in. \$1,384.88 in total spent from the budget at this time and she will add the additional \$1000 allocated to the GSS for International Prom when it's processed. .

IX. Staff Report:

Aroujo-Jerez reported upcoming campus events across several cultural resource centers and programs. Women's History Month programming includes mirror decorating (Mar. 23), the Women's History Month Dinner and Story (Mar. 24), a Women in Leadership Panel (Mar. 27), and a waterfall hike (Mar. 28). Additional related events include pocket notebook binding (Mar. 24), canvas sand painting (Mar. 24), and Colors of Community (Mar. 25).

APIDA will host several events: DIY plush making (Mar. 4, 2-4 PM), Tea Time (Mar. 5, 11 AM-12 PM), Our Little Stories panel (Mar. 11, 2-3 PM), cold noodle tasting (Mar. 12, 2-3 PM), and Holi at Trinity Lawn (Mar. 13, 5-7 PM).

The Black Resource Center will continue its Men of Chico gatherings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with line dancing scheduled for Mar. 5.

Choose Chico events include Choose Chico (9 AM-1 PM), Let's Debate with debate coach Sue Peterson (Mar. 10), the Women's History Picnic (Mar. 11), Black Jeopardy Night (Mar. 24), and Mug Painting (Mar. 25).

The Cross-Cultural Leadership Center will host an Open Mic at The Well, Uno Showdown with Freddie, Hello Kitty Café and Karaoke (Mar. 10), Let's Have Periods (Mar. 11), CCLC Talks (Mar. 26), and Wildcat Personal Safety with Wildcat Prevention (Mar. 26).

El Centro programming includes a Spring Into Action Study Jam (Mar. 24), a Butte College Casa en el Centro Mixer (Mar. 25), the Latina Voter Project Workshop (Mar. 12), Self-Care for Latinas Well Takeover (Mar. 11), Chavez and Tacos (Mar. 30), a salsa dance (date TBD), and Writing Wednesdays with SAGE held weekly at 2 PM.

Director Wright shared her appreciation for Aroujo-Jerez's report that highlighted so many impactful events.

X. Members Report:

None.

XI. Chair Report:

Chair Davis expressed her excitement for the support for the new funding idea. Line dancing on the 5th, run for office ends tomorrow, and there may be a field trip to Oakland to see the Black Panther museum.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May shared that the Women's History Picnic is the 25th and Black Jeopardy Night is on the 11th.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION:

Chehel shared her support for the club scholarship idea.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Davis at 2:56 PM.