

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

May 6, 2025, 2:00pm

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aishwarya Gowda, Kayln Peterson, Shaheera Abbasi, Siddhi Pandit, Maddison Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Delaney Love, Luke Bagwell (recording), Maya Andrade, Elie Argent, Ei Waddy Aung, Chenel Lakhwara, Kureha Takayama, Snehitha Gorantla, Ermelindo Salgado Hernandez. Mahraya Davis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:09pm.
- 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 5/6/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 5/6/25 regular meeting agenda.** Peterson/Smith 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 4/29/25 meeting minutes.** Peterson/Smith 3-0-0 MSC.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gowda - Welcome to the new Director of Social Justice and Equity, and thank you to every member for all of the hard work you have dedicated to this committee and its mission.

VII. PUBLIC OPINION – None.

VIII. BUSINESS

A. Information Item: GSS International Prom Feedback Presentation

The prom was a great hit, over 400 attendees! GSS may look into other avenues to receive additional funding in the future so the next one can be even better! This created a cross cultural space which was a fantastic addition that enriched campus life.

B. Discussion Item: Budget – SJEC Budget Sheet

Gowda discussed the SJEC budget and the allocations throughout the semester.

C. Discussion Item: Heritage Table & Volunteer Times

Jewish American Heritage upcoming for May 1-31

I. Chair Report --

Gowda stated, “We did it!” We made a lot of progress and she is proud of the committee.

II. Members Report –

Peterson shared that we should begin utilizing social media more to get SJE more exposure.

III. Staff Report –

Wright- this has been a fantastic experience getting to watch all of you do great work

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Mahraya assumes the Chair position

Peterson states that CLIC is still hiring for the fall 2025 semester.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

Kuhreha Takayama asks where is the best place to bring the opinion of catering and the prices involved with the campus food.

Wright suggests to work directly with Danielle Fierro and ASBC committees, all committee meeting times are on the website

Brooke McCall states it has been such a pleasure seeing you grow and flourish in this role and I am grateful that I got to be a little part of that journey. Trans safety survey results have been revealed to some people and with increased numbers of surveys taken, the results will be released to the broader campus community. The preliminary results of the survey were that we have been doing an amazing job!

XI. ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, at 2:51 pm.