

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 11, 2024  
4:00 p.m. BMU 209

Members present: Chris Sullivan Humberto Partida, Aishu Gowda, Erika Iglesias, Raquel,

Members absent – Christian Hutson

Others present- Brooke McCall, Aviral Kumar Srivastava, Cheri Higgs, Ryan Young, JD Jianoran

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01pm
- II. **MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** *The meeting was started with a reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition and Social Justice and Equity Purpose Statement.*
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of the regular meeting agenda. Action requested: Amend the agenda to remove action item A (Partida/Gowda) 4-0-0-MS.C. Action Requested: Motion to approve the 4/11/24 regular meeting agenda, as amended (Gowda/Iglesias) 4-0-0 MSC.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the 3/28/24 of Social Justice and Equity Committee meeting. Action Requested: Motion to approve the minutes of 3/28/24 regular Social Justice and Equity Committee, as presented (Partida/Gowda) 4-0-0 MSC.
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Gowda shared that a student had approached her about the Arab Heritage Month display and shared with her that not all Arabs are Muslim and that they would like to see more representation going forward.
- VI. **PUBLIC OPINION –**
- VII. **BUSINESS**
  - A. ~~Action Item: Approval of \$400 to allocate to Lambda Theta Phi Low Rider Event. Action Requested: Motion to approve \$400 to allocate to Lambda Theta Phi Low Rider Event.~~
  - B. Discussion Item: Cultural/Heritage Awareness Displays – Sullivan shared that originally, the Arab Heritage Month display was intended to be up through April 30th, but he is also concerned about accommodating the AAPI month celebrations. He proposed transitioning the Arab Heritage Month Display with the AAPI Month display before the end of the month and running it through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Iglesias asked if they could possibly accommodate both months, so we don't have to cut Arabic Heritage Month short. Sullivan responded that it was certainly something we could look into. Sullivan invited the FASO representatives to the table to share their ideas about AAPI month and if any other clubs should be invited. Partida requested that we make sure to gather all the AAPI event details to advertise on the table.
  - C. Discussion Item: FASO shared that their 30th-anniversary event is on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be food education, and many alumni will be there. Sullivan asked how the committee could

support them. FASO shared that they are primarily looking for help with outreach to ensure the public knows that all are welcome to come and learn about their culture. Iglesias asked if FASO was utilizing Cats Connect. FASO responded that they are using it. Iglesias also shared some ideas with the room to help with promotion, like using Instagram and tagging other clubs. Gowda encouraged FASO to tag CCLC, or student life and leadership, to help with the spread. Cheri Higgs shared that there is a contact with Action News that she can share who is focusing on cultural events, and it could be a great way to help reach out to the larger community and families. Raquel asked FASO to send the info to the API council who can distribute their event details to their listserv.

- D. Discussion Item: Culturally Relative Food Pantry- Updates- Partida shared updates about the cultural food pantry projects. They sent out a survey and received 58 responses so far. Based on the survey results, the next steps are pricing and purchasing 2 to 3 ingredients. He shared some potential ingredients from a few different cultural cuisines. Sullivan asked if any results supported black students. Humberto shared that they may not have gotten many responses from the black community on campus. Sullivan asked if Humberto could work with Cherie, the advisor to BSU, to ensure that BSU students and other members of the black community had the chance to respond to the survey. The committee shared some other ideas to help get the survey distributed further.
  - E. Discussion Item: International Festival- Updates- Sullivan Shared that the event will occur on May 4<sup>th</sup> on Trinity Lawn. He shared that 6-7 orgs will participate from 11-2 pm.
  - F. Discussion Item: BMU Art Gallery Second Floor – Sullivan shared some background about the gallery. He also shared that the committee has experienced some challenges gathering submissions and to whom the submissions are open. Partida shared that the committee should focus on doing outreach to clubs. Gowda shared that the monthly SLL club meetings could be a great opportunity to get the word out. She also suggested tabling for SJEC to talk to students about the opportunity.
- VIII. CHAIR REPORT-** Sullivan shared that the university diversity council has been very focused on the AAPI community in preparation for Chico State's request to become an AANAPISI campus. He also shared an opportunity to get involved with the code of ethics process. He shared that Revenue sharing funds need to be utilized before May 17<sup>th</sup>. He shared that today's reading of the purpose statement at the beginning of the meeting is the first time including this step in the agenda, and he hopes to extend this concept out to the other committees. He thanked the committee for helping with the setup for the Arab heritage month display. He also shared that he went to a conference last week at the state capitol to advocate for restorative justice, grants, and other advocacy. He shared that Jaiden Knox has resigned, and he thanked her for her service and support. H will be opening up a vote for the next vice chair at the next meeting.
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Sullivan announced that three of next year's Elected Student Representatives are on this committee. Aishu will join the team as the next Director of Social Justice and Equity. Humberto will be serving as Commissioner of Social Justice and Equity and President. Gowda shared an interest in starting an Instagram for the committee. She also has a survey she would like assistance sharing to get some feedback on student experiences. APIC student panel will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3 pm, and the Eid celebration will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. April 8<sup>th</sup> is international and Queer prom. Sullivan shared that the Women of Wisdom event in the BMU Auditorium is tomorrow, from 4:45 to 7:30. It is Open to all.
- X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic. Higgs shared that the CEO club event focuses on student entrepreneurs on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT - Sullivan Adjourned the meeting at 5:01pm**