

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025  
10:00 am BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aishwarya Gowda, Kayln Peterson, Shaheera Abbasi, Siddhi Pandit, Maddison Smith  
OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Raquel Lee, Delaney Love, Brooke McCall, Chris Sullivan  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tia Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair called the meeting to order at 02:03 pm

II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION: The meeting started with a reading of the Mechoopda Land Recognition.

III. Purpose of SJEC - The Social Justice and Equity Purpose Statement was read.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

Approval of the 1/28/25 regular meeting agenda. Action Requested: Pandit moves to approve, Smith seconds. No objection or abstentions. 5-0-0 motion approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/22/24 meeting minutes- Peterson moves to approve, Smith seconds. No objection or abstentions. 5-0-0 motion approved.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No announcements.

VI. PUBLIC OPINION - No public opinion.

VI. BUSINESS -

a. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Social Justice and Equity Committee Meetings for Academic Year 2024-25. The proposed dates are presented by Gowda to the present members -

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Resolution for Establishing Time and Location for Associated Students Social Justice and Equity Committee Meetings for Academic Semester 2025, as presented. Peterson moves to approve, Smith seconds. No objection or abstentions. 5-0-0 motion approved.

b. Discussion Item: SJEC Budget -

a. Budget Sheet: SJEC Budget Sheet - Gowda elaborated the starting balance, the expenditure in the last semester, & moving forward explained that the balance for this semester will be updated as soon as she adds a couple more expenses to the sheet

b. Form Evaluation for the collabs: <https://forms.gle/XdkjkbHSPubUZSKUA> - CCLC had asked for meeting on 5th Dec for evaluating the success of their last event in Fall semester but given the last meeting of SJEC happened on 22nd Nov, it was scheduled for this semester. Gowda elaborated on the submitted form & the images provided by them for the Multicultural Fashion Show & the mixer following it.

c. Discussion Item: Cultural/Heritage Awareness Displays- Gowda explains the planned themes for the table displays for next months. Kendra suggested dividing the table in half for Black history month, & Pandit added that we can divide the rest of the table for Resources & Upcoming events. Gowda informs that the table should be set up before Feb 1st & expects the voting members to volunteer to pitch in 1 hour anytime throughout the week to help set it up according to their schedules & availability. The present voting members volunteered their time according to their respective schedules & the non-voting members explained their remote availability.

c. Discussion Item: Semester Planning-

1. Upcoming events & projects -

2. Proposals for projects -

3. Issues faced last semester - None.

4. Election Day: Information - Brooke McCall explained that the students will be able to run for the AS government for the next academic year from 10th Feb. She explained that to apply the students will need to start by submitting an application & then she'll have a meeting with each in-person to check if all needed qualifications are met. She highly encouraged students to apply for the positions as their great benefits in the form of scholarships, opportunities for networking, & more.

5. Status of students with the changing government - Gowda informs that Dr. Morales has asked for feedback regarding the status of students with the changing government. Raquel suggested that community discussions, like Healing Circles, could be beneficial, & Abbasi added that something like the sound baths in The Well could help ease the rising anxiety as well.

IX. CHAIR REPORT:

X. MEMBERS REPORT: Abbasi proposed a wellness organization on campus which she has ideas for & will help to set up but will be back in Feb to discuss it more. Gowda added that she'll reach out for help from The Well as well for the suggested club. Pandit proposed that we could contact the Pride club & GSEC to ask if the Trans students on campus need any help in form of counselling, therapy, etc. & if we could help arrange it, which members agreed to.

X. STAFF REPORT: Kendra addressed the committee by welcoming all for the first meeting of the semester. Raquel informed all about the Lunar New Year event that will be on 29th Jan from 2 to 6 pm, where everyone can come learn about the Chinese traditions for the New year and enjoy the traditional food presented. She also informed about First program which will help students build confidence & encourage them to apply for leadership positions in various clubs on the campus through talks by various presenters, including Sullivan.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No Announcements.

X. PUBLIC OPINION: Sullivan welcomed the committee back this semester & explained that we have free immigration services for students. A copy of the same information was given to Gowda to be displayed on the Cultural/Heritage Awareness Displays table, as well as the Dream center.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 02:51 pm