

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025
02:00 pm BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aishwarya Gowda, Kalyn Peterson, Shaheera Abbasi, Siddhi Pandit, Maddison Smith, Valeria Chavez, Kiara Castanos

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Brenda, Katey, Shenita Gorantla, Humberto Partida, Marilyn Peterson, Chris Sullivan, Luiz, Claire Best-Silva

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tia Saunders

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair called the meeting to order at 02:00 pm

II. MECCHOOPDA 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 -

Action Requested: Approval of the 2/11/25 regular meeting agenda. Action Requested: Pandit moves to approve, Peterson seconds. No objection or abstentions. 5-0-0 motion approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Action Requested: Motion to approve the 1/28/24 meeting minutes- Peterson moves to approve, Smith seconds. No objection or abstentions. 5-0-0 motion approved.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No announcements.

VII. PUBLIC OPINION - No public opinion.

VIII. BUSINESS -

A. Discussion Item: Budget Sheet: SJEC Budget Sheet -Gowda explained the updated Budget sheet, the expenditures made in Fall 2024 semester, some expenses made in this semester up till now, & the remaining balance for this semester. Gowda reminds that moving forward this balance must be kept in mind for any proposals or approvals.

B. Discussion Item: Semester Wildcat Pantry Proposal- Gowda introduces Partida & Sullivan, who started this project last academic year with 1200\$ received from the SJEC committee to get culturally relevant food for the students. She explains that they are here for the same & Partida will be presenting the proposal. Partida then introduces himself & further elaborates some more on Pantry project's goals & agenda. This time too they are asking to continue the pilot program of getting culturally relevant food as they have seen an increase in students from different cultural backgrounds who are now aware of the pantry initiative. As these foods are more expensive the 1200\$ received were a great start but they'll need more sustenance.

C. Following this information, Luiz introduces themselves & explains what role they play in this Basic Needs Pantry. Gowda asks how much amount they are expecting from the SJEC committee, to which Partida informs that they are asking for the same amount as last time, that is 1200\$, since they are also asking for help from other places too. Gowda also asks if they have any culturally relevant food for upcoming Ramadan, to which Partida & Luiz confirm they have ordered. Gowda informs them that this week this issue will be a discussion item & the next week it will be an action item when the committee will vote on whether to approve or decline the funding request.

D. Discussion Item: GSEC Drag Show-

Gowda explains that now the GSEC will be presenting the proposal for the Drag Show & pulls up their presentation, while Brenda distributes a detailed sheet to every member at the table. Brenda starts the presentations by informing everyone about GSEC, & their LGBTQIA, Women's & Outreach programs. She explains the background of the Drag show conducted here at Chico state & the agenda for drag show, burlesque & singing events. The success of the event was elaborated on, more than 300 tickets were sold, as this event is more famous with students because even people under 21 can attend, & this was followed by the testimonials. Brenda then explained the budget sheet in more detail & what they are asking for; the main expense they asked for was for the transportation for the performers. Kendra asks how much in years past they were charging for pre-sale tickets & the at-the-door tickets, to which Brenda informs in 2023 it was 7\$ for students & 10\$ for staff, faculty & community members. Pandit asks if the total cost that they are asking for amounts to 1152.25, which is everything on the budget sheet except the auditorium fee that was already paid for. Brenda informs that since they have quite some funds from the past year, as they couldn't conduct this event then, the main expenditure they are asking for to be covered is the transportation expense of 600\$. They are also hoping to get some 100\$ donations from small businesses in Downtown but the chances of it are less. Gowda then asks if they are getting additional funding from other places for other items on the budget or if they are using the GSEC funds to pay for other items on the budget. Brenda affirms that GSEC funds are being used for them. Gowda then asks if the help they are asking from SJEC is due to lack of funds or is it due to lack of legal documents or performers not belonging to a recognized company. Brenda informs it is due to the lack of license, to which Kendra reminds that SJEC also follows the same restrictions that stop GSEC from paying for this specific expense. So, it is suggested by Gowda that we could cover printing, food from AS catering, amazon order for other goodies, which amounts to 552.25\$. Gowda lastly informs Brenda that the committee members will vote for this action item in the next meeting & if confirmed then they will discuss the billing for the same.

E. Discussion Item: SJEC Committee Code Changes- Gowda explains that Castanos is on the committee as the representative on behalf of CCLC. She then explains that initially in the committee code there was an Office of EDI designee, which wasn't there for CCLC. So, the code was reviewed to make few changes, which Gowda then explains. The Representative from CCLC could be a staff advisor or a designee, & the same went for Director for AS Programs & Government Affairs, as well as Chief Diversity Officer or Appointee from Division of Students. Few other changes made were further explained. Gowda explained that the changes made will be reflected in that document which will get approved by BOD & then GAC, & it will be added as an action item in the upcoming meeting.

IX. CHAIR REPORT:

Gowda informs that she'll be attending a UDC meeting the next day from 3 to 4pm. Then on Friday: Academic Integrity Council meeting from 11 to 12 pm, & then the GAC meeting from 12 to 1:30 pm in BMU 205, where she'll be presenting the Pantry proposal. She encourages anyone interested in it to attend that meeting. She'll also attend Partida's committee of Student engagement & Advocacy meeting to discuss this Pantry Proposal on Friday from 2 to 3 pm. She then informs that she did attend a APIC general meeting last Wednesday, where they discussed having the next APIC general meetings on March 6th, April 3rd & May 1st, which are open to anyone interested in APIC regardless of their background. They are also currently seeking an event coordinator for APIC for which anyone can apply by emailing them & informing them of your interest in that position. They are also planning for the APIC graduation ceremony which will be on May 9th at 6 pm at PAC 144. If anyone is graduating from APIC they'll need to make sure they have registered for it. They are also asking students or interested members to join the Graduation committee to help with planning & logistics. Other than this, she also received the invitation for APIDA opening ceremony committee & is honored to sit at that committee. She then reminds of the APIC General meetings every month & the information for the same could be found through Cats Connect. Gowda informs that last Friday the AS government had a training for the directors & office coordinators, where they also discussed budget, student's enrollment, as well as

academic advising, so if anyone wants to have a conversation about the same, they could discuss that in their next meeting.

X. MEMBERS REPORT:

Smith informs that she was able to meet with two students on campus to get an idea about what the students are feeling regarding the latest political atmosphere & asked them if they wanted to attend the meeting to voice their concerns, but they opted to stay anonymous & instead share their feeling via Smith. They are grateful for Chico State as they feel safe here compared to other areas in our Country & the US, but there is certainly a little bit of nervousness around ICE & what could potentially happen. Smith was able to find that she could put out a statement about the rights of students & people in general, but the still feeling of nervousness around this subject exists. Other than this Smith is also a part of the Chico Pre-law Society & they were able to host in coalition with test masters and LSAT workshop last week which went very well. Gowda asks her if they or any other organizations would like to attend the meeting to voice their concerns & opinions, they are welcome to. Gowda then asks Abbassi if she was able to contact any staff or faculty member for joining the MENA center staff & faculty association, to which Abbassi informs that not yet as she is still waiting to hear back from a couple of people she would like to include if there are from the community. Gowda lastly added that new decorations for the Black History Month had arrived & volunteers waiting after the meeting can help decorate the Heritage table.

XI. STAFF REPORT:

Castanon informs that CCLC is starting their First leadership program tonight & is going on till April 1st. They will have a Mixer open to all from the student body in April 1st for them to connect with other leaders on campus & build their network. Kendra adds that the Women in STEM event is happening in half an hour at 3 pm at Sylvester's Café on campus, & she plans to go over & encourages others to go & support the amazing senators who will be on the panel.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Castanon informs that CCLC & El Centro are partnering together to create an event with the Book & Common committee. So, she or the graduate assistant from EL Centro will be coming to talk & request fundings for the same. Gowda tells her that she will send them the requirements for presenting in the meeting & if they are ready & let her know for sure by tomorrow, they can come & present in the next meeting.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION:

Sullivan informs that on March 4th there will be a student town hall conducted at BMU 203 from 3:30 to 5 pm, where President Perez & the student representatives will present. First 75 students attending will get free burritos as incentive to come, meet & ask questions to your student representatives. Brenda explains the Vagina monologue will be hosted again this year by GSEC & the sale for the tickets is going on for the same. People can buy pre -buy tickets or even buy them at the door but be warned that the price will go up a little by then.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting is adjourned at 02:39 pm.