

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

February 25, 2025, 2:00pm
BMU 209

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Eliza Miller, Delaney Love, Luke Bagwell (recording), Valeria Chavez, Ei Aung, Kuleha Takayama, Maren Petersen, Blue Martinez, Ermelindo Salgado Hernandez.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:08pm.
- 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 2/25/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 2/25/25 regular meeting agenda.** Pandit/Peterson 4-0-0 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 2/4/25 and 2/11/25 meeting minutes.** Pandit/Peterson 4-0-0 MSC.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

VII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. Discussion Item: International Prom

GSS came to speak about the international prom. They are requesting \$700 from the SJEC which would include a photo booth and themed decor items. They provided justification and explanation for both expenses. Last semester they got 120 people to attend the prom and this semester they expect 150 people! They also plan to collaborate with other clubs like the line dancing club. This event is open to the entire campus, including Butte College students.

B. Discussion Item: El Centro – Book in Common Event

Ermelindo Salgado Hernandez – requesting \$575 for catering services. This “Our Immigrant Souls Storytelling” event is a great way to bring communities together connecting through storytelling, which is especially important at such an unpredictable time for these communities. The event will cover themes of migration, resilience, and identity. These funds will be used to purchase culturally relevant refreshments.

C. Discussion Item: Budget – SJEC Budget Sheet

Gowda updated the committee on how much they have allocated for the year, as well as which items have already been fully expensed.

D. Discussion Item: Office of Civic Engagement

Gowda -- We were contacted by the office of civic engagement who was interested in hosting a panel!

I. Chair Report --

Gowda -- This Thursday please come to SAS. Provost Leslie will be there to discuss the Reimagining Academic Affairs. It will be held at 8:00 am on Thursday the 27th in BMU 205

or 210 dependent on crowd size. The SJEC code changes that we approved last week has also been approved in GAC.

II. Members Report – none.

III. Staff Report – none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Peterson -- I will be attending the SAS meeting for more details on Reimagining Academic Affairs where Provost Leslie Cornick will be in attendance explaining the project. On Monday March 3rd there is a separate town hall for Reimagining Academic Affairs.

There is a talk today from 5:00-7:00 pm in BMU 304 called Perspectives on Palestine given by folks who do a lot of work in the West Bank.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

Gowda -- Choose Chico is on March 1st. There is an event hosted by Chico State Democrats on 26th of February. March 4th is town hall meeting with President Perez and AS President Sullivan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, at 2:26 pm.