

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

March 4, 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 Takayam, Snehittha Gorantla, Ermelindo Salgado Hernandez.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:02pm.
- 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 3/4/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/4/25 regular meeting agenda.** Peterson/Pandit 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 2/18/25 meeting minutes.**
Pandit/Abbasi 4-0-0 MSC.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

VII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. **Action 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.

Peterson/Pandit 5,0,0 MSC

B. **Action 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.

Pandit/Peterson 5,0,0 MSC

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. There is \$4,105.18 left in the SJEC budget after accounting for the action items above.

D. **Discussion Item: Reimagining Academic Affairs (SAT)**

This initiative is looking for solutions to CSU-wide problems. Particularly in enrollment. Fall of 2024 a special action committee was created to come up with different models that restructure the college with the ultimate goal to save money. Students are very concerned about these changes, but it is important to recognize that no major decisions have been made yet, and the decisions require student feedback. Please get involved!

Question about where arts and humanities would fall. The answer was that it is unclear where arts and humanities would be placed.

E. Discussion Item: Heritage Table & Volunteer Times

It is Women's History Month! Please help us decorate the heritage table!

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 –

Peterson- last week I was able to touch base with some students on how ICE being on campus made them feel. It felt like a backstab according to the students especially given the current political climate.

Wright- (providing some clarification on the topic) Department of Homeland Security is the umbrella org for ICE. The career center DOES NOT INVITE specific potential employers to the career fairs, it is a first come first serve basis, and the career center cannot prohibit a government entity from trying to recruit employees from the Career Fair. I would also like to mention that I found the protest to be respectful and effective at expressing how the students feel about this topic!

III. Staff Report – none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Peterson – The Pre Law Society has meetings every Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm in the BSS building.

Gowda – If you would like to participate in a Wild Cat Send Off for the Chico State Men's Basketball Team.

-- This Friday Amnesty International is going to be having an event which places a focus on dismantling the mass deportation machine.

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 2:34 pm.