

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, Maren Petersen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Raquel Lee, Maya Andrade, Valeria Chavez, Kiara Castanon.

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 **3/25/25** regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 3/25/25 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 2/25/25 meeting minutes.**
Petersen/pandit 4-0-0 MSC.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

VII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. **Information Item: CHESS Conference**

Gowda attended CHESS conference with several members of the AS where they had the opportunity to lobby our representatives at the capital regarding issues effecting the CSU.

B. **Information Item: SAT Updates (Reimagining Academic Affairs)**

Gowda spoke about information that is available on the Reimagining Academic Affairs Website. They also mentioned that this Spring Semester is intended to be focused on gathering information and feedback for the project.

C. **Discussion Item: University Diversity Council Updates and Designee for UDC**

Gowda worked on finding a designee for the UDC. Also reviewed the community agreements.

D. **Discussion Item: SJEC Budget Sheet**

Gowda reviewed the SJEC budget, highlighting changes that will be made. Gowda also mentioned that they will be reaching out to recent funding recipients to come present on how their event went and how SJEC funding contributed to that!

E. **Discussion Item: Heritage Table & Volunteer Times**

Gowda discussed the Heritage Table and upcoming heritage months, also searched for volunteers to help with setting up some more decorations.

I. **Chair Report --**

Gowda – Attending GAC and BOD meetings, and attending events mentioned in the announcements section.

II. Members Report –

Peterson- Regarding the EO of Department of Education. Students expressed insecurities and fears from students regarding grants and other funding. Students are seeking clarity and unfortunately it is very hard to clarify decisions coming from the current admin at this time.

III. Staff Report – none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Petersen- Amnesty International and SWANASA will be hosting an Iftar event at Chico Chai this Thursday from 6:00-8:30.

Castanon- CCLC Award for students and Faculty.

Gowda- Holy Celebration from 4:00 to 6:30 this Friday 3/28 on Trinity Lawn. Diversity Certificate Program Workshops 2:00-4:00 pm in the BMU. AS Election Meet the Candidates in the library breezeway 3/26 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

X. PUBLIC OPINION –

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, at 2:42 pm.