

## MEETING MINUTES

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

**March 8, 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), Maya Andrade, Brooke McCall, Kiara Castanon, Valeria Chavez.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:00pm.
- 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

Peterson motioned to amend the Agenda to reflect the accurate date, Pandit seconded 5-0-0 MSC

- A. Approval of the 4/8/25 regular meeting agenda as amended. **Action Requested:**  
**Motion to approve the 4/8/25 regular meeting agenda.** Peterson/Pandit 6-0-0 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 3/25/25 & 4/1/2025 meeting minutes.**  
Peterson/Pandit 6-0-0 MSC.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

VII. **PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

VIII. **BUSINESS**

A. **Information Item: Presentation from IT on ChatGPT Implementation**

Gowda gave an overview of the presentation given by the VP of IT. Presentation and all other relevant information covered in meeting can be found on the [Division of Information Technology](#) website.

B. **Information Item: NSSE Survey (National Survey of Student Engagement)**

This will collect valuable student feedback on various college related variables such as campus engagement, academic experience, and inclusion. Survey is available Feb 17th – May 12<sup>th</sup>.

C. **Information Item: University Diversity Council**

Reviewed the UDC 2024/2025 workgroup overview.

D. **Discussion Item: SJEC Budget**

No word from GSEC yet on the results of the drag show, and no International Prom yet. El centro is scheduled on April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to report on their event!

I am tasking this committee to up with some ways to make sure that the funds from the SJEC are spent before the end of the semester, and they need to be centered around the goals and values of this SJEC committee. Please come to the next meeting with some proposals so we can brainstorm.

Pandit brought up the [AI immersion day](#) from the Division of Information Technology, and suggesting that we may be able to have a similar training.

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

AAPI Heritage Month April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>!

I. **Chair Report** --

Gowda: Attended the most recent Reimagination event and it did not meet my expectations. It was not really a presentation but rather an event where you go and read about the information yourself. Humberto and I will be a part of From Campus to Capital panel. Today from 3:00 – 5:00 pm there is a mental health workshop is happening in BMU 309. APIDA is having their opening ceremony next Tuesday from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm!

**II. Members Report – None.**

**III. Staff Report –**

Kendra: Election results have been posted! 2,336 actually cast their ballot, that is 17% of our student population, which is highly impressive compared to our sister institutions! Thanks to everyone who participated in the process. The next director of SJEC is Maria Davis. There is still one vacancy which is the commissioner of community affairs, it is posted in multiple places and is open until April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Big shoutout to our elections supervisor, Brooke McCall with taking on this very tedious and laborious process of AS Elections!

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Pandit: BDC is performing on April 10<sup>th</sup> Bidwell Junior High School at 6:00-7:15 pm.

**X. PUBLIC OPINION –**

McCall: Transgender Taskforce is looking for representatives, please feel free to reach out to me and I can get you in contact with the chair.

Gowda: Information about the Maggie and Marshall awards have been sent to your emails from GSEC.

Shaheera: Muslim Arab Student Faculty Committee. Sent out an email in the beginning of march but did not hear back from many people. Committee centered around creating a stronger support system for the members of this community at our college. Inquiring about the possibility for an inter-faith council or committee at our campus to help people of various religions feel included and engaged with their religion even if there is not a large practicing population here on campus.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT --** The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, at 2:41 pm.