

Friday, November 01, 2024  
10:00 am BMU 205

Members present: Gowda, Pandit, Peterson, Smith, Chhetri.  
Others: Raquel, Kendra, Chris Sullivan

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 am
- II. MECHOOPDA 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 - Approval of 11/24 regular meetings. Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/1/24 regular meeting agenda.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No previous meeting minutes, so moved to Announcements.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No announcements.
- VII. PUBLIC OPINION - Sullivan introduced himself.
- VIII. BUSINESS -
  - a. Action Item: Approval of the 11/1/24 regular meeting agenda. Action: Pandit moves to approve & Peterson seconds 5-0-0 motion approved.
  - b. Business Item: Introductions: Every member, voting & non-voting, introduced themselves, starting with Pandit, then Peterson, followed by Smith, & lastly Chhetri.
  - c. Action Item: Vice Chair of SJEC Appointment: Pandit shows call for interest to be the Vice-Chair. During the voting procedure Peterson moves to approve & Smith seconds. Pandit is appointed as the Vice-Chair of SJEC.
  - d. Discussion Item: Multicultural Showcase: The time of event was informed (November 20, 2024, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, BMU Auditorium) & purpose of the event was explained. Gowda asked if anyone was willing to help the coordinators for the same; if yes then asked them to stop by her office for getting more information regarding the same.
  - e. Discussion Item: CCLC Cultural Fashion Show: Raquel introduced herself & elaborated on the goals & agenda of the event and the mixer after the show (November 19, 2024, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM, PAC 144 & Courtyard). A request for 110 USD was made for the food expenses for the after-event mixer. No exact budget sheet printed yet (due to issues with the printer) but will be submitted later. Next meeting the request will be accepted or denied.
  - f. Discussion Item: Cultural/Heritage Awareness Displays: The heritage month themes decided for each month was explained by Gowda, reiterating the theme for the month of November- Native American Heritage, AS Resources, Campus Resources, Upcoming Events. Gowda further informs that if anyone is on campus, they can stop by her office to get the table display materials & help look after the decorations. Raquel asks if Tribal Relations were consulted to confirm the details of the tabling information of Native American Heritage section, which Gowda confirms that they did take help from them. Ideas for December need to

be informed to Gowda beforehand so that they could be confirmed & ordered. Any links or purchases the members can find on online stores can be sent to Gowda to be added in the list. Gowda asked everyone to email their contact numbers to be added in the WhatsApp group for the same.

- IX. CHAIR REPORT: Pantry supplied cultural-related food last year & will continue with it this year too. This will be primarily helped by \_ committee (Sullivan) & then by SJEC. MeCHA event today, who were asking for funding but since it was last minute & no approval was voted for SJEC couldn't help with funding this time, though they will later attend a meeting to elaborate on how the event went. Next Gowda shared information regarding the Town Hall meeting & urged members to attend if they could, followed by information regarding MEANA. Gowda ended by announcing that if anyone needs to add any minutes to the next meeting agenda they have till Monday 3 pm.
- X. MEMBERS REPORT: Peterson says the Town Hall timings will be confirmed & informed & she too encouraged members to attend. Next she reported a student concern that was shared directly to her that some students think 'people will take negative advantages of the opportunities offered by the committee'. Peterson felt that this concern could have stemmed from the lack of information. Gowda asks Peterson if she can ask the person who reported these concerns if they are willing to attend the next meeting so that they can share their precise concerns in-person. Pandit suggests that we can display information regarding all the committees & want their purpose on the Cultural/Heritage Awareness Display Table during the month of December to help spread the information on purpose & workings of each committee amongst students.
- XI. STAFF REPORT: Raquel informs that CCLC is hosting 'Aux Talks: Native American Edition' event on Nov 20th from 12-1 pm & all those who are interested are welcome to attend it, as well as participate in the Cultural Fashion Show.
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.
- XIII. PUBLIC OPINION: No public opinions.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 10:36 am.