

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

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

November 5, 2025, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

BMU 209

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mahraya Davis (chair), Io Loya-Gaytan, Savanna Dupart, Amari May, Raquel Lee.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Wright, Luke Bagwell (recording), Tia Saunders, Brooke McCall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molly Skinner.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:33 PM.
- 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 11/5/25 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/5/25 regular meeting agenda.** (Dupart/May) 3-0-0 MSC.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. Approval the 10/22/25 meeting minutes. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 10/22/25 meeting minutes.** (Loya-Gaytan/May) 3-0-0 MSC.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

VII. PUBLIC OPINION:

None.

VIII. BUSINESS:

A. **Action Item:** Appointment of Vice Chair

Davis appointed Amari May to the position of Vice Chair.

B. **Information Item:** Updated Process for Funding Requests

Davis presented this information item, and began a discussion regarding what the funding request process should look like.

Lee asked if the process would continue on Google Forms or be moved to CatsConnect?

Davis answered that it would be moved to CatsConnect.

Davis mentioned the changes are being implemented in order to make funding requests easier for students to access.

Members unanimously shared that they appreciated the example that MEChA set with their presentation, and included that they would appreciate future funding requests to present on the impact or significance of whatever it is they are requesting funding for.

Loya-Gaytan mentioned that the form should include a recommended timeline that student organizations can reference before they request funds to ensure that they have a realistic understanding of when and how they submit a funding proposal.

C. **Information Item:** Next Semester SJEC Meeting

Davis asked the board to begin thinking about their Spring 2026 semester, and when it would be best to hold next semester's SJEC meetings.

D. **Information Item:** Budget

Davis walked the members through the SJEC budget sheet update so that all members could be informed on the current balance of the budget. This included the approval for MEChA's Day of the Dead event.

IX. Staff Report:

Lee – Reported that the week of November 17, the BRC is hosting an event called To Be Black which is an event where folks can share what it means to them to be black. The BRC is also hosting on November 12, at 12:00 PM, "Curl-Cation," which is an event focused on hair. El Centro is hiring a cultural programmer, the application is on handshake until November 13. El Centro is also hosting on November 18, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, A Taste of Tradition, which is an event that highlights three different Native American foods for folks to try and appreciate. El Centro is also hosting on November 13, A Harvest of Knowledge,

which is a study jam that lots of centers do, sometimes including food! APIDA has skull painting on the November 12, and every Tuesday and Thursday with Dr. Juni they have Chai Chats where you can come in and speak about the different prompts they have chosen for that day. The CCLC is hosting an open mic series on November 17, and this one will be focused on international students because it's International Week that week. The CCLC is also hosting on November 10, a bead loom making event to make keychains and such. The CCLC and Tribal Relations are collaborating to host Dinner with Elders, and the tickets are available through Tribal Relations. All are welcome! And lastly, GSEC hosts a Feminists not Book Club on Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

Wright – Reported that there is Drag Bingo tonight, 11/5, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, in the BMU auditorium. Also, on November 12, the Commissioner of Community Affairs is hosting, in collaboration with campus administration, the Moonlit Safety Walk. Wright highlighted that this event is hosted to bring up safety issues around our campus and the community at large, with the intent of sharing those observed issues with folks who can make those changes for a better and safer student experience.

Lee asked how much of what is brought up during and after this event is typically fixed?

Wright responded that from the Chico State side, it is a 100% fix rate, and the City of Chico is appreciative of the awareness it brings them, and they do what they can to accommodate within budget and reason.

X. Members Report:

None.

XI. Chair Report:

Davis shared that the auditions for the Multicultural Showcase went great. They accepted 14 of the 15 auditions, and they have rehearsals on November 17 and 18. Davis also shared that Pride's 50 Year Anniversary Celebration is on November 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Multi-Cultural Showcase is November 19 at the BMU.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lee announced an event happening in Sylvesters right now in collaboration with the Well Cat Health Center and the Affinity Centers.

XIII. PUBLIC OPINION:

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Davis at 3:13 PM.