

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY COMMITTEE**

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**Friday, November 22nd, 2024,**  
**10:00am-11:00am BMU 205**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aishwarya Gowda, Kayln Peterson, Shaheera Abbasi, Siddhi Pandit, Maddison Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eliza Miller, Brooke McCall, Delaney Love, Humberto Partida, Raquel Lee, Jonathan Parra Alsol, Ishika Chhetri, Zackary Machado

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tia Saunders

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by the chair, Aishwarya Gowda.

**II. MECHOOPDA LAND RECOGNITION:** *"We acknowledge and are mindful that CSU, Chico stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, the Mechoopda, and we recognize their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land, the flora, the fauna, and the waters that run through campus. We are humbled that our campus resides upon sacred lands that since time immemorial has sustained the Mechoopda people and continues to do so today."*

**III. Purpose of SJEC:** This committee serves as the representative body for our diverse and multicultural community, advocating for fair and inclusive policies and procedures within the University and statewide. The SJEC welcomes all students to voice questions, comments, or concerns regarding the various opportunities, events, and communities on our campus. The committee's intentions are to raise awareness on the campus community about initiatives dedicated to social justice for the students by the students.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A.** Approval of the 11/22/24 regular meeting agenda. **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/22/24 regular meeting agenda.** Pandit motions, Peterson seconds. Motion passes 4-0-0.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *At this time the council will review the minutes of the previous meeting(s) and make any appropriate corrections.* **Action Requested: Motion to approve the 11/8/24 meeting minutes.** Pandit motions, Peterson seconds. Motion passes 4-0-0.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**VII. PUBLIC OPINION** – None.

**VIII. BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion Item: Cultural Fashion show feedback**

- a. Form Evaluation: <https://forms.gle/XdkjkbHSPubUZSKUA>
- b. What worked, what could be improved, and suggestions for future events.  
Lee stated that overall, the event was great. Next time they would like to partner with AS Presents and incorporate the event into International Fest. She stated that so far feedback has said that people would like to see more participants and include regional fashion as well.

**B. Discussion Item: Next Semester SJEC meeting**

1. Submit your schedule/availability immediately after the meeting
2. Discuss timing preferences to maximize attendance and engagement.

Gowda mentioned that she would like all members to share their schedules for next semester so that way the committee can establish a new time for the Spring semester.

**C. Discussion Item: Issues / Challenges**

1. Student, Faculty, and Staff Challenges:
2. Department and Organization Feedback:
3. B-Line Concerns:
4. Wildcat Wednesdays:
5. Graduate Student Challenges:

Gowda mentioned a potential collaboration between the Social Justice and Equity Committee and the Campus Engagement Council to help with issues that students may be facing when it comes to finding campus resources. Regarding the B-Line, Gowda mentioned students are having issues with the B-Line who are missing classes because of the inconsistent schedules that are posted online. Pandit mentioned there are inconsistencies when it comes to schedules posted online versus the official B-Line website. She also mentioned there may be a lack of communication between the B-Line and the student body, as many did not know of newly added features, such as live schedules and bus tracking. Gowda mentioned faculty had reached out to her and brought up the idea of Wildcat Wednesdays, where students can wear school spirit wear on Wednesdays to help foster a sense of community and help students feel more connected to campus. Moving to the topic of graduate student challenges, Pandit mentioned that some students have trouble talking with potential employers at career fairs, as not all areas of the College of ECC are represented well. She mentioned students would like more companies related to software development would be present at said career fairs. Pandit mentioned she felt some graduate students have trouble finding mental health resources and feel intimidated to use them. Partida mentioned that as a graduate student, he feels there isn't enough time to be involved on campus and that most simply attend class and work a full-time job. He also mentioned that he would like for there to be a transition team of sorts for graduate students who are new to campus to help them get connected and feel welcomed.

**D. Discussion Item: Cultural/Heritage Awareness Displays**

- a. [2024-25, Plan cultural and heritage awareness campaigns for the academic year.](#)
- b. Dedicate one hour per week to committee tasks. Submit your availability.
- c. Share upcoming events in the group chat to keep members informed and engaged.

Gowda mentioned that we are currently celebrating Native American Heritage Month. She also mentioned that she would like the members to help with the Cultural/Heritage Awareness table when it comes to restocking certain free items on the table.

### **I. Chair Report**

Gowda brought up the Multicultural Fashion Show and how it was a successful event. She also mentioned that there is only one more Special Action Team meeting and she will update the committee at the next meeting. She asked all members to be present at the next meeting as there will be many updates regarding the rest of the semester and next semester.

### **II. Members Report**

Peterson mentioned that the campus had the Town Hall meeting recently, and shared that it was an amazing experience. Gowda mentioned there was around 400 students present. She also brought up the Community Agreements speaking session coming up in December.

### **III. Staff Report**

Lee mentioned that the CCLC will have three more events this semester, one being a treasure hunt, Shades of Nature where they are taking students to the ice skating rink in collaboration with The Hub, and lastly an event with El Centro to celebrate the cultural side of Christmas.

### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

- X. PUBLIC OPINION** – Love mentioned that AS will have their last bingo in December. She mentioned there will be many prizes given away. Love also mentioned that De-Stress Fest will happen after Thanksgiving break, and many areas of campus will be participating. McCall mentioned that she loved that the committee had a conversation regarding graduate students, and mentioned a class that is available through the Student Involvement Center that can help students get more connected with campus. Partida mentioned an event coming up, Hot Apps and Hot Cocoa, and he shared that the purpose of the event is to help promote the Chico State App and the Event Pass so students can be more aware of what's happening on campus.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**      The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Aishwarya Gowda, at 10:53 AM.