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**BUTTE COLLEGE
STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte College Student Students (BCSS) will hold regular meetings on Tuesday of every month from two o'clock until business is concluded. The meeting times and locations are noted below. All student meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify Angel Ventura-Plascencia ventura-plascenciaan@butte.edu (530) 895-2308, no less than five working days prior to the meeting. The BCSS will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible. The BCSS reserves the right to amend the agenda at any time.

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 2:00 pm

Location: CC 151

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Leo called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

II. Roll call:

☒	☐	President – Leo Salas
☒	☐	Vice President – Celestina Galicia-Davis
☒	☐	ICC Director – Gabe Santoyo
☒	☐	Student Trustee – Sam Ceja
☒	☐	Business Affairs Director - Maya Ruiz
☒	☐	Student Life Senator 1 – Samantha Olives Folgio
☒	☐	Student Life Senator 2 – Erik Madera
☐	☒	Student Success Senator 1 – Ivana Valcarengi
☒	☐	Student Success Senator 2 – Julissa Acosta
☒	☐	Student Enrollment Senator 1 – Vacant
☒	☐	Student Enrollment Senator 2 – Damian Martinez
☒	☐	Student Career & Technical Education Senator – Eduardo Diaz
☒	☐	Student General Education (GE) Senator –Zia Miller
☐	☒	AS Secretary – Guadalupe Lule
☐	☒	AS & Student Life Advisor – Angel Ventura-Plascencia
☒	☐	Student Life Specialist – Karla Guzman-Mohedano

III. Adopt Agenda: 09/15/2026

Damian motioned to amend the agenda and add a discussion item regarding the possible addition of Meditation Rooms on Campus to the agenda. Erik seconded the motion to amend the agenda. No further discussion. All in favor.

Damian motioned to adopt the amended meeting agenda. Zia seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Leo motioned to make a friendly amendment to the agenda by changing Student Enrollment Senator 2 to Student Enrollment Senator 1. No further discussion. All in favor; motion passed.

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: 09/08/2026

Erik Madera motions to approve the previous meeting minutes. Julissa Acosta seconded. No discussion. All in favor; motion passed.

V. Officer Reports: *(limited to three minutes per person)*

Leo Salas – Tabled for National Voter Registration Day and spoke with the Roadrunner newspaper to collaborate in bringing awareness to voter registration. Leo attended the beginning of the 9/15/2026 ICC meeting. They also will also be tabling at the Chico Center on 9/16/2026 for Constitution Day.

Celestina Galicia-Davis – Attended the ICC meeting as a representative of the Native American Club. They were in San Diego SSCCC Board of Directors meeting where they learned about the Building Bridges Tour, where students across the California Community College system are heard, and would like to implement a similar listening session for the Native American students on campus, and other affinity groups. Noted that there was an audit report looking at Community College reserves, Butte College was also a part of that auditing process and was considered moderate.

Samuel Cejas – Tabled for National Voter Registration Day and interacted with students, and learning that in the future being more clear about what the students were voting on would be appreciated.

Maya Ruiz – Attended Chico States Tribal Relations Native Welcome event where they tabled with the Native American Center in collaboration with the Native American Club. Attended the Acorn Festival in Tuolumne. They also stopped by Bienvenida.

Ivana Valcarenghi – Not present

Julissa Acosta – Nothing to report

Samantha Olives Folgio – Stopped by the table for voting.

Erik Madera – Attended election table. Also, visited the Undocu Center

Damian Martinez – Attended the election table and expressed the need for more clear communication with regard to what the voting was for. Will be attending tabling event at the Chico Center for Constitution Day.

Eduardo Diaz – Attended the Undocu Welcome event, tabled for elections.

Zia Miller - Attended the Pre-Health Club meeting, also attended the nursing program informational session on Tuesday.

Gabe Santoyo – Attended the elections tabling, and the ICC meeting where they voted on the proposal to change the prizes for clubs attending Belonging at Butte event.

VI. Participatory Governance Reports: *(limited to three minutes per committee)*

Leo Salas – Attended the Board of Trustees where they went over the budget for the 26/27 fiscal year, Classified Senate had 44 new appointments for different committees on campus. Academic Senate is making progress on the gender-neutral bathrooms, needing more Kinesiology classes. Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee discussed AP 5520 and had the handbook for the student code of conduct and possibly change it to AP 5522. They reviewed the AP reviewing process and revised AP 6330, AP 5033, AP 4240, AP 3200, AP 5140. AP 5141 was rescinded as it no longer applies.

Celestina Galicia-Davis – Attended the Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee.

Samuel Cejas – Attended the Board of Trustees meeting where Measure J Bond was discussed and an overview was provided. The new Cosmetology building will be opening in January. There were contract approvals, as well as out-of-state travel approvals.

Maya Ruiz – Attended the Planning and Budget Committee where the annual budget was discussed before it was presented to the Board of Trustees. They also reviewed the Unit planning and prioritization process, as well as purchasing approval guidelines.

Ivana Valcarenghi – Not present

Julissa Acosta - Attended the U in Butte committee where they talked about their name change, discussed AP 5020 and AP 3725 where language was changed, and about the upcoming HSI conference on 10/6/2026.

Samantha Olives Folgio – Attended the Planning and Budget Committee and added that the budget may change because of Prop 98.

Erik Madera – Nothing to report

Damian Martinez – Attended the Accreditation Steering Committee, where AP 3200 for accreditation review and went over the bylaws.

Eduardo Diaz – Attended Curriculum Committee where course publications and deletions were discussed. Bylaws were also discussed, and a DEIA taskforce was created.

Zia Miller – Attended Curriculum Committee. They also attended the Wellness Committee where future events were discussed and some in conjunction with the Student Senate.

Gabe Santoyo – Nothing to report

VII. Advisor Reports: *(limited to five minutes per person)*

Angel – Not present

Karla – Wanted to inform the Senate members that the Constitution Day date tabling had been changed from 9/17/2026 to 9/16/2026 but will be at the same time and location. They noted that Club Registration had closed, and 29 clubs have been registered so far this semester. Karla reminded the group that Belonging at Butte is next week.

VIII. Staff Reports: *(limited to five minutes per person)*

Karla – Noted that 3 new student assistants have been hired in the office.

IX. Public Comment: *Persons wishing to make a presentation to the SS Board on a subject that is not on the Agenda are limited to five minutes. No action will be taken.*

Jess Vickery - Offered help to the Student Senate if they need to reach out to certain committees and communicate how good the Student Senate has been doing on the board and committees.

X. Items of Business: *Public testimony will be invited in conjunction with Butte College Student Senate discussion on each item. All items under business will be discussed and may go to an action.*

a. Civic Engagement Event Finger Food Action 15 Minutes

Asking for Student Senate funds for “finger food” for the Civic Engagement Event on October 5. Dining services will be supplying Egg Rolls, Jalapeno Poppers, and Buffalo Chicken Wings. This would help students engage and encourage them to come and learn about voting.

- Sam Ceja motioned to approve up to \$700 for “finger food” for the Civic Engagement Event. Zia Miller seconded. No further discussion. All in favor; Motion passes.

b. Student Enrollment Senator 2 Vacancy Action 10 Minutes

Leo Salas would like the Board to approve and open the Enrollment Senator 1 vacancy search to fulfill the role. This position is currently vacant, and the application will remain open until September 17th at 12pm.

XI. Point of Order: Ivana Valcarenghi arrived at 2:35pm.

- c. Erik Madera motioned to approve and open the position. Zia Miller seconded. No further discussion. No further discussion. All in favor; Motion passes.

XII. Announcements: *This space is for any persons in the BCSS to announce upcoming events limited to one minute per topic.*

Damion Martinez – Talked about meditation rooms around different colleges and reaching out to facilities to discuss about possibly creating one.

XIII. Adjournment

Sam Ceja motioned to adjourn the meeting. Erik Madera seconded. The motion has passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.