



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 3-5:30PM

Location: SU Meeting Room 1A

Zoom Link (Optional): <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

MINUTES

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lacson calls the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

**II. Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lacson reads the land acknowledgement.

**III. Roll Call**

The recording secretary completes roll call.

*Quorum met.*

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the agenda.*

M) Director Shah                      S) Director Khehra

Discussion: Director Gambarin asks to swap Discussion 4 and Discussion Item 2 because she wants to make sure that the first reading of the ERM happens in accordance with the sensitive timeline.

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Guzman

Vote for the amendment: 11-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

Vote: 11-0-0

*Amended Agenda approved.*

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Meeting at 3PM*

M) Director Guzman                      S) Director Gambarin





Discussion: *No discussion.*

Vote: 11-0-0

*Minutes approved.*

**VI. Public Forum**

Jenn Ferreira from SJSU MPH speaks to the Board about building support and potentially passing a resolution in support of a tribe as they fight against a sand and gravel mine on their sacred land.

**VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes)**

Executive Director Allen thanks the Board for their engagement with the Utah State Board and acknowledges Abby and Kingson's work to help their visit go smoothly. She also acknowledges Homecoming week last week with the Government Office door winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place with the Black Staff and Faculty group on campus. She highlights the Smith and Carlos event and encourages everyone to keep that symbolism and legacy in mind as they continue their work. She also highlights Fire on the Fountain and all the programming for Homecoming week, the Homecoming Game, etc.

**VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes)**

*No report.*

**IX. Student Union Informational Report (3 minutes)**

*No report.*

**X. Action Items**

**A. Old Business**

**B. New Business**

1. Discussion Item: First Reading of VPN Policy Draft

(Controller Varshney)

Discussion: Controller Varshney mentions that the finalized draft was not shared with the Board and as a result, the Board will not be discussing the first draft today. Their plan is to have a quick special meeting next week to get the first reading done so that a second reading can move forward at the next Board meeting.





2. Discussion Item: First Reading of Revised Elections Regulation Manual (ERM)  
(Director Gambarin)

Discussion: Director Gambarin shares the revised ERM with the Board and highlights the bigger changes regarding collaborative campaigns and endorsements. She discussed the reasoning for these changes. She also mentioned clarifying the process for candidates. Executive Director Allen asks for Director Gambarin to go through the draft itself while explaining the changes. Director Guzman asks Director Gambarin to just highlight the changes and Directors can ask for clarification or any questions they have when they come up for specific changes.

*Dr. Daniels is recognized at 3:27PM.*

*Director Chevis-Rose is excused for a point of personal privilege at 3:31PM.*

Director Doshi asks for clarification about Part D Section 4 regarding AS Board members not being able to endorse candidates and possible self-endorsements for current members. Director Gambarin and President Multani clarify campaigning processes for current board members running again. Director Guzman clarifies that the fee paid by students is an Association fee, not an Associated Students fee. Director Gambarin also clarifies changes about the grievance process. Director Gambarin, President Multani, and Controller Varshney discuss resources that might be more easily accessible to current board members or even anyone might work at other organizations on campus such as Student Involvement in efforts to make sure they aren't used to unequally benefit specific candidates. They discuss adding in wording about not using any materials gathered from elsewhere other than whatever is given to them as a candidate.

*Director Chevis-Rose is re-recognized at 3:48PM*

Director Khehra makes some suggestions for edits. Controller Varshney feels that the collaborative campaign change is unfair because it gives specific organizations or groups on campus more power if candidates from the same organization are running a collaborative campaign. President Multani feels that Executive positions shouldn't be able to run collaborative campaigns since it's only 3 positions and discusses with Director Gambarin about the details. Director Khehra also agrees with Controller





Varshney about this change in campaigning possibly giving specific organizations or candidates unfair advantages.

*Director Guzman recommends a motion to conclude the Speakers' List*

S) Controller Varshney

Vote: 10-0-1

3. Discussion Item: First Reading of Resolution in Solidarity with the California Faculty Association (CFA)

(Director Guzman)

*Controller Varshney is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:01PM.*

Discussion: Director Guzman reads the draft of the Resolution. Chair Lacson asked for clarification Range A and Range B. Director Guzman yields time to the CFA representative to clarify. Chair Lacson also asks whether the timeline changes for passing the resolution and presenting to campus with Lisa Millora leaving the University in December.

*Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 4:10PM.*

4. Discussion Item: Justice Studies Scholarships Divestment/Renaming

(President Multani)

Discussion: President Multani presents the issues with who the scholarships are currently named for and expresses his support for renaming. Director Guzman suggests distancing from the current scholarships and finding new scholarships or new funding for students to benefit from instead. Director Gambarin also suggests looking for scholarships from foundations that better reflect SJSU's values.

*Director Chevis-Rose is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:16PM.*

President Multani expresses concerns with divesting from the scholarships before replacement scholarships are found so that students are not affected by a sudden lack of resources and funding. President Multani clarifies which foundations the





scholarships are coming from and mentions possibly passing this off to Director Guzman to follow up.

## **XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)**

### **A. President**

President Multani discusses working with Director Chevis-Rose and the Downtown Association for Lobby Corps and working on the VPN with Finance Committee. He talks about tabling with President Teniente-Matson and mentions which issues got brought up to him the most. He also updates about recruitment for Academic Senate. He discusses his meetings with the DOJ and their discussions and updates on how things are going at the University. He also shares that he participated in the golf cart parade and had a great time emceeing Fire on the Fountain, and thanks the Events team for their work. He shares about meeting with Dr. Shonda Goward regarding advising on campus. He also recently attended the GI Symposium and highlights topics discussed during the event. He is working on a Leadership event with administration.

#### **a. Personnel Committee**

*No report.*

### **B. Vice President**

*No report.*

#### **a. A.S. 55**

*No report.*

### **C. Controller**

Controller Varshney notes that the updated funding amount is now \$29,204.91. He also shares that he had a good time at Fire on the Fountain.

#### **a. Finance Committee**

Controller Varshney says the completed draft will be presented to the Board next week at a special meeting.

## **XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)**

### **A. Director of Academic Affairs**

#### **a. Academic Affairs Committee**

Director Doshi mentions that Director Chevis-Rose joined the meeting to discuss marketing efforts for academic resources. The committee also discussed setting





up a tabling event for the end of the semester. Director Doshi also mentions the committee's meeting with Dr. Goward.

**B. Director of Business Affairs**

Director Tikawala is working on setting up a meeting with SpartUp Incubator to learn more about them and how AS can support them.

**a. Operations Committee**

Director Tikawala mentions that the committee worked on analyzing last year's surveys.

**C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs**

Director Mejia thanks the Board for their support during Homecoming, and gives a shoutout to the Homecoming queens.

**a. Programming Board**

Director Mejia mentions that the committee is excited to move their focus from homecoming to other programs, one of them being a farmers market pitch in collaboration with Director Oishi.

*Director Chevis-Rose re-recognized at 4:20PM.*

**D. Director of Communications**

Director Chevis-Rose thanks the Board for their engagement during Homecoming Week.

**E. Director of Intercultural Affairs**

Director Shah is planning a SWANA discussion in the Campus Garden on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-1PM. She is also planning on meeting with Emerald Green to further relations with the BLOC. She is also working to advocate for CAPISE more since they don't have a representative during Multicultural Affairs Committee meetings. She also lets everyone know about the vigil for Palestinian martyrs happening today and the fundraiser run by the Afghan Student Association to help with the recent earthquakes that have affected Afghanistan.

**a. Multicultural Affairs Committee**

*No report.*

**F. Director of Internal Affairs**

Director Gambarin mentions attending the Academic Affairs Committee meeting, attending the Academic Senate meeting where they discussed the 2023 Senate Budget,





and that she will be moderating the engageSJSU panel on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-1PM.

**a. Internal Affairs Committee**

Director Gambarin mentions that the Committee worked to finalize the ERM at the last meeting.

**G. Director of Legislative Affairs**

**a. Lobby Corps**

Director Guzman discusses the CFA resolution and the student trustee search currently going on.

*Director Tikawala is excused at 4:31PM.*

**H. Director of Student Resource Affairs**

Director Brown talks about meeting with Blossom, and working to improve tailgates.

**a. Campus Life Affairs Committee**

Director Brown mentions that the committee has decided to change their meetings to weekly instead of biweekly.

**I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Director Khehra discusses about attended the last Academic Affairs and Internal Affairs Committee meetings.

**J. Director of Sustainability**

*No report.*

**XIV. Ad Hoc Committees**

*No Ad Hoc Committees.*

**XV. Closed Session**

*No closed session.*

*Director Tikawala is re-recognized at 4:33PM.*

**XVI. Announcements**

Director Tikawala invites everyone to ISO's Raas-Garba event happening this Sunday.





President Multani announces the vigil for Palestine is happening on tower lawn at 6PM today.

Director Brown reminds everyone that Spring classes schedules are out.

Dr. Daniels announces that Fall Preview Day is happening on Friday from 9:30-2PM with 3,000 prospective students signed up to attend. She also announces the last Spartan Speaker Series event happening today at 6PM in the SU Ballroom, with a Meet and Greet by invite only happening at 5PM, and asks the Board to let her know if they are interested in joining the Meet and Greet.

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting*

M) Director Shah                      S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 11-0-0

Meeting adjourns at 4:36 PM

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*Ariana Lacson*  
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Ariana Lacson, Vice President  
Associated Students, SJSU

10/31/2023  
Date





**2023-2024**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Multani	X
Vice President Lacson	X
Controller Varshney	X
Director Doshi	X
Director Tikawala	X
Director Chevis-Rose	X
Director Mejia	X
Director Shah	X
Director Guzman	X
Director Brown	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Oishi	A
Director Gambarin	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Allen	X
Dr. Daniels	X @ 3:27PM

Legend:

X – Present

A - Absent