



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 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 3:03 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 Swaminathan                      S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 10-0-0

*Agenda approved.*

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting*

M) Director Khehra                                      S) Director Gambarin

*Director Shah moves to amend the vote for the resolution for Amah Mutsun tribe into a roll call vote.*

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 10-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

Vote: 10-0-0





*Amended Minutes approved.*

**VI. Public Forum**

Vice President Lacson reads a written statement from Student Artur encouraging the Board to work together to prioritize the interests of the student body for the rest of their term.

*Director Shah is excused for a point of personal privilege at 3:09PM.*

Student Noah shares that some Jewish students on campus feel unsafe and uncomfortable on campus and encourages the board to prioritize safety and compassion.

*Controller Varshney leaves the meeting at 3:11PM.*

*Director Shah is re-recognized at 3:12PM.*

Student Samuel asks the Board to reconsider the Boycott and Ceasefire resolutions as he feels that it alienates a specific group of people on campus rather than encouraging coexistence.

Student Nikki speaks in support of the resolutions being discussed during this meeting and feels that the comfort of students on campus cannot be prioritized in these circumstances.

Speaker Savita from Hillel shares that they believe the agenda for the meeting and the way the resolutions are noted within it are in violation of the Brown Act, and also feels that the resolution itself has inaccurate statements.

Speaker Mitch from Hillel speaks against the Boycott resolution and feels that it won't support or help resolve the conflict.

Chair Lacson and Executive Director Allen clarify that AS operates under the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act, not the Brown Open Meeting Act.

Student Heather shares that they feel that the Board has completely dismissed and ignored the requests from Jewish and Zionist students to implement changes and asks the Board to reconsider their support for the resolutions and the message it will send to Jewish and Israeli students on campus if the resolutions pass.

Alumni Brie asks everyone to work towards helping everyone on campus safe and asks for everyone to double check the facts.

Student Mazin speaks in support of the resolutions and asks the board to vote on the right side of history.





Student Robin speaks in support of the resolutions and their context, clarifying that the resolutions aren't targeted against any specific group of people.

Student Tarentz speaks about the impact of the conflict in Gaza on campus events and students.

A member of the public encourages the board to pass the resolutions and shares how they relate to the current events based on their family history and experience.

*Chair Lacson concludes the speakers list.*

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

Executive Director Allen shares updates about the reviews for the CDC, the success of the AS Marketing Department at the ACUI 2024 International competition. She also congratulates President Multani and everybody involved in putting together the Spartan Success Series and the success of student engagement with that event. She also acknowledges the engagement of Director Tikawala throughout the process of trying to fill various positions for AS. She also thanks the committee members of Finance Committee for their engagement during spring break to work on the annual budget. She also congratulates Diana Victa from the CCCAC for her work and leadership as they participated in the Cesar Chavez Family Vision Gala. She announces that the Leadership Gala will happen on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm and asks everyone to mark their calendars and attend the event.

*Controller Varshney returns to the meeting at 3:35PM.*

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

*No report.*

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

Executive Director Allen shares that the Student Union is also working on budgets for the next fiscal year, assessing different facilities on campus, and preparing for upcoming events.

**X. Chief Elections Officer Informational Report (3 minutes)**

Coordinator Pulido shares the report on CEO Plazola's behalf regarding Monday's Meet the Candidates event, and the upcoming debates next week with the voting period starting immediately after. She shares that there will be voting locations on campus and the





Elections Results Party will be in Meeting Room 2A from 12pm-2pm on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. She encourages all board members to be present and show interest in the process and support a unified transition of power.

**XI. Action Items**

**A. Old Business**

**B. New Business**

Vice President Lacson reads a statement regarding the A.S. Bylaws recommends a motion for a temporary provision to ensure that the Board can vote on the resolutions during this meeting

M) Director Shah

S) Director Gambarin

Vice President Lacson clarifies the provision and what the vote is for. She also clarifies that there needs to be a 2/3 majority in order to be able to vote on the following resolutions, or else the action items can be discussed but not voted on.

Vote: 10-0-0

*Temporary Provision approved.*

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Resolution in Support of Boycott from Companies that have been Involved in the Human Rights Violations of Palestine  
(Director Shah)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Shah

S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Shah conducts a reading of the resolution. Director Shah mentions that Kevin Lowe from the print shop has brought up some language issues regarding specific equipment they use recently so Director Shah needs some time to meet with Kevin to see how to adapt some of the language in the resolution to fit their needs and sustainability goals. She also addresses some concerns over specific language in the resolution regarding how policing in America has been affected by the events in Israel and Gaza that were brought up previously. Director Gambarin asks for clarification on next steps with the resolution if there needs to be amendments to it based on Kevin's concerns. Chair Lacson also asks for clarification





on whether the current wording of the resolution doesn't encompass the concerns Kevin has regarding the phasing out of equipment currently in use.

Director Oishi yields time to a member of the public named Sydney who speaks regarding the connection between Israel and police brutality in America stated in the resolution and feels that this portion of the resolution is inaccurate. Director Shah clarifies that source of the information stated in the resolution.

Director Gambarin yields time to Student Robin who suggests adding an additional resolved statement to connect to a currently existing whereas statement that doesn't tie in later on in the resolution as it stands.

Director Tikawala yields time to Student Samuel who speaks against the resolution and points out parts of the resolution they feel are inaccurate or incorrectly stated.

Director Tikawala yields time to speaker Savita who feels that the resolution is discriminatory and antisemitic.

*Director Shah moves to table the resolution until the next board meeting in order to meet with Kevin Lowe from the Print Shop and adjust some wording in the resolution.*

S) Director Oishi

Vote: 10-0-0

*Action Item tabled until next board meeting.*

*Director Chevis-Rose is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:10PM.*

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Resolution in Support of a Permanent Ceasefire, Condemning Human Rights Violations & War Crimes and Reaffirming Student's Freedom of Speech & Expression

(Director Shah)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin                      S) Director Shah

Discussion: Director Shah conducts a reading of the resolution.

*Director Chevis-Rose is re-recognized at 4:14PM.*







Director Gambarin yields time to Student Tarentz who thanks the board for organizing the resolution and speaks about the history of this struggle on campus starting with Student Omar being arrested. He leads the students in the gallery in a chant.

Director Swaminathan yields time to a member of the public who speaks in support of this resolution.

Director Shah yields time to a student who speaks about the separation between criticism of Israel and the IDF and criticism of specific groups of people and encourages the board to vote to approve this resolution.

Director Doshi yields time to Student Samuel who speaks against the resolution and feels that the resolution excludes one group of people entirely.

*Controller Varshney is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:25PM.*

Director Shah summarizes a text from the president of Students for Justice in Palestine about signing onto the resolution and clarifies that Students for Quality Education is not a recognized student organization so their signature cannot be included.

*Director Shah moves to amend the resolution to include the signature of the President of Students for Justice in Palestine (Lara Aburahma) and remove the signature of Students for Quality Education (Cole Mitchell).*

S) Director Oishi

Vote: 9-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

Roll Call Vote:

President Multani -  
Vice President Lacson -  
Controller Varshney -  
Director Doshi - Yay  
Director Tikawala - Yay  
Director Swaminathan - Yay  
Director Chevis-Rose - Yay  
Director Shah - Yay





Director Guzman -  
Director Brown - Yay  
Director Khehra - Yay  
Director Oishi - Yay  
Director Gambarin - Yay

Vote: 9-0-0

*Action Item approved to approve A.S. Resolution in Support of a Permanent Ceasefire, Condemning Human Rights Violations & War Crimes and Reaffirming Student's Freedom of Speech & Expression.*

3. Action Item: Vote to increase RSO Funding Budget by \$30,000  
(Executive Director Shah)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*  
M) Director Gambarin S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Executive Director Allen clarifies the previous RSO funding budget and that Finance Committee met a couple times to address the issue, deciding to pull some funds from reserves. She also clarifies that additional funds will be allocated to plan ahead for next year in the budget.

*Director Shah is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:34PM.*  
*Director Shah is re-recognized at 4:35PM.*

Director Gambarin asks for clarification on whether the funding that isn't given out or used by the end of the fiscal year will come back to the reserves or not.

*Director Khehra is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:36PM.*

Vote: 8-0-0

*Action Item approved to increase RSO Funding Budget by \$30,000.*

*Director Tikawala is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:37PM.*

4. Discussion Item: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of A.S. Bylaws  
(Director Gambarin)





Discussion: Director Gambarin expresses her frustration with the lack of feedback and support from the other directors as she works on changes to the bylaws and specific director positions. Director Gambarin runs through the major changes after discussions with other directors regarding the proposed new positions and changes to responsibilities.

*Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 4:38PM.*

*Director Tikawala is re-recognized at 4:39PM.*

*President Multani is recognized at 4:41PM on Zoom.*

*Director Khehra is re-recognized at 4:44PM.*

5. Discussion Item: 1<sup>st</sup> Read of Associated Students Annual Budget FY 24/25  
(Executive Director Allen)

*Discussion Items 5 and 6 are temporarily tabled at 4:51PM to allow Associate Director Westbrook to join the meeting, Executive Officer Reports begin in the meantime.*

*Discussion Item 5 resumes at 4:59PM.*

Discussion: Executive Director Allen begins by recognizing the work that has been done by Controller Varshney and the Finance Committee, with the process starting during winter break and going through spring break to prepare the annual budget of the next fiscal year. She points out specific items of significance such as the anticipated income from student fees in the fall and spring semester as well as the recommendation of the Finance Committee to dip into reserves in order to balance the budget. She points out two different areas that require funds which is the AS Scholarship program under the government department as well as for RSO funding. She also talks about discussions regarding AS never being at 100% employment and balancing the budget based on those vacancies for next year accordingly. She asks that any questions or concerns be addressed to Associate Director Westbrook, herself, or Controller Varshney.

*Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 5:03PM.*

*Director Khehra is re-recognized at 5:04PM.*







*Chair Lacson passes the gavel to Director Gambarin and is excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:04PM.*

6. Discussion Item: 1<sup>st</sup> Read of Associated Students Budget Policies FY 24/25  
(Executive Director Allen)

Discussion: Executive Director Allen runs through a document highlighting suggestions and edits to the Budget Policies such as updating fiscal year dates and correcting grammatical errors. She highlights the six areas that she wants to provide some clarification on the language.

*Chair Gambarin re-recognizes Vice President Lacson at 5:08PM and passes the gavel back.*

Executive Director Allen goes through changes to the budget policies regarding specific titles and wording, travel policy changes, grammatical updates, RSO funding, viewpoint neutrality, etc. Director Shah asks for clarification to ensure a boycott clause is included in the budget. Chair Lacson suggests a working document of a list of companies AS is boycotting for the budget policies to be able to maintain it. Controller Varshney asks for clarification on specific abbreviations.

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to extend the meeting until 5:45PM.*

M) Director Tikawala      S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 10-0-0

*Meeting extended.*

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

*Begins at 4:51PM prior to beginning discussions for Discussion Item 5 and 6*

**A. President**

President Multani says that he is in Washington DC currently and is unable to give his proper report, asking the Board to read his report instead.

**a. Personnel Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

*President Multani is excused at 4:53PM.*





## B. Vice President

She shares that the timeline and materials are finalized for the review of Executive Director Allen and everyone should have received an email about it from President Multani. She encourages everyone to use the myVoice SJSU survey program and let friends know about it and notes that there are still gift cards left to be claimed because only a few people have filled out the form so far. She also asks everyone to schedule their April 1-on-1s with her to have a more reflective meeting about all the accomplishments throughout each director's tenure on the board. She asks everyone to be stay aware and engage with events happening on campus, especially for API-Arab Heritage Month.

### a. A.S. 55

Chair Lacson speaks about the extensions to the deadlines for completing nomination forms and submitting letters of recommendation to this Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> and next Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> respectively at 11:59pm. She is very excited to have received 85 nominations and notes that a committee will be set up for it some time soon.

## C. Controller

Controller Varshney shares some personal updates regarding his potential future as a student at SJSU. He shares his struggles with balancing all his responsibilities and financial burdens and notes that he has not received his stipends from AS for his service over the past year and a half and counting, which is ultimately affecting his ability to continue to pursue his education at SJSU. He shares that after discussions with his family, he has come to the conclusion that he may have to stop his degree and move back to India.

*Controller Varshney yields time to Director Khehra.*

Director Khehra shares his thoughts regarding Controller Varshney's update, sharing his hope that AS can help and support Controller Varshney so that he can finish out his degree with only one year left to complete it.

### a. Finance Committee

*Nothing to report.*

*Controller Varshney is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:59PM.*

*Director Khehra is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:59PM.*





*Discussion Item 5 resumes at 4:59PM.*

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

*Directors' Reports begin at 5:25PM.*

**A. Director of Academic Affairs**

Director Doshi expresses her support and sympathy for Controller Varshney.

**a. Academic Affairs Committee**

Director Doshi speaks about discussions regarding the Crack-A-Smile campaign in collaboration with Programming Board as well as the course cancellation survey being sent out.

**B. Director of Business Affairs**

Director Tikawala expresses his support for Controller Varshney. He also congratulates Diana Victa from the CCCAC for the work she has put into appointing a new garden coordinator and helping the transition from the current to the new coordinator go smoothly. He also gives updates on the recruitment of a new HR manager and gives kudos to Anai for her efforts in that regard as well.

**a. Operations Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

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

Director Swaminathan expresses her support for Controller Varshney. She also speaks about starting to collaborate with other campus departments for research and innovation summits in the Fall.

**a. Programming Board**

Director Swaminathan speaks about struggling to meet quorum and how that is affecting plans for events. She also speaks about a collaboration with the events department for a picnic day to showcase all of the accomplishments of AS throughout this year and to improve student engagement and knowledge of AS.

**D. Director of Communications**

Director Chevis-Rose speaks about posting the Narcotics Resolution, plans for a social media contest in collaboration with the marketing department, finalizing a campus resource map in collaboration with Director Brown and Campus Life Affairs Committee.



**E. Director of Intercultural Affairs**

Director Shah speaks about working on the resolutions, working on an upcoming movie night for AAPI-Arab Heritage Month, and working on a speaker event with a doctor who has recently done some aid work in Gaza.

**a. Multicultural Affairs Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**F. Director of Internal Affairs**

She asks everyone to give feedback and suggestions for their positions, responsibilities, and committees in the new set of bylaws. She also says that a rough draft of the accountability system should be ready for the next board meeting for everyone to look at and leave comments and feedback. She also speaks about attending the Cesar Chavez Gala. She also expresses her support and sympathy for Controller Varshney.

**a. Internal Affairs Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**G. Director of Legislative Affairs**

*No report.*

**a. Lobby Corps**

*No report.*

**H. Director of Student Resource Affairs**

*Nothing to report.*

**a. Campus Life Affairs Committee**

Director Brown speaks about the collaboration for Sustainability Month on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and working on the Campus Resource Map with Director Chevis-Rose.

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

Director Khehra speaks about meetings with liaisons and discussions in committee meetings.

**J. Director of Sustainability**

Director Oishi speaks about the success of the first Sustainability Month event and shares that the next event will be next Monday. She also expresses support for





Controller Varshney and asks that AS take action to support him rather than just expressing support verbally.

**XIV. Ad Hoc Committees**

*No Ad Hoc Committees.*

**XV. Closed Session**

*No Closed Session.*

**XVI. Announcements**

Director Shah announces that the Night Market is happening right now until 7pm.

Chair Lacson makes an announcement regarding a policy being drafted in the Professional Standards against note taking recording software and asks for anyone interested to help her give input to the committee at the next meeting.

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting*

M) Director Gambarin

S) Director Shah

Discussion: *No discussion.*

Vote: 10-0-0

*Meeting adjourns at 5:42PM.*

DocuSigned by:

*Ariana Lacson*

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Ariana Lacson, Vice President  
Associated Students, SJSU

4/19/2024

Date





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

**Date: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Multani	X @ 4:41PM
Vice President Lacson	X
Controller Varshney	X
Director Doshi	X
Director Tikawala	X
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Chevis-Rose	X
Director Shah	X
Director Guzman	A
Director Brown	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Oishi	X
Director Gambarin	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Allen	X
Dr. Daniels	A
<b>Guests</b>	
Noah Mishan	Student
Samuel Aranovich	Student
Robin McMahon	Student
Nikki Flowers	Student

Savita Bronstein	Hillel
Mitch Reitman	Hillel
Brie Hanni	Club Z
Mazin Darwish	Student
Aidan Ravh	SDS
Cynthia Flores	
Rochelle Rafo	
Tarentz Charite	SDS
Adam Aorangon	SSI
Grace Miller	
Ayni Ali	EDC
Alani Angeles	SDS
Justin Nguyen	Student
Stephanie Garcia	Student
Estelle Dervieux	Student
Huy Hoang	YDSA
Jenna Beales	Student
Javier Ruiz	Student
Misa Church	Student
Maman Zuhe	Student
Joshua Kim	
Ariana Leung	
Ethan Huggins	JSU
Cole M	SQE, SDS
Oli Harter	SDS
Geal	
Ethan Maryama	SDS
SC	
Dane Paul Andres	AS Marketing
Edilbert Signey	AS Marketing

Natalie Chiem	
Diego Gonzales	
Max Sunberg	
Leequan Sadson	
Danny Johnson	
Uddayveer	
Jayesh	
Tanish	
Anish	
Parth Bagree	
Wikenj	
Manav Patel	
Akhil	
Abby Escobar	AS Government
Janely Pulido	AS Government
Kingson Leung	AS
Jim Westbrook	Zoom
Diana Victa	CCCAC
Anai Avalos	AS HR
Shira Gould	Zoom
Mushda Faiez	Zoom
Jane Zamora	Zoom
Margot Rocio Lopez	Zoom
Heather Montrose	Zoom
Sidhant Sadawarti	Zoom
Mark Barash	Zoom
Lian	Zoom
Jessica	Zoom
Mayra Lopez	Zoom
Ethan Marquez	Zoom

Nicole	Zoom
Johnathon Lalouz	Zoom
Maryam A	Zoom

Legend:

X – Present

A - Absent