



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

May 8th, 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 3:02 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 Guzman

S) Director Swaminathan

Vote: 10-0-0

Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Tikawala

President Multani moves to suspend the rules to move Closed Session to after Action Items and before Executive and Director Reports.

No Second.

Chair Lacson redacts the original motion.

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24th, 2024 Board Meeting

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Gambarin





Vote: 10-0-0

April 24th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes approved.

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1st, 2024 Board Meeting

M) Director Gambarin

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 10-0-0

May 1st, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes approved.

VI. Public Forum

No public comment.

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

Associate Director Leung reports on behalf of Executive Director Allen. He congratulates the board for reaching their last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. He shares some updates from programs running through the CCCAC, CDC preschool graduation, teacher appreciation week this week, and the upcoming Picnic on Tower Lawn event tomorrow 5/9/24 from 12-4PM. He also shares upcoming efforts such as reviewing and awarding scholarships, performing audits for the organization, an HR manager has officially been hired and will be starting next week, and they are working to fill other vacant positions.

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

Associate Director Leung reports on behalf of Dr. Daniels. He thanks everyone who attended the hiring events for the VPSA. He also recognizes their leadership which was celebrated at yesterday's Leadership Gala.

IX. Student Union Informational Report (3 minutes)

President Multani shares that the audit process has begun, and they will be reviewing it at their next Student Union Board meeting.

X. Chief Elections Officer Informational Report (3 minutes)

No report.





XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Discussion Item: First Reading of the A.S. Board Member Accountability System

(Director Gambarin)

Discussion: Director Gambarin runs through the changes made to the document since the last time the Board saw it. Director Guzman supports the Accountability System but suggests providing more background information on why this is needed, and what has historically happened with past Boards so incoming and future Directors can understand its necessity. Directors discuss extenuating circumstances that deal with attending meetings virtually. President Multani provides some feedback on details regarding the point system.

Chair Lacson yields time to Government Administrative Specialist Abby Escobar. Government Administrative Specialist Abby asks for clarification on the accountability for attending office hours.

Director Shah is recognized at 3:35PM.

The Board continues to discuss whether to include specifics regarding extenuating circumstances or adding language to clarify the excusal process. President Multani also brings up some suggestions for changing the point system for the checking in and out of office hours.

2. Discussion Item: First Reading of the A.S. Bylaws for 2024-2025

(Director Gambarin)

Controller Varshney is excused for a point of personal privilege at 3:43PM.

Discussion: Director Gambarin runs through the changes in the Bylaws compared to the current document.

Director Khehra is recognized at 3:47PM on Zoom.





B. New Business

3. Action Item: Vote to Approve Letter of Support for Islamic Student Coalition
(Director Shah)

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item

M) Director Guzman S) Director Swaminathan

Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 3:48PM.

Discussion: Director Shah conducts a reading of the Letter of Support. Directors discuss the terminology of a possible task force and how the letter can be amended to create more direct ties with administration as well as how to make the letter more effective with specific action items to address the concerns of the students.

President Multani moves to table the Action Item until the Special Meeting on May 15th, 2024

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 11-0-1

Action Item tabled until the May 15th, 2024 Special Meeting.

4. Action Item: Vote to Approve 2% Salary Increase
(Executive Director Allen)

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item

M) Director Guzman S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: Associate Director Leung states that this is just to adjust the discrepancy between the previous approval of 3% vs. the state's increase of 5%. President Multani expresses concern over the 5% increase and whether it will be an annual increase. Associate Director Leung shares that historically the COLA has been 3% but this year it was 5% so it will only be a 5% increase for this year. Directors suggest that the incoming board keep track of this in the budget since this increase is unbudgeted currently.

Vote: 12-0-0

Action Item approved to approve 2% Salary Increase.





5. Discussion Item: IRS 990 & California Informational Filings
(Associate Director of Finance & Business Services Westbrook)

Discussion: Associate Director Leung shares the documents for the Board to review. Chair Lacson clarifies that the documents are just to keep the Board in the loop about what was submitted to the IRS. Chair Lacson asks anyone with questions to reach out to Associate Director Westbrook.

6. Discussion Item: AI Summit
(President Multani)

Chair Lacson passes the gavel to Director Gambarin and is excused for a point of personal privilege.

Discussion: President Multani presents on his idea and his work along with Director Swaminathan to host a summit on campus in collaboration with Synopsis which already does annual AI summits within their company.

Chair Gambarin passes the gavel back to Vice President Lacson.

Directors share their thoughts on AI and their support for the summit in order to prepare students for the future with AI as well as train them to continue to be competitive hires with top companies in the region. Chair Lacson also asks the Board and incoming Directors to prioritize other student needs as well while working on these efforts.

President Multani moves to table the Executive Officer and Director Reports until after Closed Session

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 12-0-0

Board Reports tabled.

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to go into recess for 5 minutes

M) Director Tikawala

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0





5 minute recess is approved.

Chair Lacson calls the meeting back to order at 4:44PM.

Closed Session begins at 4:45PM.

Executive Officer Reports begin at 5:06PM.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Multani thanks Controller Varshney for his work this year for increasing AS funding by 50% this year. He also talks about introducing a Sense of the Senate resolution regarding providing a more positive and inclusive learning environment where students are engaged in healthy dialogue with others. He talks about the budget presentation at the University level, specifically with discussions regarding athletics and funding. President Multani also mentions that an Advising Referral and Final Exams Referral both passed at ISA and at Academic Senate. He shares about other discussions at the university level including retention and community/alumni engagement. He says that he has met with one of the VPSA candidates and hopes to hear more about the others. He also shares that he will be continuing his leadership at the Student Union and possibly at the CSSA level in the coming years.

a. Personnel Committee

B. Vice President

Chair Lacson talks about attending the VPSA candidate lunches the past couple days and getting a lot of insight into what issues students are facing such as Black student success and struggles with basic necessities in the Student Success Centers. She also reiterates the community guidelines and asks everyone to keep them in mind as they move forward past AS leadership.

a. A.S. 55

Chair Lacson shares that the 11 A.S. 55 winners were awarded yesterday at the Leadership Gala, and gives a shoutout to the committee for helping her through the selection process.

C. Controller

Controller Varshney shares that about 100 organizations attended Spartan Showcase and they had great engagement. He gives a shoutout to Abby for arranging everything





for the Showcase. He also shares that the extra \$30,000 that the Board recently approved has also all been distributed so the remaining funding requests might be put on pause.

a. Finance Committee

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Doshi hopes to see everyone engaging with the Crack a Smile campaign at Picnic on the Lawn tomorrow.

a. Academic Affairs Committee

B. Director of Business Affairs

a. Operations Committee

Director Tikawala shares that the last Operations committee meeting discussed promotional material for print shop. They plan to distribute the material to RSOs and display the information in front of CCCAC. Director Tikawala thanks all the Operations committee members for their time and work.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

Director Swaminathan reminds everyone about Picnic Day tomorrow and asks everyone to stop by if possible. She also talks about discussion in the Curriculum and Research committee to update Continuing Education Units. She thanks everyone for giving her the opportunity to be appointed to this position.

a. Programming Board

D. Director of Communications

Director Chevis-Rose announces upcoming social media posts. He also thanks everyone for appointing him and giving him this opportunity. He wishes everyone good luck for the future whether they are graduating, continuing at SJSU, and/or continuing at AS.

Chair Lacson recommends a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes

M) Director Guzman S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0

Meeting extended until 5:40PM.





E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

Director Shah shares about having the last Spartan Community Fund meeting last week to fund NAISSC and SWANA for a SWANA/NAISSC study night on May 13th which anyone can attend.

a. Multicultural Affairs Committee

F. Director of Internal Affairs

Director Gambarin shares her pride in her accomplishments and thanks everyone who has supported her in Internal Affairs and her work.

a. Internal Affairs Committee

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

Director Guzman thanks everyone who attended the Councilmember Candelas visit. He also shares some notable bills to keep track of that were discussed at CSSA such as SB 1287, AB2033, and HR 7448. He thanks everyone for their work throughout the year.

a. Lobby Corps

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Director Brown thanks the committee members for their support and shares his pride for everyone's accomplishments. He wishes everyone luck going forward.

a. Campus Life Affairs Committee

I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Director Khehra talks about attending Take Back the Night for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and being a part of the committee for appointing the new Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

J. Director of Sustainability

Director Oishi shares that she had 250 participants at events throughout Sustainability Month. She shares her pride for everybody's accomplishments and engagement throughout the year.

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session





7. Action Item: Vote to Approve Executive Director Review

(President Multani)

Director Guzman moves to open Closed Session with the Recording Secretary and Associate Director Leung in attendance at 4:45PM.

S) President Multani

Vote: 12-0-0

Closed Session is opened with the Recording Secretary and Associate Director Leung both invited.

Chair Lacson recommends a motion reopen the meeting at 5:04PM.

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0

Meeting is reopened.

Chair Lacson gives a brief report on the discussions during Closed Session, including the amendment to the review.

Vote: 12-0-0

Action Item approved to approve Executive Director Review.

Closed Session ends and Executive Reports begin at 5:06PM.

XVI. Announcements

Chair Lacson shares that an AS alumni gave free tickets to a Blues and Brews event happening on June 15th at 11AM in Cesar Chavez Park and asks anyone interested to pick up a ticket from her.

President Multani reflects on the year and thanks everyone for trusting him and giving him confidence to continue his work.

Director Guzman notes that there is an upcoming vote of no confidence with the Board of Trustees for various votes they have taken throughout this year.

Director Gambarin wishes everyone good luck with finals.

XVII. Adjournment





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Chair Lacson recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: *No discussion.*

Vote: 11-0-1

Meeting adjourns at 5:42PM.

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2023-2024
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: May 8th, 2024

ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Multani	X
Vice President Lacson	X
Controller Varshney	X
Director Doshi	X
Director Tikawala	X
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Chevis-Rose	X
Director Shah	X @ 3:35PM
Director Guzman	X
Director Brown	X
Director Khehra	X @ 3:47PM
Director Oishi	X
Director Gambarin	X
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Allen	A
Dr. Daniels	A
Associate Director Leung	X
Guests	
Abby Escobar	AS Government
Janely Pulido	AS Government
Sidhant Sadwanti	Incoming AS Director

Srishti Sinha	Incoming AS Director
Chima Nwokolo	Incoming AS Director
Riya Dhami	Incoming AS Director
Geoffrey Agustin	Incoming AS Director
Anushka Joshi	Incoming AS Director
Rishika Joshi	Incoming AS Director
Diana Victa	CCCAC
Diana Garcia Rodriguez	CCCAC

Legend:

X – Present

A - Absent