



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

[March 22nd, 2023 | 3:00pm-5:30pm]

<https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

Location: SU Meeting Room 1A

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Herrlin calls the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Herrlin reads the land acknowledgement.

III. Roll Call

The Parliamentarian completes roll call.

Quorum met.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

M) Director Chadwick S) Director Saif

Discussion: President Chuang motions to remove Item 6- Discussion Item: Resolution in Support of Neighbors not Enemies Act from the agenda.

S) Director Saif

President Chuang shares that this item is not ready to be presented at this time.

Director Lacson is recognized at 3:08pm.

Vote: 10-0-0

Main Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0

Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023.

M) Director Saif S) Director Sheta

Discussion: No discussion.



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Vote: 10-0-0

Minutes approved.

VI. Public Forum

Diana Garcia Rodriguez and Selena Gonzalez are recognized for public forum. Diana from the CCCAC is partnering with Selena regarding SAAM programming. Selena Gonzalez introduces herself and shares that she is a confidential resource here for students who are victims of sexual assault, partner violence, and stalking. She highlights events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Representatives from the Afghan Student Association share that they are here to promote their hope of having a dedicated SWANA space where students who identify as SWANA have a place to go to for support.

Liv is a community member who identifies as Jewish that is here to support that Jewish voices are involved in the SWANA support letter. She shares that she would like to encourage that there is representation from Students Supporting Israel and the Jewish Student Union in the SWANA initiative.

Representatives from the SWANA project spoke, sharing that there was no intention of excluding any group, including Israel.

Director Gadoury is recognized at 3:20pm.

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

Interim Senior Associate Director Kingson Leung shares updates from each of the Associated Students departments. The Child Development Center will be celebrating Week of the Young Child April 3-7 and are recruiting student staff for the summer. The CCCAC had 20 participants complete the Garden Fellowship Program. A.S. Events is working on upcoming events like Spartans Got Talent and collaboration events with other organizations on campus. The Government department supported the Elections Kick-off event and is working on planning the A.S. 55 awards and Spartan Showcase. Scholarships are live. The General Service Center is working on the Operating Agreement. HR has hired and on-boarded some new staff and are working on employment policy edits. The marketing department is celebrating 4 design placements in the ACUI Steal This Design competition. The Print and Technology Center is working with university Marcom to find opportunities to increase revenue.





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

Dr. Sonja Daniels highlight many events occurring on and off campus. She highlighted yield events in Oakland and Long Beach. Transfer Takeover event is this Friday and Admitted Spartans Day is April 15th. Housing Application open for new students. Faculty celebration for years of service and achievement are coming up. Spartan Speaker Series with Roy Choi doing a cooking demo is coming up. They are still registering students for the HACU Emerging Leaders Summit on campus on April 3rd.

IX. Chief Elections Officer Informational Report (3 minutes)

Nick Koprowski shared that the SEC is planning for the Meet the Candidates event on April 3rd in the A.S. House. Voting begins on Monday, April 10th. He encourages everyone to spread the word about elections and encourages people to attend the events and vote.

X. Student Union Informational Report (3 minutes)

President Chuang shares that the Student Union is accepting applications for their Board of Directors. She shares that they will be announcing the artist for Spartan Fest later this week or next week. She shares that they are working on a referral to get the students on the Student Union Board compensation for their work.

XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Amelie Prado Yopez to Lobby Corps
(Director Treseler)

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to open the action item.

M) Director Saif

S) Director Nikalwala

Discussion: Director Treseler shared that Amelie was referred to Lobby Corps by another current member of Lobby Corps and he feels that she will bring good experience to the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

Motion passes.

2. Action Item: Letter of Support for SWANA

(Director Treseler)

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to open the action item.

M) President Chuang

S) Director Lacson





Discussion: Director Treseler leads a discussion regarding a letter of support for SWANA and advocating for them to get staff and a center space dedicated to supporting students that identify as SWANA.

Recess at 3:31pm due to fire alarm in the building.

Chair Herrlin calls the meeting to order at 3:47pm.

Director Tresler resumes his discussion. He shares information about a CSU level resolution regarding recognizing the SWANA population within the CSU system. Director Treseler shares that his letter will help push things further for the support of this group of students. Director Treseler shares that he understands that there is some concern regarding this letter and/or the way this was organized.

Chair Herrlin passes gavel to Vice Chair Nikalwala at 3:49pm.

Director Herrlin shares that this letter is about the SWANA Project that is spearheaded by a group of RSO's on campus. He highlights that Israeli and Jewish students are identified under this umbrella at other nearby universities. He shares that his first concern is that there has been a lack of inclusion of Jewish and Israeli voices and RSO's on this project. He acknowledges this may not be exclusion but it is lack of inclusion.

Director Herrlin shares a further concern for the involvement of the RSO Students for Justice of Palestine. He shares concerns about actions that this organization has taken this semester.

He urges the Board to stand against anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

Director Herrlin motions to amend the main motion on the floor to add that Student Supporting Israel is included in the letter and all future discussions regarding the project as well as be welcomed and able to use the potential space as a safe space.

M) Director Herrlin S) Director Treseler

Director Treseler yields time to Fatema, a member of the public who is representing the SWANA project. She shares that as mentioned during public forum, Israel is included in the SWANA map they are utilizing and that all organizations identifying will be welcome in the space. She shares that this space will not be a religious space, but space for all students identifying as SWANA.





Director Herrlin yields time to Michael from the Jewish Student Union. He shares that when he first saw the letter regarding SWANA, he did not receive any contact regarding this letter and felt that this was exclusion and discrimination from this project, as they were not involved in the process. He states that he understands after statements from SWANA representatives that they are willing to have conversations and involved Students Supporting Israel and the Jewish Student Union.

Director Lacson asks representatives from the groups in attendance what communication did happen once this letter went out.

Director Treseler shares that the President of the Afghan Student Association reached out to the success centers on campus, which is why student organizations are not included.

Director Treseler yields time to a representative from SWANA. She shares that they did not reach out to many different RSO's as they began this project.

Director Herrlin yields time to a representative from Jewish Student Union. They shared that they feel that it is important that there is a diversity in the voices that are involved in this project.

Director Herrlin yields time to Liv via zoom. Liv shares that there is a post on Instagram addressing an article posted in the Spartan Daily that lists various organizations that are involved. She shares that representation from Students Supporting Israel and Jewish Student Union are not listed as being included in this article.

Controller Maldonado is excused at 4:09pm.

Director Lacson shares that from what she has heard from folks today is that it sounds like there was not intentional exclusion, but that there is still work in progress on this project. She asks some questions and clarifications regarding the Instagram post that is highlighted above, including who it is written by.

Director Lacson recommends adding the countries under the umbrella of SWANA to the letter.

Director Aquino shares that native students do not have a designated space. Director Aquino shares that he feels working together will allow





more to be accomplished moving forward. Director Aquino yields time to a member of the public, Carmina to make comment. She shares that meetings have been open to the public so that all can attend.

Director Treseler shares concerns about specifically including one or two specific organizations within this letter. He shares that this instead could include a list of countries that fall under this umbrella to encompass the organization.

Director Herrlin yields time to Liv via Zoom. Liz readdresses on the Instagram post of an article from Spartan Daily that contains a map that excludes the identification of Israel or any organizations on campus around it.

In response to the term Japanese internment be used by Chair Herrlin earlier in the meeting, President Chuang shares that the term is Japanese incarceration. President Chuang shared concerns around adding the specific organization and editing the letter written by the community.

Director Herrlin yields time to David from the Jewish Student Union who asked if the organization and Israel can be added to the map located in the article. He shares other concerns about the article.

Director Herrlin recommends motion to close speakers list.

S) Director Chadwick

Vote: 4-6-0

Motion fails.

President Chuang recommends to the everyone who has concerns regarding the map in the Spartan Daily article to reach out directly to Spartan Daily, as Associated Students does not have the ability to address that. She highlights the language in the letter states “people who identify as SWANA” in order to not unintentionally exclude.

Director Herrlin yields time to Fatema, representing SWANA. She shares that the map is being continually updated. They share that the map was via an article and an opinionated piece that does not represent SWANA’s values. They share the concern regarding being too specific in the language that would then require constant updating throughout the years.

Director Lacson asks for clarification regarding how voting would work if there are other amendments or changes that may be brought up by the





Board. Director Lacson shares that she would like to ask more about the SWANA project.

Director Gadoury highlights the separation between the project and the article that has been discussed. He encourages the groups in the space to come together and work together to further this project. He highlights the concern about adding specific RSO names within the letter.

Director Treseler shares that anti-Semitism is a very serious thing and he apologizes for his part in the feelings regarding this letter. He shares that he would like to offer to work with the impacted organizations to create a letter or document to present to the Board in the case that they feel they do not have sufficient representation within SWANA.

There is further discussion and clarification regarding Director Treseler's offer previously mentioned.

President Chuang asks the representative from Students Supporting Israel if the language of "students identifying as SWANA" as written in the letter is sufficient. He shares that he would like for Jewish Students and students from Israel to be involved in the conversations and decision making that occurs within SWANA.

Director Varshney motions to end the speakers list.

S) President Chuang

10-0-0

Motion passes.

Director Herrlin yields time to Fatema, representing SWANA. She shares that SWANA is focused on demographics as opposed to religious or political.

Director Herrlin yields time to Liv via zoom. Liv asks for a clarification regarding the SWANA Alliance website. Liv highlights some goals from the SWANA Alliance website. Chair Herrlin clarifies that the SWANA Alliance is not affiliated with the SWANA project being presented today.

Chair Herrlin requests that in the minutes it be stated that he had access to the Zoom, which is why he is calling on people.

Director Nikalwala passes the gavel to Chair Herrlin at 4:47pm.

Vote: 0-9-1





Motion fails.

Director Herrlin passes the gavel to Director Nikalwala at 4:48pm.

Director Herrlin motions to add the Jewish Student Union to the letter for SWANA. He asks the Board to join him in condemning anti-Semitism, as the Board has failed to condemn anti-Zionism.
Motion not seconded.

Acting Chair Nikawala addresses that the Board of Directors respect all ethnicity, race and religions and that motions not happening does not mean that they are not supporting different identities on campus.

Director Nikalwala passes the gavel back to Director Herrlin at 4:49.

Acting Chair Herrlin says that actions speak louder than words and clearly the Board of Directors has condoned anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

President Chuang calls for Point of Order.

President Chuang speaks in support of the communities who have been advocating for their spaces and the work that has been done to gain centers on campus, as well as the work that continues to be done to support the communities who are continuing to advocate for space for themselves and to be recognized on campus. She asks for the Board to focus on the fact that the letter is in support for

Director Treseler clarifies the work done during this allowed for conversations where the Board and impacted organizations were able to come to a compromise and commit to getting work done that is needed. He shares that this shows that the Board is not anti-Semitic.

Director Herrlin yields time to Fatema, representative from SWANA. She asks Director Treseler to clarify the language he used regarding the previous amendment. She highlights the importance of language and using the words anti-Semitic during these conversations. She shares that this letter is not being anti-Semitic because they are not excluding any groups of people from their project. She again highlights that this project is not focused on religion, but on culture. She welcomes the members of the Students Supporting Israel club and the Jewish Student Union to join the project. She shares the purpose of this organization and project is to include everyone. She continues to highlight the importance of language





that is being used and that the Board is not anti-Semitic simply because they voted no on including the specific RSOs in the amendment.

Director Herrlin shares that after the conversations that have occurred today, SWANA is committing to include all RSO's in further conversations. He confirms that Director Treseler has committed to proactively writing a letter to present to Board if the Students Supporting Israel and Jewish Student Union do not feel included within the SWANA project moving forward.

Director Nikalwala yields time to Liv. Liv readdresses the Spartan Daily article and shares that the author of the article is the same as the author of the letter. Liv says that Jewish people are the only people who can define anti-Semitism.

Director Lacson yields time to Liv. Liv is a community member in the area who works with an organization that stands against anti-Semitism and helps students on campus. She is asked what organization she works for and she chooses not to answer the question.

Director Varshney is excused for point of personal privilege at 5:09pm.

President Chuang call for Director Herrlin to publically retract his earlier statement.

Director Herrlin shares that he will clarify his earlier statement. He acknowledges that his choice of words may not have been the most appropriate but he feels that there has been a pattern of concerning behavior that have happened to the Jewish and Israeli communities on campus.

Director Herrlin shares that there was a previous incident brought up by a members of the audience and when he engaged in discussions with this group (he clarifies it is not the related to the SWANA project) they stated that they were not being anti-Semitic, they were being anti-Zionist.

Director Lacson recommends a motion to close the speakers list.

S) Director Saif

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.





Director Aquino asks Director Herrlin if he had reached out to SWANA prior to bringing these concerns to the Board. He shares that it is his understanding that the organizations involved may not have done that. Director Aquino shares that he feels that is not the place of the Board to determine how organizations should handle these events. He thanks the communities present and apologizes to the communities for having to educate those in the rooms.

Director Varshney is re-recognized 5:12pm

Director Chadwick is excused for point of personal privilege at 5:13pm.

President Chuang shared that this discussion has highlighted how important this center is and the importance of moving forward to be educated about the communities involved. She thanks the organizations for educating the people in the room.

Main Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

Director Chadwick is re-recognized 5:16pm.

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to table items 3 and 4.

M) Director Gadoury S) Director Saif

Vote: 10-0-0

3. Discussion Item: Internal Affairs Committee Update on Committee Reassignments in Bylaws

(Director Herrlin)

Discussion: Item Tabled

4. Discussion Item: Internal Affairs Committee Update on Overhaul of Grievance Process in Bylaws

(Director Herrlin)

Discussion: Item Tabled

5. Discussion Item: Sense of Senate Resolution Day of Remembrance

(President Chuang)





Discussion: President Chuang shared that the Sense of Senate is a committee made up of staff, faculty, and students that come together to make decisions regarding the university. President Chuang shares that this resolution will highlight the involvement San Jose State had in Executive Order 9066. She highlights pieces of the resolution, including individuals who were incarcerated and processed at San Jose State University. She shares that this is a statement that would acknowledge the history and involvement that San Jose State had in the incarceration of Japanese immigrants as well as the actionable steps that can be taken. She highlights actions such as institutionalizing Day of Remembrance and the mural project. She shares this resolution is still being drafted and they are hoping to have it completed in April. The presentation of this resolution will be on April 17 at 2pm in the Engineering building, Room 285.

President Chuang recommends a motion to extend this meeting by 10 minutes.

S) Director Gadoury

Vote: 7-2-1

Motion passes.

Director Sheta excused at 5:29pm.

Chair Herrlin passes the gavel to Director Nikalwala at 5:29pm

Director Herrlin shares that as time goes there are less people who have these experiences that are still here with us, which can cause their experiences to be forgotten. He speaks in support of the importance of this resolution.

Director Lacson is excused for point of personal privilege at 5:29pm.

Acting Chair Nikalwala passes gavel back to Director Herrlin at 5:31.

Director Gadoury asks President Chaung if there are other ways that the Board can get involved with this project. President Chuang shared that if anyone is part of an organization to reach out if they would like to support this resolution.

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to table the remaining items on the agenda.

M) President Chuang

S) Director Chadwick

Director Lacson is re-recognized at 5:33pm.





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Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes.

~~6. Discussion Item: Resolution in Support for Neighbors not Enemies Act~~
~~—————(President Chuang)~~

7. Discussion Item: CHESS Presentation

(President Chuang)

Discussion: Item Tabled

8. Discussion Item: ChatGPT Discussion for CSSA Representatives

(President Chuang)

Discussion: Item Tabled

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

1. Personnel Committee

B. Vice President

1. A.S. 55

C. Controller

1. Finance Committee

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

1. Academic Affairs

B. Director of Business Affairs

1. Operations Committee

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

1. Programming Board



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- H. Director of Student Resource Affairs
 - 1. Campus Life Affairs
- I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- J. Director of Sustainability

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

XV. Closed Session

XVI. Announcements

XVII. Adjournment

Chair Herrlin recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M) Director Gadoury

S) President Chuang

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote: 9-0-0



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Meeting adjourns at 5:33pm

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ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Chuang	X
Vice President Rapanot	A
Controller Maldonado	X
Director Varshney	X
Director Gadoury	X @ 3:20pm
Director Chadwick	X
Director Sheta	X
Director Lacson	X @ 3:08pm.
Director Aquino	X
Director Nikalwala	X
Director Treseler	X
Director Saif	X
Director Herrlin	X
Non-voting Members	
Interim Executive Director Westbrook	A
Dr. Sonja Daniels	X
Interim Senior Associate Director Kingson Leung	X

Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent