

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Date 4:00 p.m.

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## MINUTES

### **I. Call to Order**

Vice President Quock called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **III. Roll Call**

### **IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the agenda

**M)** Director Kaur **S)** Director Chuang to approve the agenda.

**M)** Director Kaur **S)** Director Acosta to add Discussion Item: A.S. Standing in Solidarity with SJSU Students per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 Section 89305.5 (c) 2.

Director Kaur said this was a valuable chance to discuss current events.

Vice President Quock recognized Director Pama at 4:07 p.m.

Seeing no further discussion Vice President Quock called for a vote on the amendment.

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Seeing no further amendments Vice President Quock called for a vote on the main motion.

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

### **V. Approval of the Minutes**

### **VI. Public Forum**

Malachi Taylor said he wanted to talk about what is currently happening so President Delgadillo explained the purpose of Public Forum to him. Mr. Taylor said back in 2008, Gregory Johnson, a student at San José State University, was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. His parents think he was murdered and they want the case reopened. He thinks the University has swept the incident under the rug and should be reinvestigated. More initiative is needed to bring it back.

Tiara Allen thanked the Board for calling this meeting. As a recent graduate from SJSU, she agreed with Mr. Taylor about bringing the case of Gregory Johnson back as well as increasing the safety for Black students on campus. There needs to be a focus on equality because rules don't apply to all ethnic groups. There will be demands made by Black student organizations when school starts.

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

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

### **IX. Chief Elections Officer Informational Report (3 minutes)**

### **X. Action Items**

A. Old Business

B. New Business

Vice President Quock called on Director Kaur to begin the discussion on how A.S. can stand in solidarity with SJSU students. She said she sent an email to the Board with a document outlining some ideas she read:

1. Everyone needs to complete the Solidarity Network Student Input Survey
2. Hold a Town Hall so students will be allowed to express themselves
3. Create panels for members of the Black Community to share their voices
4. Collaborate with Student Involvement for campus-wide trainings surrounding the principles on social justice, racial bias and the awareness to hold student organizations accountable.

She said A.S. must acknowledge that there is a problem and try to help create change.

Vice President Quock stated that, as they open this item for discussion, this item will last about 15 minutes and everyone would have five minutes to speak and up to two times to speak. Director Jimenez will be keeping track of everyone's time.

Director Walker told Director Kaur what a good idea job she did on the list of ideas especially the Town Hall. He would like to see the Greek Community involved in a panel and to do some fundraising. Director Acosta agreed with Director Walker adding that he was part of the Greek Community so he wants to infiltrate it. He added that Sigma Chi has been investigated previously. Director Chuang also liked the ideas including the fundraising idea that Director Walker brought up. She feels students don't realize how important their voice is and wanted to know how they could inform students about upcoming events. President Delgadillo said she came up with a document for students to share their ideas. She also felt student organizations needed to be made accountable. Controller Sario said there is a process to become a recognized student organization that A.S could possibly collaborate on with Student Involvement to include some training. Director Gomez thanked Director Kaur then said she felt the Black students with in the Greek organizations should be part of panel then wondered if two months was how long should the trainings go on. She also asked if the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provided the trainings. Director Kaur said two months is arbitrary and could be longer and that Student Involvement is involved in all training. Director Mata thanked Director Kaur for the Greek organization training idea because there wasn't much given when she first pledged. She thinks the training should be expanded and should be given to all incoming students. Also, the training given during orientations doesn't go deep enough.

Vice President Quock recognized Director Shah at 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Taylor was recognized then said the Black student population needs to be increased on campus. There needs to be more high school outreach in low-income areas as well as for transfer students; more Black scholarships and more food options that cater to the Black community. More time and effort is needed to offer more resources. Director Jones-Trammell was in agreement with Mr. Taylor's idea about increasing the Black population on campus. She thought it might make be a positive step forward, but may still not be enough. Director Kaur informed everyone that the document she presented was available online for anyone to edit. The allotted time for this item came to an end.

Director Jones-Trammell was up next to discuss decreasing the University Police Department's (UPD) presence at A.S. events. She has seen stories about schools divesting

from police presence on their campus so she wants A.S. to consider this idea. Director Walker said he sympathized with the idea, but he doesn't want it to be a response to what's happening now. He questioned what having unarmed police will do then suggested they look at any statistics around having armed versus unarmed police. Director Chuang wanted to know what they could do for our students who go to school in Downtown San José.

Vice President Quock came to the last item so he asked Director Acosta to discuss the idea of creating an Information Guide. He said the idea came from Director Chuang who added that the purpose is to raise awareness. Director Acosta said ignorance is rampant today and there are lots of systemic problems. With this guide, he hopes to provide insight, educate others, raise awareness, help with advocating, promote protection for those susceptible to racial incidents and influence advocacy for more collaboration with allies. He wants to address the issues and include the incident involving Gregory Johnson since hate crimes have doubled since the current administration took office in the White House. Tiara Allen was recognized and said she felt Sigma Chi should be removed as a student organization and she plans to make that request. This fraternity has had some issues at other campuses like Santa Clara University. Director Acosta said they would raise awareness since not enough people are informed. The incident involving Gregory Johnson was not the first one and may not be the last one. Director Kaur said she wants to ensure the Board is sensitive to these cases. Director Jones-Trammell agreed with Director Kaur adding that spreading the word may be a waste of time. They need to make people accountable. Director Acosta said he understood and that he wants to display ideas publically. Director Walker is hesitant to remove a fraternity and that the University needs to investigate. We also need to explain what students can do. Director Chuang explained that the idea for the guide came from the Advising Handbook Director Kaur has been working on this past year. She wants students to know they have a place to turn if something happens. Director Gomez felt they needed to consider the Johnson family's feelings before asking for the case to be reopened. She suggested providing a small card that students can carry with them stating their rights. Director Acosta said he spoke to Gregory Johnson's mother and she wants a light shined on this case again. ED Dowell reminded the Board to focus on what A.S. can do to help prevent incidents. We can't reopen the case even if we want to. We need to encourage students to speak up. We need to work on how to advocate and have discussions to help others. Director Kaur agrees with ED Dowell, but doesn't want to do it passively. Vice President Quock passed the gavel so he could explain that he was part of the Intrafraternity Council (IFC) and that they don't have jurisdiction over problems. They care and are trying to find ways to help. Ms. Allen said as a student on this campus, she was a member of four student organizations so she knows there were other incidents involving Sigma Chi. She's not sure why they are still around. There was a Black student organization with one incident that was permanently removed. She also spoke to Gregory Johnson's mother and said she is hurting. Director Jones-Trammell asked what happened with Sigma Gamma Ro so Ms. Allen said a pledge died who was affiliated with them. Director Jones-Trammell said she thought Gregory Johnson was also a pledge. Vice President Quock said they must decide what to do now. Director Acosta suggested collaborating with the IFC regarding Sigma Chi because they fly the Trump flag which he realizes sounds political, but he thinks that's their ideology. Vice President Quock said the IFC can't do anything with Sigma Chi and that any changes would have to come from Student Conduct. Ms. Allen said they could support the actions taken by Black student organizations and acknowledge the issue. Director Jones-Trammell read a comment in the chat from Chaitanya Sharma: "Racism should unequivocally not be tolerated. Sigma Chi needs to be expelled from campus. If Sigma Chi had been expelled with no possibility with being reinstated, Gregory would be alive today. A.S. can do a lot by

pulling funding, recognition and support. They can also go public with their decision to put pressure on Student Involvement to expel the frat. A lot can be done, I don't think an event or seminar is fixing this." Director Walker felt this discussion was good and liked the idea of a Town Hall. Director Kaur suggested they create a resolution requesting more Greek training. Vice President Quock thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

- A. President
  - 1. Executive Committee
  - 2. Personnel Committee
- B. Vice President
  - 1. A.S. 55
- C. Controller
  - 1. Finance Committee

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

- A. Director of Academic Affairs
  - 1. Academic Affairs Committee
- B. Director of Business Affairs
  - 1. Operations Committee
- C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs
  - 1. Programming Board
- D. Director of Communications
- E. Director of Intercultural Affairs
- F. Director of Internal Affairs
  - 1. Internal Affairs Committee
- G. Director of Legislative Affairs
  - 1. Lobby Corps
- H. Director of Student Resource Affairs
  - 1. Campus Life Affairs
- I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

**XIII. Ad Hoc Committees**

**XIV. Closed Session**

**XV. Announcements**

Director Kaur said there would be a DACA event tomorrow.

Director Walker said he is working with Director Pama on a Supreme Court case as well as ideas for the upcoming elections since they will be important this year.

Director Gomez said the UndocuSpartan Resource Center is having a Town Hall meeting next week.

President Delgadillo said there is an UndocuSpartan discussion taking place right now.

Director Acosta said he wants to discuss the IFC further with Vice President Quock. Vice President Quock was open to the idea and Director Walker asked to join in.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**M)** Director Gomez **S)** Controller Sario to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: 11-0-1**

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Brendan Quock, Chair  
A.S. Board of Directors

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