

## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 23, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/95163004199?pwd=dDBiYWl6dkdYZ2lCbnovcC82RXpkUT09>

### MINUTES

**I. Call to Order**

Vice President Quock called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Quock read the land acknowledgement statement.

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the agenda

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the minutes.

**M)** Director Jimenez **S)** Director Gomez to approve the minutes.

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

**VI. Public Forum**

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

ED Dowell said the Events department's virtual Bingo event was successful with more than 40 attendees.

The Human Resources department has moved the medical coverage from CalPERS to PRISM, which is saving A.S. \$170,000.00.

Marketing released the Spartan Scoop to its highest ever readership of 41%.

The Print and Technology Center has been busy working on providing course readers to students.

The Transportation Solutions department reported that only 25% of the garages are being used.

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

Dr. Daniels said the Spartan Speaker Series recently had Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha where about 350 attended. She is willing to share the event's recording with anyone interested. The next speaker will be activist Sally Kohn, on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 2020 Elections Programming Committee has reached out to other departments for events and programs that will help promote voting this November. She is a member of the Campus Master Plan Committee that will be looking at partnerships, enrollment and the campus' growth over the next 20 years. They are particularly looking at changes to South Campus.

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

**X. Action Items**

A. Old Business

B. New Business

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Director to the General Education Advisory Committee.

**M)** Controller Sario **S)** Director Kaur to approve the appointment of a Director to the General Education Advisory Committee.

President Delgadillo reminded the Board that this item was discussed at the last meeting and Controller Sario was brought up as a possible candidate.

Director Walker nominated Controller Sario who accepted after verifying the meeting schedule. Director Jimenez seconded the nomination.

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

**Vote: 10-0-1**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

**M)** Director Jimenez **S)** Director Chuang to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Benz Pham who was a Student-at-Large on the A.S. Finance Committee and Programming Board last year. She thought he showed a lot of enthusiasm. Controller Sario noted that he also served on the Students' Election Commission last year and that she looked forward to working with him.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

**M)** Director Gomez **S)** Director Mata to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Lynna Ngo, a Business and Finance major who has already managed budget requests. Controller Sario stated that Ms. Ngo was not able to attend this meeting and that she was impressed with her because she's a freshman who wants to get involved. She attended last week's meeting to observe how it works.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

**M)** Director Chuang **S)** Director Jimenez to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Natnaiel Yishak also a Business and Finance Committee major. He has lots of experience working with budgets and as a member of two

clubs while attending high school. Controller Sario added that he is also a freshman who is looking for a way to get involved on campus.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

**M)** Director Gomez **S)** Director Chuang to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Finance Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Vivian Luc, a Business Administration major who brings extensive skills with her. She is also a member of GoAL. Controller Sario said she interviewed Ms. Luc and was impressed with her.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

**M)** Director Jimenez **S)** Director Kaur to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Amer Mriziq who was on the Academic Affairs Committee last year. He completed three internships in Product Management then return to Cisco after he graduates. Director Kaur said she was happy to have him return to her committee, and then offered Mr. Mriziq a chance to address the Board. Mr. Mriziq said he was excited to be here. He had to leave the committee last year due to a class conflict and now he hopes to resume a project they began last year.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

**M)** Director Kaur **S)** Director Chuang to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Britney Ortiz who is a Political Science major and worked for the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center as an assistant with the Strive for College Program. Director Kaur said she stood out because of her advocacy efforts. Ms. Ortiz was available so she said she wanted to help underrepresented students. She a first generation student so she hopes her experience will bring something to the table.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

### **Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

**M)** Director Jimenez **S)** Controller Sario to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee.

President Delgadillo recommended Sarah Walker, an Electrical Engineering major who was also on this committee last year. Director Kaur said Ms. Walker is graduating this semester so she is going to be training her replacement. Ms. Walker said she enjoyed being involved and being able to join the committee this semester.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

### **Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Lobby Corps.

**M)** Director Chuang **S)** Controller Sario to approve the appointment of a Student-at-Large to the A.S. Lobby Corps.

President Delgadillo recommended Jaria Jaug who hopes to learn more about legislation. Director Walker said he was excited to work with her and thinks she'll be a good addition to the team.

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

**Vote: 11-0-0**

### **Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the funding for the Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists in the amount of \$2,700.00.

**M)** Director Gomez **S)** Director Acosta to approve the funding for the Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Controller Sario informed the Board that due to the deadline for this student organization to register for a conference, she brought the request to the Board. They are requesting over \$1,000.00 so they are required to attend a meeting.

Hugo Lopez Avila and Oscar De Leon told the Board that the funding would cover the cost of the t-shirts so they'll pay for the shipping costs. They are also requesting funds to attend the national convention that costs \$200.00 per person if they register by September 30<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for a total of \$2,700.00. Director Kaur asked how they would decide who would attend the conference. Mr. De Leon said members had to fill out an application anonymously, and then their board will choose the attendees.

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

**Vote: 9-0-2**

### **Motion Carried**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to approve the funding for the Society of Women Engineers.

**M) Director Jimenez S) Director Kaur** to approve the funding for the Society of Women Engineers.

Controller Sario explained again that an exception had to be made for this student organization then opened the floor to the student organization representative.

Evelyn Chan, the organization's Treasurer, said they want to attend the largest conference for the Society of Women Engineers. They want to send 30 members, which is more than they've ever sent since it's a virtual conference. The registration fee is \$75.00 per person and a total of \$2,250.00. Director Kaur asked about their selection process so Ms. Chan said they also have members fill out an application and consider how active they are with the organization.

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

**Vote: 9-0-2**

**Motion Carried**

Point of personal privilege for Director Acosta to leave the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and returned at 3:51 p.m.

ED Dowell led the next item about the SJSU deficit by stating that she hoped the Board read the documents she emailed them. She began by showing an explanation on why the University wants A.S. to give them part of the Reserves. The University has a deficit of \$92 million so they are trying to figure out how to replace that amount over the next three years. They have requested \$4 million from A.S. this year, another \$1 million next year and another \$1 million the year after that. She then explained that the Reserves are like a savings account for the company that we dip into when there's a need. She showed the Board a Reserve Analysis that showed A.S. has over \$11 million in Reserves some of which is slated for certain expenses like the retirement benefits. They would only be able to pull from the General Fund with over \$7 million. A.S. has already had to make cuts in the budget due to the COVID virus. She has met twice with the Vice President of Student Affairs, Patrick Day, along with the A.S. Executives and Jim Westbrook, the A.S. Finance Manager to get an understanding about their request. She also consulted with the A.S. legal team and the Auxiliaries of America (AOA) lawyers and they reminded her of a policy that's part of the Title V Education Code that dictates how student fees are to be spent. She was advised to offer the University a loan that they could pay back when they're able. That would guarantee that the money would eventually return to A.S. She said A.S. needs the Reserves in case something should happen and she wants to do what's best for A.S. Vice President Quock opened the discussion to questions so Controller Sario made it clear to the Board that the University is asking for a total of \$6 million from A.S. that has taken us a long time to acquire. Also, the University will have to present how they plan to use the money. Director Kaur asked if there was ever a case where A.S. has loaned money to the University. ED Dowell said other auxiliaries have done it, but she's not aware that we have done it. Director Kaur then asked if the University has explained why they won't accept a loan. Mr. Westbrook said they said they wouldn't be able to pay it back, but we could consider a long-term loan. Controller Sario added that we offered to wait 5-6 years when the deficit would be down. President Delgadillo said that since we would be using student

fees it is more responsible to offer a loan. Director Acosta stated that he saw a video with Charlie Faas, the Vice President of Administration and Finance, in it and he wasn't convinced that they needed the funds. He didn't understand why this request is a priority. Director Mata asked if the University had stated how they would use the money and ED Dowell said she asked them to put their request in writing. They said they would use it to hire more faculty. Director Mata then asked what they would do if they don't get the money. Vice President Quock said they would have to have budget cuts. Mr. Westbrook said they can't use the money the way they want to so for them to say they would have budget cuts is incorrect. ED Dowell confirmed that they were not allowed to use the money for faculty salaries. Dr. Daniels asked to give her perspective, then confirmed that there is no money to replace a loan. They may have to cut personnel, which is what some other universities are having to do. They may have to cut advising, but those plans are on the back burner. The science building has dedicated and there are fundraising efforts being made. We lost money from the CSU and state budgets along with tuition from international students. They had to issue refunds to students' last spring for housing and parking costs. There may end up being cuts in classes. Director Walker asked if they want a good faith amount and Controller Sario responded that they want money, not a loan. Director Walker asked if the University would take a smaller amount. Mr. Westbrook said they made a proposal so the Board can return a counter proposal adding that they are in control. Director Walker asked if A.S. has ever asked the University for money and ED Dowell said "no". Director Chuang asked if A.S. gives money from the General Fund what would happen if we need the money. ED Dowell said it depends on how much we receive from enrollment. We might have to cut back on our services. Director Chuang asked if A.S. would still be able to operate and ED Dowell said A.S. would have to reduce our expenses. Director Mata asked about requesting more A.S. Activity Fees or the University requesting more tuition. ED Dowell said A.S. can't raise our fees because it is set per a referendum. Director Mata asked if scholarships and grants will be affected and ED Dowell said she can't speak for the University, but we have a budget set for scholarships. Mr. Westbrook clarified that the University needs cash and a loan is cash. Director Kaur felt this request set a dangerous precedence because they could come back for more knowing we did it once. ED Dowell thanked the Board for all their questions they asked them to read the documents she sent them. They can go to Mr. Westbrook, the Executives or herself if they have any questions. She will be inviting University administration to a future meeting to present their side. She asked them to be open-minded.

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

### **A. President**

President Delgadillo said the Academic Senate reviewed four policies, two of which came from the Professional Standards Committee. Enrollment dropped to 32,000 due to tuition payments not being made. The Senate Working Group is addressing Racial Equity on September 17<sup>th</sup>. She had a one-on-one with Ravisha Mathur and she is recruiting for University committees like Student Fairness. Director Mata will be helping in this effort. The new Chancellor is coming from Fresno State who is the first Latin-American to fill this position.

1. Executive Committee

2. Personnel Committee

### **B. Vice President**

Vice President Quock said the Executive Committee met and went over absences by the Board. The Academic Senate has passed some policies that are now going to the Provost and the University President. He is in the process of creating a Canvas course. The Budget

Advisory Committee discussed the University's deficit. The interviews for the Director of Business Affairs will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup> and the appointment will take place in October.

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C. Controller Sario

Controller Sario said the Finance Committee discussed the viewpoint neutrality policy. She approved four student organizations for a total of \$2,528.36. She continues to host trainings and approved transactions for a total of \$59,056.85. The Operations Committee met on September 17<sup>th</sup> and discussed scholarships.

1. Finance Committee

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

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Kaur has joined the Academic Senate's working group on Ethnic Studies that is trying to merge AB1460 with an Executive Order. She is trying to bring knowledge to the campus. There are several departments involved. It's an important issue since all students will have to take the course. The first course will be offered in 2021.

1. Academic Affairs Committee

B. Director of Business Affairs

C. Vacant

1. Operations Committee

D. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

Director Pama said the second Programming Board meeting resulted in approval of the music festival budget and discussions on the gaming tournament. He also reached out to the person in his same position at San Francisco State University regarding a collaboration.

1. Programming Board

E. Director of Communications

Director Mata said she is promoting the Meet the Board and the Your Voice Matters videos. Also promoting the Students' Election Commission open positions. They handed out the Spartan Strong giveaway. She's working with Director Walker and Director Pama on their projects. They will be launching Tip Tuesday soon.

F. Director of Intercultural Affairs

Director Acosta said he attended the University Library Board meeting where they discussed three newly hired faculty and launched an electronic librarian to answer common library questions. The Veteran's Advisory Committee didn't meet, but sent out their annual report. He met with Keri Toma on September 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss International Education Week. She will be his contact while the International House is closed. The Spartan Quest hosted by the library is taking place tomorrow.

G. Director of Internal Affairs

Director Jimenez attended both the A.S. Operations Committee and Academic Senate Committee meetings. The next Internal Affairs meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup>.

1. Internal Affairs Committee

H. Director of Legislative Affairs

Director Walker said the Lobby Corps discussed recruitment and Ballot Bowl. The promotional campaign will consist of some videos that include one on civic engagement and another that promotes a competition between student organizations that get the most new voters to register. The most recent California State Student Association Legislative Affairs Committee meeting where Proposition 16 was discussed.

1. Lobby Corps

I. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Director Chuang said she has had two Campus Life Affairs meetings and the Academic Senate discussed two policy recommendations for Retention, Tenure and Promotions and Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness. The Student Success Committee discussed equity gaps and the first year experience. She also attended the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee subcommittee that is discussing integrity.

1. Campus Life Affairs

J. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Director Gomez attended the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee subcommittee drafted policy recommendations on absences. She attended all of the Open Forums for the Director of Advocacy and Racial Justice. She has been appointed to the University Task Force on Community Safety and Policing so she let the Board know that they can bring her any questions they may have.

K. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Director Jones-Trammell attended the first Sustainability Board meeting of the year where they discussed faculty-in-residence among other topics. She was involved with the interviews for the Director of Advocacy and Racial Justice where she was able to give her feedback. She also attended the first Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee so she will be providing updates on their discussions.

**XIII. Ad Hoc Committees**

**XIV. Closed Session**

**XV. Announcements**

Director Kaur said she's part of an effort to create a multi-ethnic, multi-racial student organization and is going through the recognition process right now. Let her know if you have someone who might want to join and she'll get in touch with them.

Director Walker reminded the Board to have their friends and family review the Elections Ballot since there are important issues to be considered.

Director Costa reminded them to register to vote if they haven't already.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Vice President Quock recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**M) Director Chuang S) Director Acosta** to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: 11-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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Brendan Quock, Chair  
A.S. Board of Directors

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