



10/23/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University
10/23/2024 3:00 PMPDT

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.
Quorum met.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Sinha.

Motion:

Director Plazola motions to swap items 6 and 7, to allow the resolution to be read before the action item to refer it to the Campus Life Affairs Committee.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Agustin. 11-0-0, amendment passes.

Motion:

Director Plazola motions to amend action item 7 to change 23/24 to 24/25.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Motion rescinded.

Director Agustin asks for further clarification regarding if the number of the resolution should be 03 instead of 05. There is discussion that although the board has approved

resolutions related to the Child Development Center, these are not posted or counted like our other resolutions.

Motion:

Director Plazola motions to change Action Item 7 from 23/24-05 to 24/25-03.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 11-0-0, amendment passes.

Motion:

Main motion to approve amended agenda.

Vote: 11-0-0. Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [10.9.24 BOD + Roll Call.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

VI. Public Forum

Public Forum is intended as an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Associated Students Board of Directors regarding any issues affecting SJSU students. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes each to speak. Please sign in on the clip board if in person or if you are online sign in using chat for minute recording purposes.

No public forum.

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

 [EDs Reports 10.17.2024.docx.pdf](#)

Director A. Joshi takes a point of personal privilege at 3:12pm.

Director A. Joshi is re-recognized at 3:13pm.

Executive Director Allen highlighted the exciting activities planned by the A.S. departments, including events such as Rooted and Fire on the Fountain (FotF). She

specifically acknowledged Directors Plazola, Gambarin, and Swaminathan for their efforts in making FotF a success and reviewed statistics from the event.

She provided an update on the open applications for the Transportation Solutions Manager position.

Executive Director Allen also mentioned attending the University Leadership Council a few weeks ago. She noted that board members may be called upon for student input in upcoming discussions. Additionally, there has been significant media coverage surrounding the university's rankings.

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

Mari congratulated everyone on the successful execution of Homecoming Week and Legacy Month events.

She announced that SJSU was ranked #1 for career outcomes for international students and explained the significance of this achievement for the university.

Mari also provided an update on the Graduation Initiative 2025 (GI2025), mentioning a three-day meeting to be held regarding the initiative.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Student Union Representative Aniya shared that the Homecoming Comedy Show was a great success. However, some students were turned away due to reaching maximum capacity, and there is ongoing discussion about how to accommodate larger crowds for future events.

Aniya shared upcoming events, including the Halloween Escape Room and the Fall Festival, which will be held in the SU Ballroom.

She included that repairs are being made to some Student Union (SU) facilities, which has delayed the opening of the E-sports space.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Alyssa de Vera to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Committee of the Academic Senate as the Student Greek Life Representative (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Alyssa De Vera Application.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

Discussion: President Lacson highlighted Alyssa's achievements and expressed confidence in her abilities. She emphasized that she would be a great fit for the committee and a strong advocate for its goals.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

2. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Aanchal Hothi to the Transit/Traffic & Parking Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Aanchal Hothi Application.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Discussion: President Lacson discussed Aanchal's strong involvement and expressed that she would be a great fit for the committee. She noted her interest in becoming a representative and her desire to be a positive force for change on behalf of the students.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

3. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Aliyah Manansala to Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT Aliyah Manansala.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Dhami.

Discussion: Director Gambarin highlighted Aliyah's involvement and accomplishments to date. She expressed her belief that Aliyah would be a great fit for the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

4. Action Item: Vote to Approve 2024-2025 A.S. Board Goals (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Chima Nwokolo, Sidhant Sadawarti)

 [24 25 BOD Goals Final \[Public\] \(1\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Discussion:

President Lacson provided an update on the Board of Directors' (BOD) progress towards achieving their goals. She explained the acronym *R.I.S.E.*, which stands for *Reducing Student Costs (Affordability), Inclusion/Representation, Student Resources, and Engagement*. She elaborated on what each component represents and discussed the specific goals related to each.

President Lacson proposed a friendly change by adding "(, etc.)" to the end of the page.

Director Agustin inquired whether the acronym should remain "*RISE* together" or simply be "*RISE*".

The board agreed to keep it as *RISE* (friendly amendment).

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

5. Discussion Item: First Reading of the 2024-2025 Election Regulations Manual (ERM) (Presenters: Anushka Joshi, Leo Plazola, Teairra Brown, Chima Nwokolo)

The Board of Directors will hear the first reading of the ERM following the Internal Affairs Committee's approval of the document. The Internal Affairs Committee members will hear feedback and apply it for the following Internal Affairs Committee meeting.

 [\[DRAFT\] ERM 24-25.pdf](#)

 [ERM 24-25 \[CLEAN COPY\].pdf](#)

Discussion:

Director A. Joshi provided an overview of the ERM and discussed specific sections.

The discussion paused at 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM for time-certain items, resuming at 4:19 PM.

Director R. Joshi was excused at 4:19 PM.

Director Agustin recommended focusing on reading the changes that had been made to the ERM.

President Lacson asked several questions regarding the proposed changes.

President Lacson and Director Gambarin emphasized the importance of preserving A.S. history in the ERM.

Director A. Joshi continued reviewing changes to the first portion of the ERM, and Director Plazola discussed changes in the remaining sections. Director Gambarin provided recommendations on some changes and sought clarification regarding event accessibility.

Director Agustin commented on the endorsements section of the ERM and addressed the use of A.S. logos and affiliated logos. He also requested clarification on the submission process for VIG and its consequences.

Director Plazola clarified the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Committee and the Student Elections Committee.

Controller Sadawarti inquired about the regulation of printing in the A.S. Print Shop.

Director Swaminathan asked for the board's thoughts on directors endorsing candidates.

Director Plazola explained a rationale behind allowing non-running board members to endorse candidates running for positions.

Director Gambarin encouraged board members to submit any questions or concerns they might have.

6. Action Item: Vote to Approve the Referral of A.S. Resolution 23/24-05 to the Campus Life Affairs Committee [Maximum 5 Min] (Presenters: Leo Plazola, Teairra Brown, Sahithya Swaminathan)

Director Plazola will recommend that the resolution advocating for resources for students impacted by homelessness be referred to the CLA committee. This is done to have student-at-larges and Directors Brown and Swaminathan take charge of the resolution while working with SHA. This action item should be done after the resolution is read out.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Dhami.

Discussion:

Director Plazola discussed the resolution advocating for additional resources for students impacted by homelessness, suggesting it be referred to the CLA Committee for further review.

President Lacson inquired about any discussions with the Student Housing Alliance (SHA) to gather their perspective on what could be added or recommended to the resolution.

Director Swaminathan reminded the board that this resolution serves as a foundation and can be further discussed and developed in the near future.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passes.

7. Discussion Item: First Reading of the Resolution in Support of Increasing and Improving Resources for Students Impacted by Homelessness [Maximum 10 Min] (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan, Teairra Brown, Katelyn Gambarin, Leo Plazola, Guests: Jaylin Flores - SHA)

Director Swaminathan will read the resolution in collaboration with the Student Homeless Alliance. The resolution team will hear feedback to make changes before the second reading.

 [Student Homeless Resources Resolution \[DRAFT\].pdf](#)

Discussion:

Director Swaminathan presented the first reading of the Resolution in Support of Increasing and Improving Resources for Students Impacted by Homelessness.


Director Gambarin made recommendations regarding the wording of certain sections of the resolution.

President Lacson commented on the mission statement related to the resolution.

Director Plazola discussed potential additions that the committee will consider for the resolution.

8. Discussion Item: First Read of Statement in Opposition to Gov. Newsom's Veto of AB 2586 (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Governor Newsom vetoed the Opportunity for All Act, which would give equal employment opportunities to students for on-campus jobs regardless of immigration status.

 [AS SJSU Statement In Opposition to Governor Newsom's Veto of AB 2586.pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Gambarin went over the first read of statement in opposition to Gov. Newsom's Veto of AB 2586.

9. Discussion Item: First Read of Letter in Opposition to Gov Newsom's Veto of AB 2586 (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Governor Newsom vetoed the Opportunity for All Act, which would give equal employment opportunities to students for on-campus jobs regardless of immigration status. In order for this legislation to be enacted, we need to make sure that 2/3 of the California Legislature votes in favor to override the veto.

 [AS SJSU Letter in Opposition of Governor Newsom's Veto of AB 2586 \(1\).pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Gambarin went over the first read of letter in opposition to Gov. Newsom's Veto of AB 2586.

10. Discussion Item: First Read of Letter in Support of the BASIC Act (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

The BASIC Act is a piece of legislation that would create a competitive grant program for institutions to receive grants to help students with food, housing, and healthcare among other things.

 [AS SJSU Letter of Support of the BASIC Act \(1\).pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Gambarin went over the first read of letter in support of the BASIC Act.

11. Action Item: Resolution supporting the Continued Funding Application for CCTR - California Department of Social Services for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. (Time Certain: 3:30 p.m.) - 5 Minutes Maximum (Presenters: Vicki Allen, Jane Zamora, Jim Westbrook)

Each year, the Board of Directors is required to pass a resolution supporting the Continued Funding Application for the California Department of Social Services for 2025-2026 FY. As like the previous resolution from the California Department of Education, this resolution is due by November 1, 2024.

 [CCTR Board Resolution.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi.

Discussion:

Executive Director Allen introduced CDC Director Jane, who presented the resolution for the program.

Jane discussed how the resolution supports low-income families and provided statistics on the current programs.

She emphasized the positive impact this resolution can have on the overall department and expressed a commitment to continuing support for students and families, ensuring safety and high quality education for their children.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0, motion passes.

12. Discussion Item: Health and Wellness/Wellbeing @ SJSU (Time Certain: 3:45pm) - 15 Mins (Presenters: Catherine Voss Plaxton, Teairra Brown, Kamillah Tumakay , Kathy Lee)

Discussion:

The floor was given to Associate VP for Student Wellness Catherine Voss Plaxton, who expressed excitement about collaborating with A.S. again this year. She leads a presentation with other representatives of the Student Wellness Center on services provided by the center.

She discussed ideas for collaboration and engagement initiatives post-pandemic and highlighted some of the initiatives currently in progress.

Kamillah Tumakay and Kathy Lee reviewed the slides shared with the Board of Directors, covering "Well-being @ SJSU."

They are working on increasing open access for students and are open to feedback, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to speak.

A point of personal privilege was granted to Director Plazola at 3:59 PM. Director Plazola was re-recognized at 4:01 PM.

13. Action Item: Vote to Endorse Academic Senate Amendment AS 1876 (Time Certain: 4:00 PM) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Guests: Janet Sundrud)

 [Draft Pro Statements for Endorsement Solicitation.pdf](#)

 [AS 1876 Proposed Changes Summary - FINAL.pdf](#)

 [Approved AS 1876 FINAL.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

University Representative Mari Fuentes-Martin is excused at 4:01pm.

Discussion:

President Lacson introduced Janet Sundrud from the Academic Senate. Reiko, Janet's co-chair of the committee, provided an overview of the proposed changes in Academic Senate membership, discussing two proposals for potential committee expansion. The focus of this proposal would be to add staff seats/representation to the Academic Senate.

A point of personal privilege was granted to Director A. Joshi at 4:05 PM. Director A. Joshi was re-recognized at 4:08 PM.

The floor was opened for questions.

Vice President Nwokolo inquired whether the VP of Strategy and Institutional Affairs would be included in the committee if appointed.

Janet explained the selection process for committee members.

Executive Director Allen clarified aspects of membership within the committee. Janet elaborated on the role of unions on campus and how that can support which staff can be selected for these seats..

Director Khehra asked how some members would be nominated. Janet responded that University Personnel would be responsible for the selection process.

President Lacson clarified what the board would be voting on regarding this item.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson provided a recap of Legacy Month, highlighted the upcoming Town Hall next week, and discussed outreach efforts for listening sessions. She encouraged everyone to participate in non-A.S. events as well.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-10.23.24.docx.pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Vice President Nwokolo reviewed the meetings he attended in the past few weeks and outlined his upcoming meetings.

 [10-23-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

C. Controller

Controller Sadawarti announced that 50 RSOs have been approved for funding and discussed collaborations with Director R. Joshi and various marketing teams.

 [24-25 Controller's Board Report.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Khehra discussed the upcoming midterm de-stress tabling event next week and shared details about the Instagram post the committee created, which will be published tomorrow.

 [SKhehra-10 23 24-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

B. Director of Business Affairs

Director Dhama discussed the Campus Planning Committee and shared the committee's vision.

 [Oct 23, 2024 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

C. Director of Co-Cirricular Affairs

Director Swaminathan reported that Homecoming Week and the court were a huge success. She also provided updates on the Programming Board's current projects.

 [10 23 24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

D. Director of Communications

Director Agustin discussed the implementation of AI for the library and celebrated reaching 10K followers on Instagram.

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 10.23.24.pdf.pdf](#)

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

Director Sinha discussed the Diversity Resource Guide and a potential letter of support.

 [S. Sinha Board Report . 10 23 24.docx.pdf](#)

F. Director of Internal Affairs

Director A. Joshi reviewed the committee meetings she attended last week.

 [Anushka Joshi Board Report 10/23.pdf](#)

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

Director Gambarin provided updates on the Lobby Corps and discussed the preliminaries she attended this past weekend.

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 10 23.docx.pdf](#)

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

No report.

 [T. Brown 10.23 Board Report.pdf](#)

I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities

Director Plazola provided an overview of his current projects and gave an update on the Title IX meeting he attended.

 [Director SRR 10.23 Board Report.pdf](#)

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

No report.

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(10 23 2024\).docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XIV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XV. Announcements

Vice President Nwokolo discussed the email he will be sending to Jon Tucker regarding suggestions for future Spartan Speaker Series guests.

Executive Director emphasized the importance of the board reviewing the ERM.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti.

Vote: 10-0-0, meeting adjourned



Chima Nwokolo
2024-10-29 06:50 UTC

