



10/09/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Minutes

Associated Student San Jose State University
10/9/2024 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 3:02 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 R. Joshi and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote:

Motion:

Director R. Joshi motions to move Action Item 13 to Action Item 1, due to the importance of all Board Members being involved in the discussion.

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

Motion:

President Lacson moves to ammend the motion to move Action Item 13 to Item 3.

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

The Board discusses the options and timing of the items on the agenda to determine where they think this item should occur.

Motion:

Vote on amendment.

Vote: 6- 5 - 1, amendment passes.

Motion:

Vote to move action item 13 to action item 3.

Vote: 6 - 6 - 0, Vice President Nwokolo votes yes to move the item to action item 3.

Motion:

Director Agustin moves to strike Item One in old business due to presenter not in attendance.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 12-0-0, Motion passes.

Motion:

Main motion

Vote: 12-0-0, Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [9.25.2024 BOD Minutes + 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: 12-0-0

Director Gambarin highlights a friendly amendment within public forum to change "Directos" to Directors.

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.

Director Plazola takes a point of personal privilege at 3:19pm

Director Plazola reads a statement on behalf of student Jaylin Flores from the Student Homeless Alliance (SHA). The statement highlights initiatives that SHA is working on and looking for support from the Associated Students Board.

Director Plazola is re-re-recognized at 3:23pm.

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

Executive Director Allen begins by providing some information regarding the 24-25 Scholarships and an additional \$1000.00 being allocated to the scholarships for this term. She highlights Legacy month events hosted by the CCCAC and Fire on the Fountain occurring next week. She shares that the CDC is close to being able to enroll 4 month old children.

 [EDs Reports 10.9.2024.docx.pdf](#)

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

No University Administration Report.

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

No report.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Discussion Item: University Communications Introduction and Presentation Regarding the SpartanSafe App (Time Certain: 3:45 PM) - 10 Minutes Max (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin, Guests: Michelle Smith McDonald)

Michelle Smith McDonald, the Senior Director of Media Relations at SJSU, will introduce herself and the University Communications department. She will explain potential collaboration opportunities between University Communications and the Board of Directors and talk about the newly released SpartanSafe app.

Item stricken at approval of the agenda.

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve the Resolution in Support of the Filipino American History Mural Project (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Geoffrey Agustin, Katelyn Gambarin)

Second reading for the resolution to support the Filipino American History Mural Project.

 [AS SJSU RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MURAL PROJECT \(2\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: President Lacson begins by completing a full read of the resolution. After completion of the read, President Lacson highlights the edits that were made between the first read and this read of the resolution. Director Gambarin highlights a friendly amendment in a whereas statement, changing the word identify to identifying.

Motion:

Director Agustin motions to add Akbayan SJSU as a signer of the resolution.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 12-0-0, amendment passes.

Director Khehra asks if any other organizations were contacted regarding support for this resolution.

There is discussion regarding the first whereas statement, as it does not match the specific mission statement of Associated Students.

Motion:

Director Swaminathan moves to edit the first whereas statement to match the Associated Students mission.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 12-0-0, amendment passes.

Motion:

Motion to approve Resolution in Support of the Filipino American History Mural.

Vote: 12-0-0, motion passes.

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Pulling \$10,000 from the A.S. General Fund Reserve for the Creation of the Filipino American History Mural (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

In 2022-2023, A.S. approved a donation of \$10,000 from the A.S. General Fund Reserve to support the creation of the Never Again is Now! Mural Project that was

convened 2 years ago to commemorate Japanese American history and SJSU's role in Japanese internment during World War II. President Lacson believes it would be fitting to donate the same amount to the Filipino American History Mural that shares the same sentiments of commemorating Filipino American History which is left out of the Arch of Dignity.

 [Budget Policy.pdf](#)

 [\[DRAFT RFP\] SJSU Filipino American History Mural.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 thanks the Board for supporting the mural project with the resolution. She highlights the documents provided to the board, including the draft with details regarding the budget and other specifics of the mural project. President Lacson shares history on other monetary donations the A.S. Board has approved in the past and she believes it would be important for the A.S. Board to approve the donation of this money to support the creating of this mural project. President Lacson shares information about the A.S. budget and what the organizers of the mural are doing as well to fundraiser for additional funds.

There is clarification that this funding would go directly to the creation of the mural, and not to the maintenance of the mural in the future.

President Lacson yields time to guest Alan, an organizer of the mural project to speak on the budgeting, including money that has been acquired already and the work they are doing in crowdfunding. He shares that any additional funds that they gather they plan to donate as additional funding for maintenance costs.

There is continued discussion regarding where this funding would apply to, creation as opposed to maintenance.

Director Gambarin recommends exhausting the speakers list.

Discussion pauses for time certain items at 4:05pm and 4:10pm.

Discussion resumes at 4:23pm.

President Lacson highlights the importance of the initiatives they can set forth now by providing funding to a project like this and the importance of supporting the students attending.

Controller Sadawarti asks clarifying questions about the budget and how it is pulled from the reserves, including how maintenance costs work. Discussion pauses for time certain item at 4:30pm.

Motion:

Motion to approve the allocation of \$10,000 from the Associated Students General Reserve to support the creation of the Filipino American History Mural. This allocation is provided with the understanding that Associated Students will not be responsible for any future maintenance costs related to the project

Vote: 12-0-0

3. Action Item: Resolution supporting the Continued Funding Application for the California Department of Education (Time Certain 3:30 p.m.) - 5 Minutes Max (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 Education. This resolution is essential for securing our funding for the upcoming year.

 [Board Resolution 25-26.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Executive Director Allen speaks on behalf of CDC Center Director Jane Zamora to share information about the history of how this resolution supports the CDC. She shares information about the financial assistance this provides to the student families, allowing them to receive affordable, quality childcare.

Motion:

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion passes.

4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Dhruv Sanjaykumar Vyas to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Dhruv Vyas.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 highlighted Dhruv's involvement and qualifications, explaining why he would be an excellent addition to the committee. It was also noted that Dhruv would be a strong candidate to fill the open graduate student seat.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

5. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Michael Brown to the International Programs & Students Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Michael Brown .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 discussed Michael's involvement and explained why he would be an excellent fit for the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Sahib (Siya) Johal to the Student Fairness Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Sahib Johal .pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: President Lacson discussed Sahib's involvement and why she would be a strong fit for the committee.

Director Gambarin expressed concerns about not seeing specific reasons why Sahib would be a great fit and asked Ari what stood out in her conversation with Sahib.

President Lacson responded, highlighting Sahib's drive and genuine care for the committee's work.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Sahib (Siya) Johal to the University's Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [Sahib Johal .pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: The explanation provided was the same as the one given for the previous action item, reiterating the key points regarding involvements and qualification.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Ash Chavez to Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT Ash-Chavez.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin noted Ash's strong interest and passion for the committee's goals. She also expressed confidence that Ash would be a great advocate due to his prior involvement.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

9. Action Item: Vote to Ma'Kayla Akin to Lobby Corps Committee
(Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT Makayla-Akin.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin highlighted her drive and passion, explaining why she believes she would be a great fit for the role.

President Lacson takes a point of personal privilege at 5:16 pm.

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passes.

10. Action item: Vote to Appoint Melissa Zhang to Internal Affairs Committee
(Presenters: Anushka Joshi)

 [Melissa-Zhang \(1\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director A. Joshi explained that her interview with Melissa went very well, noting Melissa's knowledge and involvement, which would make her a valuable addition to the committee.

Director Agustin raised the concern that, since Melissa is graduating this semester, it may impact the bylaw changes and future issues.

Director Gambarin asked how Director A. Joshi plans to find a replacement after Melissa graduates.

Director Dhama inquired if there are other candidates Director A. Joshi is considering, given Melissa's upcoming graduation.

Director A. Joshi responded that Melissa's qualifications are impressive, and she believes Melissa would do a great job, even if only for a semester.

Motion:

Director Plazola calls for question for the student-at-large.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 8-1-2, Motion Passes.

President Lacson is re-re-recognized at 5:20 pm.

Motion:

Vote: 4-3-3. Motion Fails.

11. Action item: Vote to Appoint Talon Hollestelle to Internal Affairs Committee (Presenters: Anushka Joshi)

 [talon hollestelle.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director A. Joshi discussed how her interview with Talon was impressive, emphasizing that his passion would make him a great addition to the committee.

Director Gambarin asked Director A. Joshi to elaborate on why Talon is a better fit for the internal committee rather than Lobby Corps.

Director A. Joshi explained that she wanted to prioritize someone whose main focus was internal affairs. She also noted that Talon stood out due to his strong desire to be involved in student government.

President Lacson intervened, stating that this discussion was not productive. She emphasized the importance of having some external representation that could support internal affairs, rather than leaving the position vacant on the committee.

Motion:

Motioned to extend the meeting to 5:45pm.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

Director Sinha takes a point of personal privilege at 5:27 pm.

Director Sinha is re-re-recognized at 5:31 pm.

Motion:

Vote: 4-1-5. Motion passes after clarification from Executive Director Allen.

12. Action Item: Vote to Remove Adrienne Belardes from the Student Fairness Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

Belardes notified Grace Barbieri from the Academic Senate that they are no longer able to serve on this committee due to scheduling conflicts.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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


Discussion: President Lacson talks about how she was informed to remove Adrienne from the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.

13. Action Item: Vote to Approve Option 2 of the Memorandum for the A.S. Bylaws Special Election/Referendum Action (Presenters: Anushka Joshi, Leo Plazola, Chima Nwokolo, Teaira Brown)

The Internal Affairs committee directors will speak on a memo that was created to address timeline concerns with the review of the Bylaws Amendments. The Board of Directors will decide on a timeline based on the options provided by the Internal Affairs committee and when to hold an election for the Bylaws referendum.

 [Memorandum for the A.S. Bylaws Amendments Timeline - Google Docs.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi .

Discussion: Director Brown takes a point of personal privilege at 4:45pm. Director Plazola highlights discussion that occurred during the Internal Affairs Committee and that they brought the memorandum due to timeline concerns of the voting on the updated ByLaws for the 25-26 Year. He highlights the concerns about how the SEC would need to be prepared to organize this special election within the next few weeks, while the SEC has not convened yet.

Director Brown is re-recognized at 4:47pm.

Director A. Joshi shares that it is important that the review of these Bylaws to ensure the accessibility and a accuracy of these critical documents. She highlights portions of the memo regarding the benefits of delaying the Bylaw vote to occur during the general election in Spring 2025. She highlights that when reviewing there are ambiguous statements and grammar information that needs to be clarified prior to the Bylaws being prepared for students to vote.

Director Gambarin shares support for voting on Option 2. She highlights her work on this document last year, but that she did receive the support she had hoped.

Controller Sadawarti takes a point of personal privilege at 4:52pm. She shares the importance the document being clean and and accurate for the Board.

Controller Sadawarti is re-recognized at 4:54pm.

Director Khehra recommends that the votes in the Spring should be separated, where students can vote on the Board positions and the Bylaws on another to avoid confusion. Director Plazola clarifies how these items would show on the ballot and things to be cautious of.

President Lacson asks a clarifying question regarding how students will vote on items.

Director Khehra mentions that there was a previous structure change and encourages the committee to learn from former professional staff.

Executive Director Allen provides historical context regarding the former change, and acknowledges that changes may not have been presented to the student body.

Director Swaminathan voices concerns of not getting much engagement in regular election, so the engagement for this would be an excuse from voting. She also asked about the requirement of how many votes we are looking for.

Vice President Nwokolo recognizes Kingson Leung on Zoom. Kingson talked about how he recommends option 2 and briefly explained it to the board.

Motion:

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion passes.

Director R. Joshi and Director Khehra takes a point of personal privilege at 5:08 pm.

14. Discussion Item: Spartan Disability Alliance Presentation + Q&A (Time Certain 4:05pm) - 10 minutes (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo, Guests: Riya Katyal)

 [Spartan Disability Alliance - Diya + Riya.pdf](#)

Discussion: Students Riya and Diya are here to present on their organization that was formed in Spring of 2024. Diya shares reasons that they started the organization, highlighting their experience as a student with disabilities and the challenges they have faced. They highlight the importance of students both with and without disabilities becoming a part of the organization's community. Riya shares ideas they have about gathering information about what students want from their space. They hope to provide community spaces, allow students to discuss challenges they face, and highlight resources. Both students share that they are hoping to make a difference on campus to support accessibility for all students. Riya discusses that they want to bring job opportunities to students of campus and highlight accessibility in the workplace. Riya highlights achievements this organization has had in the time they have been an RSO. They share contact information for their organization. President Lacson thanks Riya and Diya for attending the meeting and presenting to the Board of Directors. She shares understanding of their concerns and assures them that the Board of Directors is here to support them. President Lacson highlights listening sessions she will be hosting and encourages members of their organization to attend. Director Gambarin echoes concerns she has about the accessibility of many of the buildings and invites them to come to talk with the Lobby Corps Committee Meetings. Riya and Diya highlight the challenges they face as a new organization and are working on ways to get their name out to the SJSU Community. Director Swaminathan and Director Khehra share

support for this organization and share that various committees they sit on or chair can be supportive of them.

15. Discussion Item: UPD Chief Carroll Presentation + Q&A (Time Certain 4:30pm - 10 minutes Maximum) (Presenters: Leo Plazola, Guests: Chief Carroll)

The UPD Police Chief Michael Carroll will be addressing the Board of Directors to inform them of the programming, training, and functions of UPD. The Board will have an opportunity to ask follow-up questions to learn more about the police department.

Discussion: Chief of Police Michael Carroll introduces himself to the Board of Directors. He highlights concerns that were brought to his attention when he first began in January 2022. He highlights that since he has begun, the department has developed core values. He highlights connections they have made with student groups and efforts that they are making to support housing areas on campus. He highlights other departments on campus that UPD has been working with. He shares the programs that UPD provides regarding active shooter trainings. Chief Carroll highlights concerns about retention, and how they hope to work on keeping their staff with the University.

President Lacson asks about the dates and times that UPD holds their monthly community meetings. Director Plazola also highlights social events that UPD has held, including the Burgers with UPD held recently. Chief Carroll highlights how their officers support various communities and departments on campus.

16. Information Item: Associated Students Print Shop Presentation (Time Certain 4:00 p.m.) - 5 minutes (Presenters: Kevin Lowe)

Executive Director Allen, in collaboration with the AS Leadership Team, is dedicated to ensuring the Board of Directors gains a thorough understanding of the various AS Departments. To support this effort, one or two AS Departments will deliver time-certain presentations during each Board meeting this fall semester, offering detailed insights into their respective areas of focus. Each presentation will be limited to 5 minutes, ensuring the sessions are concise yet informative.

 [Print Shop BoD Presentation.pdf](#)

Presentation: Print Shop Manager Kevin Lowe introduces himself and shares his presentation on the A.S. Print Shop. He highlights the staff, location, and shares services they provide. He highlights that the Print Shop can print a wide variety of materials and they are working at

expanding the options they offer. He highlights the impact of the Print Shop as well as goals they are hoping to achieve in the future.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson highlighted the realignment of student services and provided updates on the meetings and one-on-one discussions she has had over the past weeks. She also shared details about the discussions and events she attended with key leaders and speakers. Additionally, she talked about the progress in finalizing the board's goals.

President Lacson reached out to various organizations and cultural centers for upcoming talks, including the event for Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 14.

She expressed concern about the lack of engagement from the current board and shared her disappointment, recommending that everyone make a greater effort to actively participate and put themselves out there more.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-10.9.24.docx.pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Vice President Nwokolo discussed the approvals and disapprovals he has handled, along with his suggestions for the upcoming bylaw edits. He also provided an update on the meetings and one-on-one sessions he attended in recent weeks, as well as the events that have taken place during this time.

 [10-09-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Motion:

Motioned to table the rest of the board reports.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. 9-0-1. Motion passes.

C. Controller

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

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

 [SKhehra-10_09_24-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

B. Director of Business Affairs

 [Oct 9, 2024 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

 [10_03_24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 10.9.24.pdf](#)

- E. Director of Intercultural Affairs
[📎 S. Sinha Board Report . 10 09 24.docx.pdf](#)
- F. Director of Internal Affairs
[📎 10 09 2024 internal affairs board report.docx.pdf](#)
- G. Director of Legislative Affairs
[📎 K.Gambarin Board Report - 10 09.docx.pdf](#)
- H. Director of Student Resource Affairs
[📎 T. Brown 10/9/24 Board Report.pdf](#)
- I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities
[📎 10.9.24 Dir. Rights and Responsibilities Board Report.pdf](#)
- J. Director of Sustainability
[📎 Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(10 9 2024\).docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XIV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

Executive Director Allen announced that the action item for approving Talon Hollestelle has passed with a vote of 4-1-5, achieving the required 80% threshold for approval.

XV. Announcements

President Lacson highlighted that it is Legacy Month and encouraged the board to attend all related events. She emphasized the importance of being mindful of other events happening on campus and urged the entire board to increase their visibility and engagement with students. President Lacson stressed the need for board members to consider ways they can enhance student interaction and emphasized accountability for attending campus events.

Executive Director Allen reminded the board about the mandatory Title IX and media training scheduled during the upcoming in-service. She also discussed the importance of attending the Homecoming football game next week.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Plazola. Vote: 10-0-0, Motion passes.



2024-2025
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 10.9.2024

ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Sadawarti	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Dhami	X
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Sinha	X
Director Gambarin	X
Director Plazola	X
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	X
Director Brown	X
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Vicki Allen	X
Mari Fuentes-Martin	A
Guest	
Jim Westbrook	
Diana Victa	
Kevin Lowe	
Michael Carroll	
Alan	

Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent