

09/11/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda Minutes

Greg Wolcott, the AVP for Student Success at SJSU, introduces himself to the Board of Directors. He introduces the departments, including Success Centers, and encourages collaboration. He shares information about Latinx Heritage Month and upcoming SJSU sporting events.

Guest Theresa shares concerns regarding the land acknowledgment in its' current state. She shares that she believes that there are other tribes being inadvertently silenced as they are not mentioned within the current land acknowledgment.

Chair Nwokolo passes the gavel to Vice Chair A. Joshi at 3:09pm.

Vice President Nwokolo shares that today is the 23rd anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and he would like to hold a moment of silence for Jason Dahl, an alumni of SJSU who lost his life during these attacks. He recognizes current San Jose State University Police department members who served during this attack in New York city, and are now staff here.

Vice Chair A. Joshi recognized Chair Nwokolo at 3:11pm.

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

[BOD Department Reports 9.11.2024 final.docx.pdf](#)

Executive Director Allen begins by highlighting the day of service event occurring today in honor of September 11, 2021. Executive Director Allen highlights A.S. department successes. She shares an update regarding the HR Manager hiring. Executive Director Allen encourages everyone to attend the Festival de la Independencia on Monday.

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

Dr. Fuentes Martin highlights that Career Fair that occurred today and highlights 3 STEM career fairs that are occurring next week. She highlights an initiative beginning tomorrow called Wellbeing at SJSU. Report pauses for 3:15pm time certain item.

Report continues at 3:26pm.

Dr. Fuentes Martin shares a video honoring the life of Isabelle Paredes, a student who passed away on campus a couple of weeks ago and speaks about her and her family.

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

A representative from the Student Union Board of Directors shares some highlights regarding events that occurred over the summer, and highlights events that have occurred since the beginning of the school year. She highlights that Event Center being utilized for the 9/11 Remembrance Food Packing event today. SU Fest, formally the Student Union Open House is tomorrow. She highlights other upcoming Student Union events.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Audit Report June 2024 (Time Certain: 3:15 p.m.) - 15 minutes (Presenters: Jim Westbrook, Guests: Cynthia Aguinaga, Rolland Vasin)

The Audit Committee met on September 5th and approved the report presented by Vasin, Heyn & Company. The committee voted unanimously, with a result of 3-0-0.

[Draft of AS SJSU Financial Statements FYE 6-30-24 Sent 9-3-24.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Khehra shares that this student is involved in other on campus opportunities. He has had experience with event planning and is passionate about addressing student concerns regarding class conflicts. There is discussion amongst directors regarding this student not being a student within the college they would be appointed to. Director Khehra shares that some colleges did not have any applicants and so he

Director Plazola is re-recognized at 3:56pm.

Director A. Joshi brings up concerns regarding this students' status as a freshman. Director Khehra highlights the students effort in researching this committee and the importance of having a variety of perspectives.

Motion:

Vote: 12-0-0 | Motion passes.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Estefania Montiel as the Connie L. Lurie College of Education Representative for Academic Affairs Committee

Discussion: Director Khehra shares that this student is an International Graduate student. He shares that he would like to support programs that can support the challenges international students face upon beginning as a student at San Jose State.

Motion:

Vote: 12-0-0 | Motion passes.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Sanjana Ramesh as the College of Science Representative for Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Sanjana-Ramesh.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion:

Director R. Joshi is excused at 4:14pm.

Director Khehra shares that this student is interested in supporting research programs. He shares that even though she is a freshman, she is already working within research in her department.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes.

9. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Shreekar Kolanu as the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering Representative for Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Shreekar-Kolanu-Application.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

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

Discussion: President Lacson shares that this position needs to be served by someone who sits on Academic Senate. There is discussion amongst the Board, as other policy committees often occur during this time.

Motion:

Director Gambarin motions to table this item indefinitely.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 9-0-2 | Motion passes

15. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Committee on Senate Representation of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

From Chair of CSR: "After reviewing the CSR scheduling poll responses, we have selected two alternating meeting days:

Tuesdays 11am-12pm

Fridays 9-10am

Here is the proposed meeting schedule through the fall semester. We will be sending out Google Calendar invitations shortly.

Tuesday Aug 27 (Senate Mtg on Sept 9)

Friday, Sept 13

Tuesday, Sept 17

Friday, Sept 27 (Senate Mtg on Sept 30) Target to pass the resolutions

Tuesday, Oct 1

Friday, Oct 4

Tuesday, Oct 15

Friday, Oct 18

Tuesday Oct 29 (Senate Mtg on Nov 4) Target to make the final report

Friday, Nov 8

Tuesday, Nov 12

Friday, Nov 22

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Discussion: President Lacson directs the Board to the supporting documents to ensure that an appointee could be available for all meetings. She shares some information about what this committee discusses.

Discussion pauses for Time Certain Item 20.

Discussion resumes at 4:45pm

Director Gambarin nominates Director A. Joshi. Director A. Joshi declines the nomination.

Director Agustin asks for clarification regarding if this Director needs to be a Student Senator on the Academic Senate.

Director A. Joshi is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:48pm.

Director Gambarin self-nominates

Motion:

Motion to appoint Director Gambarin to the Committee on Senate Representation of the Academic Seante.

Vote: 9-0-1 | Motion passes.

Director Agustin excused for point of personal privilege at 4:52pm.

16. Action Item: Vote to Remove Srishti Sinha from Faculty Diversity Committee (Presenters: Srishti Sinha)

Director Sinha has a class that conflicts with FDC meetings and will be unable to serve this semester. The Faculty Diversity Committee meets monthly

Sep 6, 2024 11:00 AM

Oct 4, 2024 11:00 AM

Nov 1, 2024 11:00 AM

Dec 6, 2024 11:00 AM

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Sinha can not serve on the committee anymore due to time conflict.

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0 | Motion passes

17. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Director-At-Large to Faculty Diversity Committee (Presenters: Srishti Sinha)

There's a vacancy on the Faculty Diversity Committee that needs to be filled by a Director available to attend the Faculty Diversity Committee meetings. Academic Senate meetings take place monthly basis on First Fridays 11 AM- 12:30 PM, on 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6

Faculty Diversity Committee [PS] - The Faculty Diversity Committee promotes diversity through appropriate recruitment and retention strategies. It also conducts periodic forums and other activities directed at increased recruitment and retention of diverse faculty. It reviews the effectiveness of such activities and may recommend appropriate strategies and policies.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Connecting to the previous item, Director Sinha is looking for a replacement to serve on this committee. Director Gambarin is nominated and accepts this appointment.

Motion:

Discussion: President Lacson shares how she can not sit on the Student Union Board anymore due to a class conflict. The Director replacing will start serving tomorrow at the meeting.

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-1 | Motion passes.

Director A. Joshi is re-recognized at 4:57pm.

19. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Student Union Board (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

Below is the current schedule for the remainder of the monthly SU BOD meetings for this semester:

Thursday, September 12: 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 17: 1:30 PM - 3 PM

Thursday, November 21: 1:30 PM - 3 PM

Thursday, December 19: 1:30 PM - 3 PM

The selected A.S. BOD member would also serve on the Audit Committee temporarily but they do not convene for another meeting until April 2025.

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 presents the dates that the Student Union Board meets. Vice President Nwokolo and Controller Sadawarti self nominate.

Motion:

Motion to appoint Vice President Nwokolo to Student Union Board of Directors.

Vote: 10-0-0 | Motion passes.

20. Discussion Item: Resolution In Support of Muwekma Ohlone Federal Recognition First Reading (Time Certain: 4:30 pm) (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

Director Plazola will conduct a first reading of the Resolution in Support of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's Federal Recognition and hear discussion to prepare for the second reading.

 [Muwekma-Ohlone Federal Recognition Resolution \[DRAFT\].pdf](#)

Executive Director Allen and the AS Leadership Team are committed to ensuring that the Board of Directors has comprehensive knowledge of the AS Departments. To facilitate this, during each meeting this fall semester, one or two AS Departments will present a time-certain informational item, providing deeper insights into their areas of focus. Each presentation will be a maximum of 5 minutes.

 [Marketing Department Presentation to the Board 09112024.pptx.pdf](#)

Presentation: Marketing Manager Edilbert Signey begins by highlighting the the impact marketing has on Associated Students and the campus community. He highlights marketing projects and social media impact. He highlights goals for the department moving forward.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

 [A.Lacson Board Report-9.11.24.docx.pdf](#)

President Lacson provided an update on the meetings she attended over the past two weeks, including those with her campus liaisons. She also participated in several Weeks of Welcome events, such as the Spartan Squad Kickoff and the API Fall Welcome. Additionally, President Lacson outlined the upcoming meetings she will attend over the next two weeks and encourage attendance at future Weeks of Welcome events.

B. Vice President

 [09-11-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report \(1\).pdf](#)

Vice President Nwokolo provided an update on the meetings he attended over the past two weeks. He also mentioned the vacancy for the Vice President of Safety and Institutional Affairs. Additionally, Vice President Nwokolo discussed the one-on-one meetings he has held with directors and shared plans for upcoming ones.

C. Controller

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

Controller Sadawarti provided an update on the first finance committee meeting he chaired last Wednesday, where he discussed the committee's goals, expectations, and potential changes to the budget language in the budget policy. He also met with his liaison, Charlie Faas, to discuss housing affordability and the

Spartan Village at Paseo. Additionally, Controller Sadawarti noted that 7 A.S. funding mandatory sessions have been completed, with over 50 RSOs already attending.

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

[SKhehra-09_11_24-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Director Khehra provided an update on the first Academic Affairs Committee meeting he chaired last week. He discussed the status of Student-at-large applications, the recruitment process, and plans for a midterm distress tabling event. Additionally, Director Khehra attended the Curriculum and Research Committee, where discussions included the new GE Policy and Guidelines, Academic Planning Process Policy and Guidelines, CEU policy, and a review of critical referrals, program proposals, and CCI.

B. Director of Business Affairs

[Sep 11, 2024 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Director Dhami provided an update on the first Operations Committee meeting she chaired last week, discussing the committee's purpose, goals, and the review of Student-at-Large applications. She also mentioned her meeting with auditors to discuss the fraud analysis.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

[Sahithya Swaminathan 09/11/24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

Director Swaminathan provided an update on her efforts to reach out to RSOs to promote the opportunity for recognizing student leaders for Homecoming Royalty. She also discussed upcoming changes to certain events during Homecoming Week.

Controller Sadawarti excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:16 pm

D. Director of Communications

[G. Agustin Board Report - 9.11.24.pdf](#)

Director Agustin provided an update on the committee meetings he attended over the past two weeks. He also met with his liaison to discuss introduction and

marketing efforts. Additionally, he mentioned that the 'Meet the Board' video will be uploaded next week.

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

 [S.Sinha 24-25 Board Report Template.pdf](#)

Director Sinha provided an update on the meetings she attended over the past two weeks. She also met with her liaison, Kristin Dukes, to discuss the recurring role of student representatives on campus.

Director Dhama is excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:20 pm.
Controller Sidawarti is re-recognized at 5:22 pm.

F. Director of Internal Affairs

 [09-11-24 Anushka Joshi board report.pdf](#)

Director A. Joshi provided an update on the first Internal Affairs Committee meeting she chaired last week. She discussed the necessary changes to the ERM and addressed the code of conduct for directors.

Motion:

Motion to extend the meeting to 5:45 pm.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Plazola.
Vote: 9-1-0. Motion passes.

Director A. Joshi is excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:26 pm.
Director Dhama is re-recognized at 5:26 pm.

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 09_11.docx.pdf](#)

Director Gambarin provided an update on the first Lobby Corps meeting she chaired last week. She discussed initiatives to encourage student voter registration, promote civic engagement, and identify student priorities that the committee could support. Additionally, Director Gambarin attended several meetings, including the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Listening Session and the CSSA Vice Chair Meeting.

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

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