



03/26/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University

3/26/2025 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 3:00 PM.

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Motion:

President Lacson motions to move Action Item 6 to after action item 1 in New Business.

Director Khehra is recognized at 3:03pm.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Vote: 11-0-0, Amendment Passed.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 11-0-0, agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [03.12.2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 11-0-0, Motion Passed.

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 purpose.

No public forum.

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

Executive Director Allen shares that A.S. Scholarships are open and close on May 1st. Executive Director Allen highlights the upcoming WASC visit in April and encourages Board Members to participate in meetings with the accreditation team. Executive Director Allen shares that they have been participating in meetings in preparation for the the new Dean of Students to start. Executive Director Allen thanks the A.S. Transportation Solutions department for their support during the VTA strike.

 [EDs Reports 3.26.2025.docx.pdf](#)

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

Dr. Fuentes-Martin provided an update regarding the appointment of the new Dean of Students. She also discussed the ongoing process for hiring the Associate Dean of Students for Equity and Belonging, highlighting her involvement and the sessions she will be attending as part of that process. Additionally, she expressed her willingness to share information about the institution and encouraged open communication moving forward.

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

President Lacson provided an update on the new Student Union operating agreement and introduced the new Student Union Executive Director. A card was passed around to commemorate John's transition to the Student Union. Mari also recognized the Events Services team for their work on the NVIDIA conference and the NIT tournament. Additionally, President Lacson highlighted several upcoming events, including the Mike Sherm concert taking place tomorrow night.

X. Student Election Commission's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Chief Elections Officer Glerys Gonzalez shared that the first successful event for the election kickoff had over 90 attendees. She noted that the campaign period officially began on March 18th. Glerys also reminded the board of the rules, emphasizing that board members should not discuss elections in the office space or endorse any candidates.

XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Discussion Item: CSSA Trans Resolution & Next Steps for SJSU A.S. (Max: 10 Mins)

Since President Lacson is spearheading efforts in seeking approval for similar legislation as the Trans Rights resolution presented to the Board last week to CSSA, in light of this new development she would like to share the draft that was presented at March CSSA Plenary & discuss next steps moving forward on supporting trans students at SJSU.

 [UPDATED 3 3 25 CSSA RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANS RIGHTS & TRANS ATHLETES RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.pdf](#)

President Lacson introduced the CSSA Resolution in support of trans rights and the rights of trans athletes to participate in sports. She provided context for the resolution and shared statistics based on the responses received. She also highlighted the overwhelming support the resolution has garnered. Additionally, she outlined the timeline and next steps, including the upcoming reading at the next CSSA preliminary meeting. President Lacson also brought up the possibility of adopting the resolution at the campus level.

B. New Business

1. Discussion Item: First Reading of Request for Cost Recovery: Vice President for Student Affairs (Max: 10 Mins) (Guests: Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin, Vice President, Student Affairs)

The Vice President for Student Affairs is requesting Cost Recovery for salaries and benefits for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$72,586. This request also seeks to secure continued funding through FY 2028-2029, which would have a direct impact on the Associated Students budget. Per the AS Bylaws (Article III, Board of Directors, Section V: Types of Legislation), this request would require a Budget Amendment for the current fiscal year and has broader implications for future AS budgets.

 [Associated Students Cost Recovery Memo 03.14.2025.pdf](#)

Dr. Fuentes-Martin presented the Division of Student Affairs Target Reduction slides and discussed the state-side funding the division receives. She explained the allocation methodology, including the total revenue and operating budget.

Director Gambarin asked how the budget cuts would affect programs and resources that students rely on. Dr. Fuentes-Martin responded that the most vulnerable resources are the cultural centers. She emphasized her intention to avoid cutting those resources and is working to minimize their impact. She also noted that the overall state budget cuts affect everyone.

Director Gambarin then asked for clarification on whose salaries would benefit from the requested funds. Dr. Fuentes-Martin listed six individuals in the office who would be supported.

President Lacson followed by asking the board if they understood the nature of the request. She shared that she had a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Fuentes-Martin to understand the situation better. She addressed a comment to Mari, stating that if the funding request is not approved, critical resources and centers could be jeopardized. This would require the board to reassess the A.S. budget to determine how to best support affected resources. She also emphasized that staff across the university are already overworked and expressed concern about avoiding a situation like what occurred at Sonoma State, where colleges were merged and multiple resources were cut.


Controller Dhami asked how the university plans to prevent a similar situation from happening in the future if they approve the allocation, and how they would ensure a quicker recovery. She also inquired about the consequences if the request is not approved. Dr. Fuentes-Martin responded that some programs would inevitably face cuts. While increasing enrollment is a positive development, she noted that stagnant state funding continues to pose a significant challenge.

2. Discussion Item: First Review of the Propose Associated Students Budget for FY 2025-2026 (Max: 10 Mins) (Presenters: Jim Westbrook, Vicki Allen, Riya Dhami)

 [Summary all depts 2025-26 Budget 3 10 25 For Finance Comm \(1\).pdf](#)

Controller Dhami noted that the committee has made several adjustments to the A.S. budget throughout the meetings held since December. Jim Westbrook then presented the proposed Associated Students budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Chair Nwokolo asked whether the scholarship that the board anticipated renewing for next year would remain unchanged, and Jim confirmed that the amount will stay the same. He also reviewed the current deficits. President Lacson asked for specific details about what each department agreed to reduce in their budgets, and Jim responded that they can review those details during the next budget reading. Director Agustin provided an overview of the budget cuts made within the Marketing Department.

3. Discussion Item: First Review of the Capital, Equipment and Reserve Expenditures (Max: 10 Mins) (Presenters: Jim Westbrook, Vicki Allen, Riya Dhami)

 [Reserves Analysis 2025-26 Budget 3 10 25 \(1\).pdf](#)

Jim Westbrook reviewed the Capital Equipment and Reserve Expenditures, which included the Operating General Fund, Plant Fund, Capital Improvements, Scholarship Reserve, and OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) for post-retirement benefits.

4. Discussion Item: First Read Fiscal Resolution for Redistribution of Funds for SmartPass (Max: 10 Mins) (Presenters: Vicki Allen, Guests: Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe)

Transportation Solutions has submitted a request to the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) for cost relief related to the Spring 2025 SmartPass program. This request is based on the daily rate of services that have been unavailable to SJSU students due to the ongoing strike. If cost relief is provided, we would like to redistribute those funds to SJSU students impacted by the service disruption. While we do not yet have a confirmed amount or a defined process, we are proactively exploring ways to support our students should funds become available.

 [A.S. Fiscal Resolution SmartPass Clipper Card.pdf](#)

Executive Director Allen presented the first reading of the Fiscal Resolution regarding the redistribution of funds for the SmartPass program. Guest Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe shared feedback that Transportation Solutions (TS) has received from students expressing concerns about transportation to campus. Director Khehra asked if the evening Lyft program is still active, to which Haleema confirmed that it is. Point of personal privilege granted to Director A. Joshi at 4:17 PM. Director R. Joshi inquired about any responses from VTA regarding the request, and Haleema noted that they have not yet received a response. Dr. Fuentes-Martin added that the University President has also been advocating on this issue and mentioned that the VTA strike may end as soon as tomorrow, or possibly after spring break. Director R. Joshi then yielded time to Guest Harry Neil, who announced that the court has officially declared the VTA strike is over, with services resuming on Monday. Director R. Joshi then asked if the request for support would still be valid even after the strike ends, and Haleema confirmed that it would. Director Khehra asked whether reimbursements would be provided, and


Haleema explained that there would essentially be a reduction in the overall payment.

Point of personal privilege granted to Director Agustin at 4:21 PM.

5. Discussion Item: 2023-2024 IRS Form 990 and California Informational Filings (Max: 10 Mins) (Presenters: Jim Westbrook)

The Associated Students 2023 IRS Form 990 is due for submission. While IRS regulations do not require Board of Directors approval for the filing, they do require that the governing body receive a copy of the filing before it is submitted.

 [Board memo 2023 24.docx](#)

 [Final Draft of AS SJSU Forms 990, 199 & RRF-1 FYE 6-30-24 Sent 3-19-25.pdf](#)

Jim Westbrook provided an overview and explanation of the 2023–2024 IRS Form 990.

6. Discussion Item: First Reading of Resolution to Recognize the CCCAC 20 Year Anniversary (Max: 10 Mins) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Chima Nwokolo, Rishika Joshi, Srishti Sinha, Guests: Diana Victa)

 [RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.pdf](#)

President Lacson recognized the many amazing events hosted by CCCAC over the past semester and acknowledged that the resolution was a joint effort between herself, Chair Nwokolo, Director R. Joshi, Director Sinha, and Diana Victa. She then conducted the first reading of the resolution to recognize CCCAC's 20-year anniversary. She noted that some of the language in the resolution may need minor grammar edits.

Diana Victa thanked everyone for taking the time to read and recognize the resolution. She shared that being able to honor the center is a very full-circle moment for her. She also mentioned that she hopes to present the resolution at the upcoming luncheon with the founder of CCCAC.

7. Action Item: Vote to Approve Signature on Stevens Creek Vision Phase 2 Coalition Letter (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin, Guests: Harry Neil)

The Stevens Creek Steering Committee unanimously adopted the plan that the Board of Directors signed on to support.

Now the Transbay Coalition is urging cities like Cupertino, Santa Clara, and San Jose, the county, and VTA to adopt this plan and implement it on the Stevens Creek Corridor.

 [Stevens Creek Vision Phase 2 Coalition Letter.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Director Gambarin spoke about the coalition letter that the board approved last semester. Guest Harry Neil, a local advocate with the Stevens Creek Steering Committee, discussed the adoption of the plan and its potential implementation along the Stevens Creek Corridor. Re-recognized Director A. Joshi at 4:28 PM.

Point of personal privilege granted to Director Khehra at 4:31 PM.

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

8. Action Item: Vote to Cancel April 2, 2025 Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (Presenters: Srishti Sinha)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambain and motion seconded by Director De Oliveira. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

Point of personal privilege granted to Director Sinha at 4:33 PM.

9. Action Item: Vote to Remove Jhony De Oliveira from the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Since Jhony is now a part of the Board of Directors, he can no longer serve as a student at large on Lobby Corps.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

10. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Amin-Fazal for Student At Large Operations Committee (Presenters: Rhea Ramalingam)

 [Amin-Fazal.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

11. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Glerys Gonzalez for Student At Large Operations Committee (Presenters: Rhea Ramalingam)

 [Glerys-Gonzalez .pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Director R. Joshi asked if this would present any conflict with her position as SEC CEO, and Director Ramalingam confirmed that it would not. Re-recognized Director Khehra at 4:38 PM.

Motion:

Vote: 8-0-1, Motion Passed.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson shared insights from her recent meeting with Cynthia Teniente-Matson and Mari Fuentes-Martin, during which they discussed the number of investigations currently taking place at other CSU campuses related to the U.S. presidential executive orders. She also provided an update on the Campus Master Plan, noting that it will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May, and invited the board to attend the upcoming town halls hosted by the university. Additionally, she encouraged board members to reach out to Mari with any questions. President Lacson also recapped her meeting with Karthika Sasikumar and concluded with updates on upcoming events.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-03.26.25.docx.pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Vice President Nwokolo shared updates on the committees he has participated in over the past few weeks, including a summary of the topics discussed in those meetings. He also spoke about the one-on-one meetings he has had with board members. Additionally, he provided updates on the A.S. 55 Awards and highlighted several upcoming events.

 [Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report 03-26-25.pdf](#)

C. Controller

Controller Dhami encouraged anyone with questions about the budget changes to reach out to her. She provided updates from the Finance Committee, including recent funding approvals. She also mentioned the upcoming Spartan Showcase and noted that they are still looking for judges.

 [March 26, 2025 - Controller Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Khehra shared updates from the Academic Affairs Committee. He mentioned the upcoming De-Stress event scheduled for April 30th and highlighted the Instagram post that the committee has been working on.

 [SKhehra-03_26_25-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

B. Director of Business Affairs

Director Ramalingam shared updates on the A.S. committee meetings she has been involved in, as well as other meetings she has attended. She also provided updates on the work being done by the Operations Committee and mentioned the ongoing interviews with student-at-large applicants.

 [R.Ramalingam-Board Report.pdf](#)

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

N/A

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D. Director of Communications

N/A

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 3.26.25.pdf](#)

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

N/A

 [03_26_25 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

F. Director of Internal Affairs

Director A. Joshi shared an update on the work she has been doing within the committees she serves on.

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G. Director of Legislative Affairs

Director Gambarin shared updates on what Lobby Corps has been working on, including a resolution they are in the process of introducing. She also discussed the meetings she has attended, including the campus visits from Mayor Turner and Mayor Bozzo. Additionally, she provided updates on upcoming events and meetings.

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 03_26.docx.pdf](#)

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Director Brown shared that the Campus Resource Fair, hosted yesterday, had great attendance. She also spoke about attending the Afro Ball, describing it as an amazing experience. She provided updates on the work the Campus Life Affairs Committee has been focusing on and concluded with updates regarding the Spartan Squad.

 [T. Brown Board Report 03-26-2025.docx.pdf](#)

I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities

Director De Oliveira provided updates on the committees and Academic Senate meetings he has attended. He also spoke about his experience at CHESS. Additionally, he reported on the goals he has been working on, including drafting a resolution. He mentioned that he will be continuing the project started by the previous director.

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Director R. Joshi shared updates on the work being done by the committee she serves on. She also provided updates on her meetings with her liaisons and discussed the goals she has been actively working on.

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(03 26 2025\).docx.pdf](#)

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XVI. Announcements

Executive Director Allen announced that Admitted Spartan Day will take place on April 12th, and that Student Government will be tabling at the event. She encouraged everyone to sign up to participate. Chair Nwokolo reminded everyone to submit nominations for the A.S. 55 Award.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 PM.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.



Chima Nwokolo
2025-03-28 23:12 UTC

2024-2025
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 03.26.2025
ROLL CALL

| NAME | Attendance |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| President Lacson | X |
| Vice President Nwokolo | X |
| Controller Dhami | X |
| Director Khehra | X @ 3:03pm |
| Director Ramalingam | X |
| Director Agustin | X |
| Director Swaminathan | A |
| Director Sinha | X |
| Director Gambarin | X |
| Director De Oliveira | X |
| Director R. Joshi | X |
| Director A. Joshi | X |
| Director Brown | X |
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| Non-voting Members | |
| Executive Director Vicki Allen | X |
| Mari Fuentes-Martin | X @ 3:05pm |
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| Sam Brown - Recording Secretary | X |
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Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent

Guests: Janely Pulido, Kingson Leung, Abby Escobar, Jim Westbrook, Diana Victa, Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe, Harry Neil, Dyon Capote