



04/09/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University
4/9/2025 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 3:02 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 A. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommended an amendment to strike Discussion Item 7 from the agenda.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Director Ramalingam.
Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

Motion:

Director Sinha motioned to amend the agenda by tabling Discussion Item 3 indefinitely.

Motion moved by Director Sinha and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 9-0-0,
Motion Passed.

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Controller Dhami.

Vote: 9-0-0, 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 purposes.

Diana Rodriguez from CCCAC introduced Selena Hernandez from Survivor Advocacy Services in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Selena provided an overview of her role in advocating for students on campus and highlighted the services offered by the Survivor Advocacy program. She also shared information about the Sexual Assault Response Team and promoted the donation drive, which collects new items throughout the month to support survivors.

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

Executive Director Allen congratulated the A.S. Marketing Department and Print Shop for their recent accomplishments. She also gave a shoutout to the Government team for continuing to work on projects during the break. Additionally, she provided updates on the Dean of Students onboarding plans, highlighted key events being planned by various departments, and emphasized the importance of reading all communications from President Teniente-Matson.

 [EDs Reports 4.4.2025.docx.pdf](#)

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

Dr. Fuentes-Martin shared that 11 SJSU students have been impacted by the revocation of their status. Each student is being assigned a case manager, and various strategies are being implemented to support them. She also mentioned ongoing collaboration with WASC to address related issues.

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

New Executive Director Jon Tucker expressed his excitement about joining the Student Union team. He shared details about the upcoming Spartan Fest on April 24th, discussed plans for remodeling the Event Center, and mentioned the implementation of a new E-Sports space in the Student Union. He also expressed interest in a "hard reset" on campus relationships and discussed opportunities for collaboration and partnership moving forward.

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

Chief Elections Officer Glerys Gonzalez spoke about the success of the Meet the Candidates event held yesterday. She also provided updates on the upcoming Candidate Debates and the Final Election Results Reveal.

XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

N/A

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve Resolution to recognize The CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER 20 Year Anniversary (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Rishika Joshi, Srishti Sinha, Chima Nwokolo, Guests: Diana Victa)

Second reading for the resolution to recognize The CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER's 20 Year Anniversary

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

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Director R. Joshi conducted the second reading of the resolution to recognize the César E. Chávez Community Action Center's 20-Year Anniversary. Diana expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to help craft the resolution and shared that the CCCAC was originally established through an A.S. resolution, making this recognition especially meaningful.

Vote Results:

- Controller Dhami: Yay
- Director Khehra: Yay
- Director Ramalingam: Yay
- Director Swaminathan: Yay
- Director Agustin: Yay
- Director Sinha: Yay
- Director A. Joshi: Yay
- Director Brown: Yay
- Director R. Joshi: Yay

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Fiscal Resolution for Redistribution of Funds for SmartPass (Presenters: Vicki Allen, Guests: Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe)

Transportation Solutions submitted a formal 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 were unavailable to SJSU students due to the recent VTA strike. If cost relief is granted, we are committed to redistributing those funds to students directly impacted by the service disruption. While we do not yet have confirmation of a specific amount or a defined process for redistribution, we are proactively exploring meaningful ways to support our students should those funds become available. Following a judge's order, the strike officially ended, with VTA resuming bus services on Friday, March 28, and continuing to restore light rail service. VTA has acknowledged receipt of our request, and we are preparing for the potential relief of spring costs.

 [A.S. Fiscal Resolution SmartPass Clipper Card \(4\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Executive Director Vicki Allen read the Fiscal Resolution for the Redistribution of Funds for SmartPass.

A point of personal privilege was granted to Director A. Joshi at 3:37 PM. Haleema from Transportation Solutions shared that VTA has not yet responded. She expressed her hope that the matter will be resolved by the end of the academic year. She also mentioned ongoing discussions regarding potential legal action.

Director A. Joshi was re-recognized at 3:40 PM.

Director R. Joshi yielded time to a guest who inquired whether the funds A.S. will be receiving back will be redistributed to students, and how the reimbursement amount was determined. Haleema explained the process, stating that funds will go to students who had to pay out of pocket for transportation during the strike.

Director Khehra asked about the process for calculating reimbursement based on students' transportation usage. Executive Director Allen responded, explaining that students will need to submit receipts for verification.

Director Brown yielded time to a guest who asked whether faculty will also receive reimbursement. ED Allen clarified that only students will be eligible.

Vote Results:

- Controller Dhami: Yay
- Director Khehra: Yay
- Director Ramalingam: Yay
- Director Swaminathan: Yay
- Director Agustin: Yay
- Director Sinha: Yay
- Director A. Joshi: Yay
- Director Brown: Yay
- Director R. Joshi: Yay

Motion:

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

3. Discussion Item: First Reading of Resolution Reaffirming Free Speech on Campus (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin, Katelyn Gambarin)

This resolution outlines the attacks that are happening on free speech and how we need to take action to ensure free speech remains protecting on our campus.

 [AS SJSU RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS.pdf](#)

Item stricken from the agenda.

Point of personal privilege granted to Director Agustin at 3:46 PM.

4. Discussion Item: Associated Students Annual Budget FY 2025-26 (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Jim Westbrook, Vicki Allen)

The Board of Directors raised several questions regarding the potential impacts of proposed reductions in some AS departments during the first reading of the annual budget. Our goal is to respond to those questions and offer additional insight into the budget development process.

 [AS 2025-26 Budget Proposal.pptx](#)

Jim Westbrook presented the A.S. Annual Budget for FY 2025–26. He clarified that this item serves as an opportunity for the Board to ask questions prior to the next meeting, which will include the second reading. He covered several key topics, including enrollment history, the

A.S. revenue picture, student assistant wages, the salary adjustment pool, and cost allocation.

Director Agustin was re-recognized at 3:48 PM.

5. Discussion Item: Associated Students Committee Delegation & Responsibilities (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Anushka Joshi, Chima Nwokolo, Teaira Brown, Jhony De Oliveira)

Review and refine the delegation of the A.S. and Academic Senate Committee Roles to ensure balanced workloads, active participation, and accountability. Also to discuss reassignment needs and strategies for improving engagement and reporting.

 [Committee Assignments for 26 27 A.S. Bylaws - A.S. and Academic Senate Committee Assignments NEW.pdf](#)

Point of personal privilege was granted to Director Sinha and Director Khehra at 4:07 PM.

Director A. Joshi presented the A.S. Committee Delegation and Responsibilities for 2026–27.

Director Sinha was re-recognized at 4:10 PM. Director Khehra was re-recognized at 4:13 PM.

Motion:

Director R. Joshi recommended a motion to extend the discussion time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 7-1-0, Motion Passed.

Director Agustin noted that the University Library Board was not listed. He also shared his belief that the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee should not be combined with the Spartan Community Fund. Additionally, he proposed certain rearrangements regarding which directors should sit on which committees.

Director R. Joshi added that the University Sustainability Board was also not listed and expressed agreement with Director Agustin on not combining MCAC with the Spartan Community Fund.

Director Agustin read President Lacson and Director Gambarin’s remarks on their behalf:

- From Director Gambarin: She believes the Vice President of Legislative Affairs should be on MCAC.

- From President Lacson: She stated that the proposed changes cannot take effect until the bylaws are updated to approve the new positions.

Director R. Joshi asked the Internal Affairs Committee a question. She expressed concern about the unequal committee reassignments and asked what the committee's goal was.

Chair Nwokolo explained that the committee aimed to assign roles based on which directors would be the best fit for certain committees, rather than simply balancing the number of assignments. Director R. Joshi asked how the committee would consider feedback from board members who were not present. Director A. Joshi offered to send out a Google Form, but Director R. Joshi raised concerns about the timeline. Chair Nwokolo encouraged board members to submit feedback to the committee.

Controller Dhami echoed Director R. Joshi's concerns, stating that it was not fair for some board members to sit on two committees while others were assigned to six. Chair Nwokolo clarified that not all assignments are to A.S. committees; some include Academic Senate/University Committees.

Director Swaminathan commented that the strategy behind the rearrangements was unclear. Director A. Joshi replied that the intention was to delegate responsibilities efficiently. Director Swaminathan shared what her own strategy would have been. Director Brown then provided insight into the thought process and strategy behind the current rearrangements.

Motion:

Director Agustin moved to extend the discussion.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Director Agustin rescinded the motion.

The Board discussed whether continuing the discussion would be effective. Controller Dhami proposed ways to make the most of the remaining time. Director R. Joshi expressed that providing feedback now would be more helpful than waiting until later.

Executive Director Allen emphasized that any outcomes from the Board must be approved by the Board itself, and therefore, meaningful discussion, despite limited time, is important.

Motion:

Controller Dhami made a motion to return to this discussion item after the next and final discussion item.

Motion moved by Controller Dhami and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Controller Dhami rescinded the motion.

Motion:

Director R. Joshi moved to extend the discussion item by 10 minutes.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

Point of personal privilege was granted to Director Agustin at 4:47 PM. Director Agustin was re-recognized at 4:48 PM.

Director Swaminathan shared that committee assignments should be more evenly distributed among directors.

Director Khehra suggested focusing on how the workload can be divided rather than basing assignments solely on committee titles. He expressed that some directors may not be best suited for certain committees—for example, the Vice President of Legislative Affairs serving on Academic Affairs.

Director Brown stated that she was comfortable with the current rearrangements.

Director Agustin suggested that a few additional committees could be added to help even out the distribution of responsibilities across the board.

Controller Dhami expressed that the Director of Communications should sit on the Operations Committee. She also raised concerns that the Vice President of Finance is assigned to too many committees.

Director Ramalingam agreed with Controller Dhami's points.

Director Sinha shared that MCAC and the Spartan Community Fund should remain separate, and that the Vice President of Legislative Affairs should be on MCAC instead of the Vice President of Finance.

Director R. Joshi noted that two Academic Senate committees were missing from the list. She also questioned why the Director of Sustainability Affairs is assigned to MCAC and agreed with the separation of MCAC and Spartan Community Fund. Additionally, she suggested that Sustainability Affairs serve as the Vice Chair of MCAC.

Director Ramalingam proposed that the Director of Business Affairs be placed on the Audit Committee instead of Internal Affairs.

Director Swaminathan summarized the suggestions made and stated that the plan overall looked solid.

Motion:

Director A. Joshi recommended extending the discussion by 5 minutes.

Motion moved by Director A. Joshi and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Vote: 7-2-0, Motion Passed.

Director A. Joshi went over the suggestions received to provide clarification.

Motion:

Director Brown moved to table the Board Reports indefinitely.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-1-0, Motion Passed.

6. Discussion Item: Update on the Board Member Accountability System & Constructive Feedback for Further Enhancements (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

Vice President Nwokolo will share a few updates regarding what the Internal Affairs Committee has done revamping the Board Member Accountability System & wants the Board's constructive feedback on any further enhancements to be made.

 [A.S. Board Member Accountability System Update Memorandum.pdf](#)

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Chair Nwokolo reviewed the A.S. Board Member Accountability System Memorandum.

Director Agustin expressed concern that the proposed changes would undermine the core principles of the accountability system. He also stated that the proposed incentives were not appropriate and lacked clarity.

Director Brown invited board members to share their opinions, noting that she personally did not agree with many of the proposed changes.

Controller Dhami raised concerns about the use of unclear terminology, stating that certain keywords were not thoroughly defined.

Director A. Joshi suggested that board members share their feedback in order, down the row, to ensure all voices were heard.

Director Swaminathan commented that extenuating circumstances are labeled as such for a reason and do not need to be overly defined.

Director Khehra voiced agreement with Director Agustin's points.

Director Agustin also shared remarks on behalf of President Lacson and Director Gambarin.

The Board then engaged in a broader discussion about their perspectives on the proposed changes.

7. Discussion Item: Endorse UNITE's Letter of Expectations for Representation of Undocumented and Mixed-Status Students (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo, Guests: Jhony De Oliveira)

UndocuScholars Network for Inclusive and Transformational Education Club at SJSU is looking for endorsements on their letter. Their goal is to advocate for equitable resources and services that meet the personal and academic needs of undocumented students.

 [UNITE Letter of Expectations Endorsement Link.pdf](#)

Item stricken from the agenda.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

- A. President

 [A.Lacson Board Report-04.09.25.docx.pdf](#)

- B. Vice President

 [Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report 04-09-25.pdf](#)

- C. Controller

 [April 9, 2025 - Controller Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

- A. Director of Academic Affairs

 [SKhehra-04 09 25-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

- B. Director of Business Affairs

 [04 09 2025 - R.Ramalingam Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

- C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

 [04 09 25 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

- D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 4.9.25.pdf](#)

- E. Director of Intercultural Affairs
[📄 04-09-25 S. Sinha Board Report.docx](#)
- F. Director of Internal Affairs
[📄 Director of Internal Affairs Board Report\(04-09-2025\).docx.pdf](#)
- G. Director of Legislative Affairs
[📄 K.Gambarin Board Report - 04 09.docx.pdf](#)
- H. Director of Student Resource Affairs
[📄 T. Brown Board Report 04-9-2025.docx.pdf](#)
- I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities
[📄 J.De Oliveira Board Report04-09-2025.docx](#)
- J. Director of Sustainability Affairs
[📄 Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(04-09-2025\).docx](#)

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XVI. Announcements

Director Brown announced the upcoming events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
Director Khehra announced that the Academic Affairs Committee would host the De-Stress Event.
Executive Director Allen reminded the Board to be prepared and presentable for Admitted Spartan Day.
Director R. Joshi announced that the ERC will be hosting Earth Day this year.
Chair Nwokolo reiterated the importance of scheduling one-on-one meetings with him.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 PM.

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



Chima Nwokolo
2025-04-14 15:13 UTC

2024-2025
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 04.09.2025
ROLL CALL

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

Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent

Guests: Janely Pulido, Kingson Leung, Abby Escobar, Jim Westbrook, Diana Garcia Rodriguez, Selena Hernandez, Frigyes Erdosi Szucs, Nisita Kakulgati, Trinh Thai, Jon Tucker, Diana Victa, Edilbert Signey, Anai Avalos, Beverly Corriere, Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe, Zyjay Luis Cruz, Sam Jeffy