



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 3-5:30PM

Location: SU Meeting Room 1A

Zoom Link (Optional): <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

MINUTES

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lacson calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

**II. Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lacson reads the land acknowledgement.

**III. Roll Call**

The recording secretary completes roll call.

*Quorum met.*

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the agenda.*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: President Multani asks to amend the wording of Action Item 2 to designate instead of appoint.

M) President Multani      S) Director Khehra

Vote to approve the amendment: 11-0-0

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*Amended Agenda approved.*

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting at 3PM*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Guzman

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Minutes approved.*





**VI. Public Forum**

Diana from the CCCAC talks about Legacy Month and highlights Rooted Festival happening tomorrow, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-6PM, and the Day of Action event on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 -1:30PM which recognizes Tommie Smith and John Carlos and asks for board participation and engagement with the event.

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

Executive Director Allen congrats all the directors on completing midterms. She highlights and compliments work by the CCCAC for Legacy Month and other programming such as the Harvest Festival, and good engagement at the Keynote Speaker event with Ibram X. Kendi. She also brings up recent news and concerns regarding safety at the CDC and ensures everyone that the staff and team at the CDC works hard to ensure all children are protected. She reminds everyone about Homecoming next week, and asks everyone to support Director Mejia as she leads the Homecoming Royalty process, and support President Multani and Controller Varshney as they emcee Fire on the Fountain.

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

Dr. Daniels passes around info about homecoming and highlights events happening next week: the Leadership and Career Conference is happening on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with 300 people registered already. Events have been successful for Latinx Heritage Month and are finishing up this week. The last Spartan Speaker Series event is Wilson Cruz on October 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a Meet and Greet happening at 6PM before the actual event that Directors are welcome to attend. Dr. Daniels wishes everyone good luck on midterms.

**IX. Student Union Informational Report (3 minutes)**

*No report.*

**X. Action Items**

**A. Old Business**

**B. New Business**

1. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Nathan Wang to the Student Fairness Committee of the Academic Senate

(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Brown





Discussion: President Multani shares that he met Nathan recently. Nathan is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year transfer studying business marketing. He was in student government in community college, is a big advocate for students, and has been involved on campus before so this is a good opportunity for him to get involved at SJSU.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved*

- 2. Vote to Designate Ariana Lacson to the Committee on Committees of the Academic Senate  
(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Tikawala                      S) Director Khehra

Discussion: President Multani mentions that he is unable to serve on the committee himself and Vice President Lacson served on the committee last year as the Director of Co-Curricular Affairs so she has prior experience. Director Khehra asks for clarification on what the committee does.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

- 3. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Devansh Bansal to the International Students & Programs Committee of the Academic Senate  
(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Khehra                      S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: President Multani shares that Devansh is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year international student, good at time management, a leader at ISSS. He was recommended for the role, is interested in helping to improve campus life for international students, and is a good fit overall for the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*





4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Surleen Randhawa to the International Students & Programs Committee of the Academic Senate

(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin                      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: President Multani explains that Surleen was previously appointed to the Library Board but couldn't serve due to time conflicts. She is instead hoping to serve on this committee because she wants to improve student experience for international students and would be a good fit.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

5. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Abdul Sohail Ahmed to the Student Fairness Committee of the Academic Senate

(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Shah                      S) Director Guzman

Discussion: President Multani shares that he has just recently met Abdul. Abdul is a Grad student, has prior work experience, and is looking to gain more on campus leadership experience and improve his communication skills. He wants to improve student representation and would bring good experience and input to the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Abdul Sohail Ahmed to the University Library Board of the Academic Senate as a Graduate Student

(President Multani)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin                      S) Director Tikawala





Discussion: President Multani shares that Abdul has a lot of availability because of his unique class schedule. He is very driven and focused and uses the library a lot so he would have good input from a student perspective for the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Ayesha Haroon as a Student at Large to Operations Committee

(Director Tikawala)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Tikawala explains that Ayesha is an international student with 4 years of leadership experience. Ayesha is very engaged and would be a good addition to give a student perspective to the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Insiya Neemuchawala as a Student at Large to Campus Life Affairs Committee

(Director Brown)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Brown feels that as a first year, Insiya is showing initiative with already looking for ways to be involved. Their past leadership experience also makes them a good addition to the committee.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

9. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Smriti Jha as a Student at Large to Campus Life Affairs Committee





(Director Brown)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Brown shares that Smriti would be a good candidate for the committee because they bring a lot of good ideas for things around campus. Vice President Lacson also adds that she is driven, very dedicated, and has prior experience with kickstarting initiatives which can transfer well to the committee's efforts.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

10. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Hunter Spielger as a Student at Large to Lobby Corps

(Director Guzman)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Guzman shares that Hunter is a first year poli sci major with a passion and interest in getting further involved on campus. Hunter is incredibly social which can help get people more involved and knowledgeable about AS and Lobby Corps.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

11. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Jaylin Flores as a Student at Large to Lobby Corps

(Director Guzman)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Director Guzman shares that Jaylin is a fourth year student who is incredibly well versed in AS because of previous experience serving on Programming Board. They have experience and skills with event organization. They currently have a legal internship and can help with planning campus visits. Vice





President Lacson adds that Jaylin was very active and brought a lot of ideas to the table and is overall a very passionate and great committee member.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

12. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to Academic Senate

(Vice President Lacson)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Gambarin      S) Director Khehra

Discussion: Chair Lacson mentions that she has a class conflict and was hoping someone could take over for her. She clarifies that the meetings are once a month from 2-5PM on Mondays. Director Gambarin asks everyone who already serves on Academic Senate to raise their hands to see who else is a possible option. President Multani clarifies that the meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

Director Chevis-Rose nominates himself for the appointment.

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item approved.*

13. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Professional Standards Committee of the Academic Senate

(Vice President Lacson)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Guzman      S) Director Tikawala

Discussion: Chair Lacson mentions that she has a class conflict and clarifies that this committee meets every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 2-4PM and the meetings are on zoom.

Director Guzman nominates Director Chevis-Rose.

Director Chevis-Rose declines the nomination.





Director Gambarin asks everyone who already serves on Academic Senate committees to raise their hands. Director Gambarin asks whether someone on ISA could drop that committee and take on this committee since there are 3 students currently serving on ISA. The Board discusses whether that change would be possible.

Vice President Lacson recommends a motion to table this Action Item indefinitely  
S) Director Doshi

Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item tabled indefinitely.*

#### 14. Discussion Item: VPN

Controller Varshney updates the Board on the VPN and what kind of guidelines the Finance committee discussed about adding. The Board discusses whether this constitutes a first reading and decides that this can just be a discussion, there will be a first reading next meeting, and possibly a special meeting to approve it afterwards. Controller Varshney explains each discussion point brought up in Finance committee. President Multani asks the board to consider specific guidelines they might like to see and think would be fair to use in funding evaluations. Executive Director Allen mentions that there are already some specific guidelines in place and clarifies that the budget policy currently says that the maximum amount of funding RSOs can request is \$3,000, and there needs to be a policy that allows the Board to follow guidelines when approving more than \$3,000. The Board discusses the possibility of adding timelines to the VPN or Budget Policy to ensure that funding doesn't run out for other RSOs who aren't requesting bigger amounts, and how that impacts RSOs that deal with specific deadlines for their work and having to use up their money before the end of the school year. Dr. Daniels asks for clarification on two separate discussions happening about VPN and max allocation. Director Guzman suggests setting up the budget policy to allow RSOs that know they will need a lot of funds in the following school year to apply before the end of the previous school year. The Board also discusses the maximum allocation amount, whether it might be arbitrary and should be changed or taken out altogether. Chair Lacson yields time to Associate Director Westbrook to clarify details about max allocation. The Board refocuses the discussion back to the VPN and a discussion on evaluation criteria for RSOs requesting large amounts of funding. President Multani suggests forming a subcommittee through the Finance committee and involving any







Directors that might be interested in giving their inputs as the VPN continues to be edited. The Board discusses possibly splitting the overall funding available into 2 different pools for smaller RSOs or smaller funding requests to be taken out of one pool and bigger RSOs or bigger requests to be taken out of the other. Controller Varshney says the subcommittee can take all these discussions and inputs and continue to work on the VPN to present it at the next Board meeting.

## **XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)**

### **A. President**

President Multani mentions working with the Downtown Association for Lobby Corps and working on the VPN in Finance committee. He will be tabling on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-12PM and October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM-11:30AM along with President Teniente-Matson and emceeding at Fire on the Fountain on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He has also been working on trying to have smoother transitions between Boards especially in regards to committee appointments and schedule conflicts. President Multani also mentions meeting with BLOC to find out more about how AS can support them. He encourages everybody to share any information they have about job and involvement opportunities they have through AS or elsewhere on and off campus with the success centers so that students can be more aware and involved if they are interested. President Multani is also working on bringing in panelists for a leadership event in the spring. He plans to attend the upcoming DOJ meeting and the Graduation Initiative Symposium.

#### **1. Personnel Committee**

No report.

### **B. Vice President**

Chair Lacson shares about attending Academic Senate meetings and the Professional Standards Committee where she participated in discussions about AEC and recording lectures without professor consent. She has had meetings with her liaisons and encourages the Board to take advantage of their resources to bring alumni to other events on campus and connect them to other RSOs they are involved in. She also reminds everyone about Rooted happening tomorrow.

#### **1. A.S. 55**

No report.

### **C. Controller**





Controller Varshney celebrates having approved \$21,863.61 so far and says they are on track to reach their goals.

**Finance Committee**

Controller Varshney shares that the committee is working on the VPN and will be presenting at the next Board meeting. He has also participated in the Budget advisory committee.

*Controller Varshney is excused at 4:32PM*

**XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)**

**A. Director of Academic Affairs**

Director Doshi shares about resolution training with Academic Affairs committee and hopes that the resolution will be done by December.

**1. Academic Affairs Committee**

Director Doshi mentions the committee's discussions about collaborating on a Midterms Destress event with Programming Board. She has also discussed with Director Chevis-Rose about making videos and reels to highlight academic resources on campus.

**B. Director of Business Affairs**

Director Tikawala talks about working on the VPN in Finance committee and joining the hiring committee for the Leadership and Government Coordinator position.

**1. Operations Committee**

Director Tikawala talks about the committee's discussions about new services to provide for students, especially grad students.

**C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs**

Director Mejia mentions attending Academic Senate committee meetings, Internal Affairs Committee meetings, and has an upcoming Campus Life Affairs Committee meeting.

**1. Programming Board**

Director Mejia shares updates on the Homecoming Royalty:

The Door Decorating Contest is on Monday, the Block Party is on Tuesday on 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 11AM-2PM, the Golf Cart Parade is on Wednesday, Fire on the Fountain is on Thursday, and the Homecoming Game where Homecoming Royalty is announced in on Saturday.





*Controller Varshney re-recognized at 4:36PM*

**D. Director of Communications**

Director Chevis-Rose mentions working on the Board of Directors blog, the Board of Directors introduction video, collaborating with Programming Board for Royalty on marketing side of things, and discussions with Director Doshi about collaborating for marketing for Academic Affairs Committee.

**E. Director of Intercultural Affairs**

*No report.*

**1 Multicultural Affairs Committee**

*No report.*

**F. Director of Internal Affairs**

Chair Gambarin talks about attending Academic Affairs Committee and Academic Senate where discussions ranged from the DOJ visit to the controversy with speakers on campus. She also shares about attending the Organization and Government Committee meeting where they discussed the modality of Academic Senate and changing and improving representation on AALT.

**Internal Affairs Committee**

Chair Gambarin shares the committee is finalizing the ERM and hopes to have a first reading next Board meeting.

**G. Director of Legislative Affairs**

Director Guzman talks about discussions at the ISA meeting regarding the syllabus website and resource website. He has had meetings with his liaisons regarding the Gail Pellerin and Omar Torres campus visit. He has also recently attend CSSA where they discussed AB 540, undocumented students resources, the future of general education and its requirements with AB928. He shares about upcoming meetings for a Lobby Corps dinner, the DOJ visit on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. He also shares about the possibility of CFA going on strike and hopes to draft a letter of support or a resolution for their cause.

**1 Lobby Corps**

Director Guzman shares about the committee's discussions on what topics to bring up during the Omar Torres campus visit.





#### H. **Director of Student Resource Affairs**

Director Brown shares about attending Internal Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, ISA, and the University Homecoming Committee. He has also met with his liaisons and there were discussions about a possible tabling event on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He has several upcoming committee meetings for AS and University committees. He also shares about a resume workshop happening from 11AM-12PM tomorrow in the Career Center and an event for business majors coming up as well.

#### 1 **Campus Life Affairs Committee**

Director Brown is excited to have Students-at-Large on his committee now and will be discussing the tabling event in collaboration with Blossom at the next committee meeting.

#### I. **Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Director Khehra shares about attending Internal Affairs Committee and Academic Affairs Committee. He has met with Student Conduct to discuss recent campus incidents and any necessary changes to UPD policies. He has committee meetings coming up for AS committees.

#### J. **Director of Sustainability**

Director Oishi talks about attending Programming Board, Lobby Corps, and a Campus Planning Board meeting where they discussed about a campus tour plan. She has also met again with people advocating for replacing single-use plastics on campus with reusable plastics and they will be pitching their ideas to the University Sustainability Board on Monday. She also shares that today was the Sustainability Fair and shares other upcoming events happening for Sustainability month such as a film screening, garden events, a sustainability tour on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and encourages directors to attend whenever possible.

#### XIV. **Ad Hoc Committees**

*No Ad Hoc Committees.*

#### XV. **Closed Session**

*No closed session.*

#### XVI. **Announcements**





President Multani asks the board to reflect on their goals after a few months under their belt and wants to set up 1-on-1s to reflect on these goals.

Executive Director Allen reminds everyone about the In-Service happening next Friday where they will be hosting students from the University of Utah. She hopes everyone can participate and interact with the delegates.

Director Guzman clarifies that CFA will be meeting sometime around the 24-27<sup>th</sup> to vote on a possible strike.

Chair Lacson reminds everyone to set up 1-on-1s with her.

Director Brown highlights the Leadership and Career Conference happening on Friday from 8:30AM-2:15PM.

Executive Director Allen mentions a University vigil happening on Tower Lawn in regards to recent global events and highlights resources for any students in need.

Controller Varshney asks everyone to come support him and President Multani at Fire on the Fountain next week.

Vice President Lacson highlights Rooted happening tomorrow.

Director Guzman mentions the DOJ visit on October 18<sup>th</sup> with office hours from 10AM-12PM and highly encourages the directors to go and raise any concerns, as well as spread the word to other students.

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting*

M) Director Gambarin

S) Director Guzman

Discussion: No discussion

Vote: 11-0-0

Meeting adjourns at 4:56 PM

DocuSigned by:

*Ariana Lacson*

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Ariana Lacson, Vice President

Associated Students, SJSU

10/20/2023

Date



**2023-2024**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
President Multani	X
Vice President Lacson	X
Controller Varshney	X
Director Doshi	X
Director Tikawala	X
Director Chevis-Rose	X
Director Mejia	X
Director Shah	A
Director Guzman	X
Director Brown	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Oishi	X
Director Gambarin	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Allen	X
Dr. Daniels	X

Legend:

X – Present

A - Absent