09.23.2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University
9/23/2026 3:00 PMPDT
@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A, Zoom: https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/84409347060

I. Call to Order

Chair Lo calls the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

II. Land Acknowledgement (Presenters: Shannon Lo)

Chair Lo reads the land acknowledgement.

Land Acknowledgement.pdf

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary takes roll call.
Quorum met.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion:
Chair Lo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Chair Shaheen and motion seconded by Chair Thakkar. Vote: 12-0-0, agenda approved.

Motion:
Chair Lo recommends a motion to table Action Item 1.

Motion moved by Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki and motion seconded by Director Hernandez. Vote: 12-0-0, amendment approved.

Motion:
Main Motion

Vote: 12-0-0, agenda approved.

V. Consent Agenda

If passed by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, all items listed will be approved simultaneously. Items can be pulled for separate discussion at the request of a Board member without a motion or a second.

A. Approval of the Minutes for September 9, 2026

9.9.2026 BOD Minutes + Roll Call.pdf

B. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Lyric Lubin to the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Maxwell Fairleigh)

Student At Large Application - Lyric Lubin.pdf

C. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Ash Chaves to the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Maxwell Fairleigh)

Student At Large Application - Ash Chavez.pdf

D. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Alan Diaz to the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Maxwell Fairleigh)

Student At Large Application - Alan Diaz.pdf

E. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Anna Feng as the Graduate Student on University Library Board

Academic Senate & University Committee Application Form 2026-2027 - A. Feng_Redacted.pdf

F. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Angela-Kate San Juan to the Programming Board (Presenters: Alec Lozano)

Student At Large Application - Angela-Kate San Juan.pdf

G. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Ryan Lam to the Programming Board (Presenters: Alec Lozano)

Student At Large Application - Ryan Lam.pdf

H. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Irie Ybarra to the Programming Board

Student At Large Application - Irie Ybarra.pdf

I. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Arushi Nirmal to the Programming Board

Student At Large Application - Arushi Nirmal.pdf

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.

No public forum.

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes) (Presenters: Kingson Leung)

ED Report 9.23.2026.pdf

Executive Director Leung shares highlights from the multiple Associated Students Departments. He recognized the A.S. Audit Committee's work and highlighted the auditors presenting at today's meeting. ED Leung celebrated crossing the 14,000 mark for the BayPass, celebrating A.S. Day, and the A.S. Croc Charms scavenger hunt. ED Leung highlighted the A.S. All Staff Development Day which brought together the entire organization for a day of leadership and professional develop. Events coming up in early October include Homecoming Week, which includes the 20th Anniversary of Fire on the Fountain, and Legacy Month.

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes) (Presenters: Heather French)

University Representative Heather French can feel intensity of semester building and encourages everyone to take care of themselves. She shares that the campus community will soon be receiving news about an incident that occurred on campus and that the University is supporting students at this time. With this, she shared resources to support the student population. Dr. French congratulates areas on the many successful events that have occurred at the beginning of the year. She also highlights a grant that the Wellness Center has received that is supporting a pregnant and parenting initiative on campus.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes) (Presenters: Jon Tucker)

Student Union Executive Director Jon Tucker shares that the Student Union and University are working on a partnership with the new Professional Volleyball team in the Bay Area. He highlights AV work and future contractor work on various union buildings. SU ED Tucker highlights projects and events that are in progress, including preparations for Homecoming, Halloween Events, and the Filipino Mural Project. He highlights that the Student Union enforcing no electric scooters in the Student Union Building.

X. Action Items

A. Unfinished Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Nominations for Graduate Student Representative on the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee for the 2026-27 Academic Year (Presenters: Kingson Leung, Shannon Lo)

   Action required on the part of A.S. is that **a Graduate student must be nominated as a student representative** on the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee.

   The Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee is a presidential standing committee. It advises the Cabinet and the President on the integration, development, and ethical implementation of artificial intelligence across the university's academic, applied, and administrative work.

   - The committee will meet monthly from September through May and bi-weekly as a project team. Each member completes a common orientation to artificial intelligence within the first month of service. Terms are one academic year and are renewable.
   - This call will fill five faculty seats and four staff seats. The two student seats are nominated through Associated Students, and paid AI Fellow positions will be announced separately.
   - All nominations and self-nominations to crist.khachikian@sjsu.edu by September 11, 2026.

   Information: https://sjsu.edu/ai/vision/committee/index.php

   Tabled at approval of the agenda.

2. Action Item: BOD Priorities for the 2026-2027 Academic Year (Presenters: Shannon Lo, Adi Tuidelaibatiki, Ma'Kayla Akin)

   The Board will discuss what key priorities to adopt for the remainder of the academic year, guiding our work in student advocacy, funding, transparency, and campus partnerships. Establishing these priorities ensures the Associated Students Board of Directors remains accountable and effective in serving the SJSU campus community and beyond.

   BOD Priorities AY 2026-2027.pdf

   Motion:
   Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

   Motion moved by Directo Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Gandhi.

   Discussion: Chair Lo states they previously shared their priorities and discussed 6 main goals. Chair Lo reads the Board of Directors priorities, highlighting the 6 main goals out to everyone giving descriptions of each one.

President Akin stated every bod member has great ideas and asked others to speak up if they disagree. There was no additional discussion.

Motion:
Main Motion

Vote:12-0-0 , motion passes

3. Action Item: Review and Approve Amended Form 990 for FY24-25 (Presenters: Kingson Leung, Guests: Brindhaa Krishnan)

   Final Draft of AS SJSU Forms 990, 199 & RRF-1 FYE 6-30-25.pdf

   Motion:
   Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

   Motion moved by Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki and motion seconded by President Akin .

   Discussion: Associate Director Brindhaa Krishnan shares with the Board the purpose of the 990 form. She explains that there is a portion of this form from 2024-2025 that required minor corrections related to incorrect Board of Directors members listed and corrections needed to show party transactions with updated amounts. AD Krishnan shares that the Board needs to approve the amendment to allow the Executive Director to sign and resubmit for approval.

   Motion:
   Main Motion

   Vote: 12-0-0 , motion passed

4. Discussion Item: CFAC Wellness Fee Proposal (Time Certain: 3:20 PM) (Presenters: Shannon Lo, Adi Tuidelaibatiki, Tirth Thakkar, Ma'kayla Akin, Melody Horoufi, Guests: Catherine Voss Plaxton, Suzanne Espinoza)

   CFAC is the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, serving in an advisory role to the University President by reviewing campus fee proposals.

   Catherine Voss Plaxton, EdD is the Associate Vice President of Health, Wellness, and Student Services, who will present the Wellness Fee Proposal.

   27-28 Student Health Fee Adjustment Proposal_ASSOC STUDENTS.pdf

Chair Lo introduces Catherine Voss Plaxton, Associate Vice President of Health, Wellness, and Student Services who leads a presentation about the Wellness Fee Proposal coming from the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. Catherine gives details about the already mandatory health fee students pay and the basic services it provides. She then highlights their goal of integrating care and enhancing prevention services. Catherine provides information about the student health assessment and highlights how this data shapes additional services they look to provide. She uses this data to highlight current needs of students, citing chronic cases and desire to enhance higher level treatments and preventative services as reasons for the fee proposal. Catherine shares that this fee increase is needed to help maintain services and adapt to changes and needs on campus.

Executive Director Leung asks Catherine what they would need from Associated Students. She highlights marketing for the student vote. Director Gandhi and Director Hernandez asks clarifying questions on the voting process, along with the future of potential fee increases for the Wellness Center.

5. Action Item: Vote to Confirm Audit Report for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2026 (Time Certain: 5:00 PM) (Presenters: Alec Lozano, Leilany Hernandez, Kimaya Ranka, Guests: Rolland Vasin, Cynthia Aguinaga, Brindhaa Krishnan)

   Vasin, Heyn & Company completed their audit of the financial statements for Associated Students of San José State University and the Child Development Center (AS SJSU and CDC) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and issued their official report on September 11, 2026.

   Communication with Those Charged with Governance FYE 6-30-26 AS SJSU.pdf

   Exit Conference Protocol - AS JSU FYE 6-30-26.pdf

   Final AS SJSU Financial Statements FYE 6-30-26.pdf

   Final AS SJSU Management Letter FYE 6-30-26.pdf

   Motion:

   Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

   Motion moved by Director Gandhi and motion seconded by Director Shaheen.

Chair Lo calls the meeting back to order after recess at 4:55pm.
Chair Lo introduces the item and guest Cynthia Aguinaga from Vasin, Heyn & Company to present the audit to the Board of Directors. Cynthia introduces herself and highlights the process, including the previous meetings with the A.S. Audit Committee Meeting to review the audit at a more detailed level. Cynthia shares that this was a clean opinion and there were no findings on this years audit. Cynthia reviews some highlights of the audit, including the increase in student fees due to higher enrollment and how that impacted the operating budget and program expenses. She reviews the remainder of the timelines, including the audit being sent to the Chancellor's Office. Cynthia thanks the Board and Associated Students for their work in reviewing and supporting the audit process.
Executive Director Leung encourages the Board to ask any questions if they have them, and Cynthia highlights that the A.S. Audit Committee received a higher level report and was able to answer questions if they had them as well.

Motion:
Main Motion

Vote: 12-0-0 , motion passed

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The President will present their board report.

M.Akin Board Report - 09.23.2026.pdf

President Akin highlighted events she attended, including CSSA, Spartan Squad Kickoff, National Voter Registration Day, and other campus engagement events. She has been connecting with students during office hours and is working on highlighting the upcoming elections. She also shared working with local businesses to stay open later during finals week.

B. Vice President of Administration (Presenters: Shannon Lo)

The Vice President of Administration will present their board report.

S.Lo Board Report - 09.23.2026.pdf

Vice President of Administration Lo highlighted attending Academic Senate and speaking regarding international students and their impact because of CPT changes. She highlighted discussing the proposed Wellness Center fee during the CFAC meeting and other information she has learned from various meetings related to enrollment, financial aid, and scholarships. She shared that she is getting connected with students from the various cultural centers and attended the Spartan Squad Kickoff.

C. Vice President of Finance (Presenters: Adi Tuidelaibatiki)

The Vice President of Finance will present their board report.

A.Tuidelaibatiki.09.23.26.pdf

Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki highlights meetings with students who were interested in being a part of A.S. Committees and that she spent some time visiting various cultural centers. She highlights that $8,562.79 has been allocated to RSO's for club funding. She shares the work of the A.S. Finance Committee on the budget policy timeline.
Director Ranka is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:07pm.

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs (Presenters: Christina Shaheen)

The Director of Academic Affairs will present their board report.

C.Shaheen Board Report - 09.23.2026.pdf

Director Shaheen acknowledged her being gone the week prior. She shared interviews with potential student at larges and that she attended Spartan Squad kickoff. She thanked Director Horoufi for chairing the Academic Affairs meeting in her absence.

B. Director of Business Affairs (Presenters: Ashna Gandhi)

The Director of Business Affairs will present their board report.

A.Gandhi Board Report - 09.23.2026.pdf

Director Gandhi highlights beginning work with the A.S. Strategic Plan and held her Operations Committee meeting. She supported RSO Resource Fair Tabling. Within Operations, she shared that the committee is discussing a distribution plan for an additional $6000 in scholarship funds.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs (Presenters: Alec Lozano)

The Director of Co-Curricular Affairs will present their board report.

A.Lozano Board Report - 09.26.2026.pdf

Director Lozano shared they are currently reviewing homecoming court nominees and selected co-emcees for Fire on the Fountain. He thanked A.S. Government Office Staff for processing student at large applications to support him holding his first A.S. Programming Board Meeting.
Director Gandhi is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:15pm.
Director Ranka is re-recognized at 4:16pm.

D. Director of Communications (Presenters: Kimaya Ranka)

The Director of Communications will present their board report.

K.Ranka Board Report - 09.23.26.pdf

Director Ranka launched meet the board series on Instagram, noting the Director of Legislative Affairs post is live. captured content of them. She shared she has connected with with the University Marketing team related to the AI Survey. Director Ranka is exploring next content ideas and is looking for additional feedback other ideas.

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs (Presenters: Jimena Prieto)

The Director of Intercultural Affairs will present their board report.

J.Prieto Board Report - 09.23.26.pdf

Director Prieto introduced herself to all of the cultural centers, including some future representatives, and has set a date for the Multicultural Advisory Meetings.

F. Director of Internal Affairs (Presenters: Tirth Thakkar)

The Director of Internal Affairs will present their board report.

T.Thakkar Board Report - 09.23.26.pdf

Director Thakkar shared that they attended Academic Senate and the Campus Fee Advisory Committee meetings and enjoyed the conversations and discussion related to policy. He shared that he attended the student leader dinner hosted at the Presidents' House and enjoyed meeting with Administration. For Internal Affairs, he shared the committee discussed potential changes to the Elections Regulation Manual.

G. Director of Legislative Affairs (Presenters: Maxwell Fairleigh)

The Director of Legislative Affairs will present their board report.

M.Fairleigh Board Report - 09.23.26.pdf

Director Fairleigh shares highlights from the previous two weeks, including tabling at CSU Votes events, meeting with the Mayor an an assembly member, and shared presentation he had to groups about upcoming elections. He shared that he is continuing to recruit for his committee. Director Fairleigh also highlighted concern and to raise awareness for the general college student population due to news about a drug that has been negatively impacting students at other college campuses.

Chair Lo re-recognized Director Gandhi at 4:20pm.

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs (Presenters: Leilany Hernandez)

Director of Student Resource Affairs will present their board report.

L.Hernandez Board Report - 09.23.26.pdf

Director Hernandez shared highlights from her week, including interviewing student at larges and visiting the cultural centers. She highlighted that she would be emceeing Fire on the Fountain and is continuing work on updating information for campus resources.

I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Presenters: Melody Horoufi)

The Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities will present their board report.

M.Horoufi Board Report-9.23.2026.pdf

Director Horoufi shared that they have met with liaisons and are working on ways to support these areas. She shares that she chaired the Academic Affairs meeting and had a student attend their office hours to discuss campus safety.

J. Director of Sustainability (Presenters: Krupali Makwana)

The Director of Sustainability will present their board report.

K.Makwana Board Report - 9.23.2026.pdf

Director Makwana shared that she met with the Sustainability Board of the University and that the school has a gold start rating for sustainability measures. She also shares that she met with the Environmental Resource Center and is

looking to collaborate on a future event with them. She also shared that she attended Harvest Fest and Spartan Squad Kickoff, and highlighted the garden event occurring tomorrow for making mooncakes.

Motion:
Chair Lo motions to recess to 4:55pm, for time certain item.

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki. Vote: 12-0-0, motion passed recess at 4:38pm

XIII. Announcements

Director Shaheen announces AI event.
President Akin shared that the BLCO is hosting the annual BLOC Party.
Government Administrative Assistant Michelle announced upcoming student at large trainings.
Heather announced the campus statement went out about the before mentioned incident on campus.
Chair Lo reminds everyone to schedule their 1 on 1 s with her before end of month
Chair Lo will post the Board of Directors meeting agenda on the Monday of the week it is due.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion:
Chair Lo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24pm.

Motion moved by Director Shaheen and motion seconded by Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki. Vote: 12-0-0 , meeting adjourns.



Shannon Lo
2026-10-22 03:52 UTC

2026-2027
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 10.14.2026
ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Akin	X
Vice President of Administration Lo	X
Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki	X
Director Shaheen	X
Director Gandhi	X
Director Lozano	X
Director Ranka	X
Director Prieto	X
Director Thakkar	X
Director Fairleigh	X
Director Hernandez	X
Director Horoufi	X
Director Makwana	X
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Kingson Leung	X
University Representative Heather French	X
Recording Secretary Michelle Hobbs-Helmus	

Legends:
X – Present
A – Absent

Guests: Diana Victa, Janely Pulido, Mari Fuentes-Martin, Brindhaa Krishnan, Cynthia Aguinaga, Catherine Voss Plaxton