



09/25/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM PDT

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.
Quorum met.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Motion:

Director Agustin motions to table Item 16 to the next Board Meeting. He shares that his liaison is unable to attend the meeting today, but will be able to attend next week.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson. 12-0-0 |
Item Tabled

Motion:

Director Agustin motions to move Item 17 to the second item of new business.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote:
12-0-0 | Motion passes.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 12-0-0 | Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [9.11.2024 BOD Minutes + roll call.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote:
12-0-0 | Minutes Approved

Director Gambarin shares a friendly amendment within the Public forum section, correcting "Directos" to "Director".

VI. Public Forum

Public Forum is intended as an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Associated Students Board of Directos 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.

Student Jaylin Flores shares that she is the President for the Student Homeless Alliance (SHA). She highlights that SHA has been working on advocating for needs for homeless students on campus. She shares that last year, their organization worked with VPSA Mari Fuentes Martin and former Chief of Staff Jennifer Malutta regarding holding working groups regarding SHA's mission. She shares that these working groups have not occurred and is wanting to call for these groups to start up again.

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

Executive Director Allen highlights successes within the Associated Students Organization. She highlights the Affordable Book Voucher Program as well as the interview process for the HR Manager position. She reminds the Board that there is mandated legal training after this Board Meeting. She encourages everyone to review her report and attend the events that are coming up.

 [Department Reports 9.25.2024.docx.pdf](#)

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

University Administration Representative Dawn Lee introduces herself and the areas that she oversees on campus. She highlights events from Student Involvement, including the RSO Fair, Recruitment Weekend, and Spartan Speaker Series.

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

Chair Nwokolo shares that the Student Union is completing their audit process and is discussing their budget.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Action Item: Vote to appoint Sohumi Tiwary as a Student-at-Large for Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

 [Sohumi-Tiwary \(1\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Swaminathan shares that this student is involved in a professional fraternity. He has worked on supporting this new organization and would like to do the same work with programming board.


Motion:

Vote: 11-0-1 | Motion passes.

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Final Reading - Vote to Approve Resolution in Support of the Federal Recognition of the Muwekma-Ohlone Tribe (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

Director Plazola will conduct the second reading of the Resolution in Support of the Federal Recognition of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and the Board will vote on the resolution.

 [Resolution In Support of Federal Recognition of the Muwekma-Ohlone Tribe 2425-01.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Plazola begins by completing a full read of the presented resolution.

Director Khehra is excused for a point of personal privilege at 3:30pm

Director Plazola highlights some of the updates that we made from the first reading to the this reading. President Lacson addresses two whereas statements that were struck from the original resolution related to Representative Zoe Lofgren and encourages them to be added back into the final resolution. Director Plazola addresses that he was unable to get verification regarding this statement, and didn't want to put something in the resolution without support/evidence. He highlights that he chose to remove these statements to keep the resolution focused and simple.

Director Khehra is re-recognized at 3:34pm.

There is continued discussion regarding these statements and whether or not it should be added.

Motion:

Director Plazola motions to add the whereas statement connected to representative Zoe Lofgren to the final resolution.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 12-0-0 | Motion passes

Director Plazola thanks the co-authors of the resolution and professional staff is their support of this resolution.

Motion:

Main Motion.

Vote: 12-0-0 | Motion passes

2. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Seth Heller as the Health and Human Sciences Representative for Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Seth Heller.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Khehra shares that Seth served on Academic Affairs last year and was involved and committed to the work last year. He is excited that he is interested in continuing to serve.

Motion:

Vote: 12-0-0 | Motion passes

3. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Sho Rodvold as the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business Representative for Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Sho-Rodvold.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Khehra shares that Sho is a first year that is on Programming Board. He attended the Academic Affairs meeting as a guest and is passionate about being involved and programming.

Director Gambarin shares concern that this student is not a member of the Lucas College of Business and since this is one of our largest colleges, she questions if there should be a student from the college in this position. Director Khehra shares that after reaching out to this college, there was not any applicants. He wants to appoint motivated students to represent spaces that he is having trouble getting representatives for. There is further discussion regarding ensuring diverse representation on committees.

Discussion pauses for time certain at 4:15pm.

Director R. Joshi is excused at 4:15pm.

Discussion continues after time certain item.

Motion:

Call to question.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti. Vote: 11-0- 0 | Motion passes

Motion:

Main Motion

10-1-1 | Motion passes

4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Frank Lim as the College of Humanities and Arts Representative for Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Frank-Lim-Application.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti.

Discussion: Director Khehra shares that Frank is excited about getting involved. He shared involvement that Frank had in high school and that he can bring his engagement to committee.

Director Agustin applauds Director Khehra for his work on getting student at larges.

Director Gambarin shares that Frank is not a student within this college and she has concerns that student representation should be from the various colleges on this committee.

Director Sinha is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:25pm.

There is continued discussion regarding the benefit of having excited and engaged students on the committee, not matter what major they are in.

Motion:

Vote: 8-1-1 | Motion passes

5. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Grace Li as a Student at Large to Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT_Grace Li.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin shares that Grace is a Business Marketing major. She has been attending the previous Lobby Corps meetings and she feels she will be a good addition to this committee.

Motion:

Vote: 10-0-0 | Motion passes

Director Sinha is re-recognized at 4:29pm.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Jhony De Oliveira as a Student at Large to Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT Jhony De Oliveira.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin shares that Jhony has been involved in AS through the Elections Commission last year. He is heavily involved in supporting the Undocumented student population.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

7. Action Item: Vote to Remove Sehtej Khehra from General Education Advisory Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

Director Khehra can't serve on this committee due to a class conflict and the committee also changed their meeting time last minute.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti.

Discussion: Director Khehra shared that he was originally serving on this committee but they changed their times and he is unable to meet due to a class.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Director-At-Large to General Education Advisory Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

There's a vacancy on the General Education Advisory Committee that needs to be filled by a Director available to attend Committee meetings. The General Education Advisory Committee Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of month from 3-4 PM. The General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), formerly Board of General Studies (BOGS) per University Policy F15-13, reviews and acts on all new GE courses submissions.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action.

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

Discussion: Director Khehra asks for availability from the Board. President Lacson nominates Vice President Nwokolo. Vice President Nwokolo accepts the nomination.

Motion:

Vote to appoint Vice President Nwokolo to the General Education Advisory Committee.

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

9. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Student-At-Large Benjamin Gonzalzos to Campus Life Affairs

Presenter: Teairra Brown

 [Benjamin-Gonzalez.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Brown shares that Benjamin is a transfer student. He has been a guest at all Campus Life Affairs Meetings and has provided great ideas.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

10. Action Item: Vote to Appoint (3) Directors at Large to the University's Campus Fee Advisory Committee (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

Committee Description: [https://www.sjsu.edu/fabs/how-we-can-help/policies-guides/campus-fee-program.php#:~:text=The%20Campus%20Fee%20Advisory%20Committee%20\(CFAC\)%20is%20a%20working%20committee,recommendation%20to%20the%20campus%20P resident.](https://www.sjsu.edu/fabs/how-we-can-help/policies-guides/campus-fee-program.php#:~:text=The%20Campus%20Fee%20Advisory%20Committee%20(CFAC)%20is%20a%20working%20committee,recommendation%20to%20the%20campus%20P resident.)

Need a total of (6) student representatives on this committee for them to convene and meet. Currently President Lacson, Controller Sadawarti, & Director Plazola serve on this committee.

 [Campus Fee Advisory Committee Schedule.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Sadawarti and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Discussion: President Lacson provides information regarding the Campus Fee Advisory Committee and shares that they university is looking to get a lot of student input on these campus fees. President Lacson goes through the determined date for this committee.

Director Plazola is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:38pm.

President Lacson shares that they are looking to appoint 3 directors.

The Board discusses availability.

Director Swaminathan self nominates.

Director Plazola is re-recognized at 4:43pm.

Director Khehra self nominates.

Director Gambarin self nominates.

Motion:

Vote to appoint Director Swaminathan to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Vote: 9-0-2 | Motion passes

Motion:

Vote to appoint Director Khehra to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

Motion:

Vote to appoint Director Gambarin to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

11. Action Item : Vote to appoint Adi Tuidelaibatiki as Student-at-large in Finance Committee (Presenters: Sidhant Sadawarti)

 [Adi-Tinaiamote \(1\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Controller Sadawarti discussed how Adi Tuidelaibatiki could contribute valuable perspectives to the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes.

12. Action Item : Vote to appoint Nathan Young as Student-at-Large in Finance Committee

 [Student At Large - Nathan Young.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Controller Sadawarti mentioned that Nathan has strong knowledge of accounting and finance and expressed his belief that Nathan would be an excellent fit for the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes.

13. Action Item: Vote to appoint Anjana Supriya as Student-at-Large in Programming Board

 [Anjana Supriya.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Director Brown.

Discussion: Director Swaminathan highlighted Anjana Supriya's involvement as evidence of her organizational skills and noted that she could bring valuable ideas to the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

14. Action Item: Vote to refer the 2025-2026 Associated Students Bylaws Change to Internal Affairs to clarify discrepancies (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Vicki Allen, Janelly Pulido, Kingson Leung)

The 2023-2024 Board of Directors voted to approve a structural change for the 2025-2026 Bylaws. In preparing for the Special Election, discrepancies have been found that need to be addressed prior to presenting the Bylaws to the student body. We are recommending that the Internal Affairs Committee addresses these discrepancies at their next meeting, to ensure an accurate Bylaws is presented for voting.

 [2025-2026 Bylaws.pdf](#)

 [5.1.2024 BOD Meeting Minutes \(3\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Vicki Allen discussed the board structure changes that occurred during last year's term, noting that some areas need clarification, such as positions appearing on the draft that do not exist. Janelly Pulido emphasized the importance of viewing this issue through an internal lens to set future students up for success. Kingson Leung added that it is crucial to clarify the bylaw in a timely manner, so it can be reviewed on time. The bylaw will go through internal affairs for further review, with the next Internal Affairs meeting focusing on it. The first reading occurred in April, eliminating the need for both a first and second read. Director Gambarin agreed that this process would allow for a thorough review of the bylaw by the Internal Affairs Committee. Director

A. Joshi mentioned that a Special Election will be held after the bylaw is approved and that it will be presented during the next board meeting. Director Plazola inquired about the timeline and what the Special Election would entail for the new Student Elections Committee. Advisor Kingson Leung shares that there are a variety of potential options regarding timeline that could occur, based on how long the review process takes.

Motion:

Vote: 11-0-0 | Motion passes

15. Action Item: Vote to appoint Veedhi Bhanushali to Operations Committee as a Student-at-Large (Presenters: Riya Dhami)

 [Veedhi-Bhanushali.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Dhami expressed that Veedhi Bhanushali stood out to her and would be a great fit for the committee. Director Khehra asked for clarification on whether an interview had been conducted for Veedhi's appointment. Director Riya confirmed that she had only an informal discussion with Veedhi.

Motion:

Vote: 6-2-3 | Motion passes.

16. Discussion Item: University Communications Introduction and Presentation Regarding the SpartanSafe App (Time Certain: 3:45 PM) (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin, Guests: Michelle Smith McDonald)

Michelle Smith McDonald, the Senior Director of Media Relations at SJSU, will introduce herself and the University Communications department. She will explain potential collaboration opportunities between University Communications and the Board of Directors and talk about the newly released SpartanSafe app.

Item Tabled.

17. Discussion Item: First Reading of A.S. Resolution in Support of Filipino American History Mural Project (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Katelyn Gambarin, Geoffrey Agustin)

 [AS SJSU RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MURAL PROJECT \(1\).pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Agustin shares that this document was submitted on Thursday and there have been updates that are not reflected in the packet document. Director Agustin completes the first read of the resolution.

President Lacson shares that there is a live document where edits have been made since the agenda packet was created. She highlights some of the edits that are on that live document, that they intend to add or takeaway for the final read of the resolution. President Lacson also highlights that they would like to discuss adding a specific amount to the Resolved Statement related to funding from Associated Students.

University Representative Dawn Lee is excused at 3:55pm.

There is further discussion related to grammatical edits. Executive Director Allen clarifies some information regarding Associated Students Budget related to how funds could be provided for this project and added to the resolution.

Director Plazola discusses adding some further inclusive language related to the farmworkers for Mexico, Central America and South America.

18. Information Item: Associated Students Department Cesar Chavez Community Action Center (CCCAC) - (Time Certain 4:00 p.m.) (Presenters: Diana Victa)

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.

Presentation: Diana Victa introduces herself. She begins her presentation by sharing what the CCCAC is and where they are located. She shares their impact on social justice education, K-12 spaces, and their environmental impact. Diana highlights some of their recent impacts, including partnering with a new school district, garden partnerships and national recognition. Diana shares that this year is the CCCAC is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year with a large variety of events. Legacy month is occurring in October, including visits from Tommie Smith, John Carlos, and Dr. Angela Davis.

19. Information Item: Associated Students Department - Human Resources - (Time Certain 4:15 p.m.) (Presenters: Vicki Allen and Anai Avalos)

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 [Copy of BoD-Department-Presentation.pdf](#)

Presentation: HR Coordinator Anai Avalos introduces herself and shares the HR mission and where they are located. She highlights their support of student and professional staff and onboarding processes. Anai shares some of the internal events that HR sponsors, including Senior Send Off and the End of the Year Staff Celebration. She shares that the HR department has goals to bring back the Wellness Program and developing a recognition program for student and professional staff.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

 [A.Lacson Board Report-9.25.24.docx.pdf](#)

President Lacson provided an update on the meetings she attended over the past two weeks, including one with Vice President of Student Affairs Mari Fuentes-Martin. She also discussed new campus additions, such as the installation of a new security camera system, and shared concerns regarding TPM. Additionally, she mentioned that she has been interviewing students for the University Committees.

Director Dhama is excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:10 pm.

B. Vice President

 [09-25-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Vice President Nwokolo shared an update on the committee meetings he attended over the past two weeks. He also provided insights from the Academic Senate and its committee meetings. Additionally, he outlined his timeline for one-on-one meetings with the directors.

C. Controller

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

Controller Sadawarti provided an update on all the funding approvals he has made so far. He also noted improvements in the budget language and gave an update on the Spartan Showcase.

Motion:

Motion to table the Board Reports for next meeting.

Motion moved by Director Sinha and motion seconded by Director Plazola.
Motion Rescinded due to recommendation to table indefinitely.

Motion:

Motion to table the board reports indefinitely.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi.
10-0-0. Motion passes.

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

XIII. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees

XIV. Closed Session

No Closed Session

XV. Announcements

Vice President Nwokolo reminded the board to schedule their October 1-on-1 meetings with him.
President Lacson announced that Legacy Month events are approaching and reminded the board that the Budget Town Hall is tomorrow morning.

Director Gambarin reminded the board that the Vice President debate is scheduled for next Tuesday.
Director Khehra mentioned that the Leadership Luncheon will take place next week.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. Vote: 10-0-0 | Motion passes



Chima Nwokolo
2024-10-03 07:04 UTC

2024-2025
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 9.25.2024

ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Sadawarti	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Dhami	X
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Sinha	X
Director Gambarin	X
Director Plazola	X
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	X
Director Brown	X @ 3:08
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Vicki Allen	X
Mari Fuentes-Martin	A
Dawn Lee	X @ 3:17
Abby Escobar	Recording Secretary
Sam Brown	Recording Secretary
Guests	
Kingson Leung	
Janely Pulido	
Diana Victa	
Anai Avalos	
Jaylin Flores	Public Forum

Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent