



SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GENERAL MEETING

September 03, 2025 – 3:30pm
Student Union North, Student Chambers
Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320>

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Anjali, Vilayat Del Rossi, Sophia Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Sukhpreet Kaur, Edgar Lopez, Jocelyn Paz, Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Robinpreet Waraich
- Members Absent:** None
- Staff:** Monica Baeza, Sasha Baltazar, Andrew Basile, Jasmine Bustillos, Monica Calvillo, Jasmine Curtis, Matthew Jenkins, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinnally, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Paz Oliveriez, Jennifer Puccinelli, Matthew Smith, Katie Wallen
- Guest:** None
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:36 pm.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
- Approval of Minutes:** M/S Rosas/Paz motion to approve SMSU Board of Directors meeting minutes from April 9th and April 23rd, 2025.
Motion passed.
- Reports:** Reports were included in each member's packet prior to the meeting for review. If any additional questions should arise, please contact the appropriate department.
- Open Forum:** No public comments.
- Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to amend agenda so item SMSU 05/26 is first on the agenda. Agenda items renumbered in the new order.
Motion passed.

M/S Paz/Rendon motion to approve agenda as amended.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 01/26 DSA Campus Spirit Graphics Initiative; Request for Exception to Policy for SMSU North (Action, Calvillo)

M/S Del Rossi/Garcia motion to open item SMSU 01/26 DSA Campus Spirit Graphics Initiative; Request for Exception Policy for SMSU North.

Dr. Oliveriez explained that the initiative is part of a larger, ongoing effort to increase school spirit and student engagement, supported by a campus-wide committee including ASI, SMSU, Athletics, Student Leadership and Engagement, and students. The proposal includes installing spirit graphics on prominent campus locations, with SMSU North identified as a central and highly visible site. She highlighted that costs would be covered by the Vice President's office, not SMSU. In addition to the Spirit Wall, proposed graphics include transparent window designs for the third floor of SMSU North, ensuring visibility from inside while displaying imagery outside. Oliveriez emphasized that these graphics would complement other efforts such as Spirit Thursdays, spirit carts, and new athletics game nights designed to boost student engagement and school pride. She also noted similar installations approved for Jack Brown Hall and under review for the Palm Desert Campus.

M/S Del Rossi/Rangel-Canseco motion to amend SMSU 01/26 to read DSA Campus Spirit Graphics Initiative; Request for Exception Policy for SMSU North for a term of academic year 2025-26.

Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to approve the amended item SMSU 01/26 to read DSA Campus Spirit Graphics Initiative; Request for Exception Policy for SMSU North for a term of 2025-26.

Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: 3 - In-Favor 5 - Opposed 2 - Abstention

Motion denied.

SMSU 02/26 2025 Summer E-Board Accomplishments (Informational, Del Rossi)

M/S Del Rossi/Waraich motion to open SMSU 02/26 2025 Summer E-Board Accomplishments.

Interim Executive Director Vilayat Del Rossi provided an overview of the E-Board's summer accomplishments, noting four meetings were held that resulted in updates to five policies, cleanup of accounts receivable and reserves, implementation of the Golden Handshake

retirement program, and approval of necessary facilities and equipment upgrades, including washer repairs and theater lighting. The E-Board also renewed leases, entered an MOU with campus HR for consultation, and established the audit committee in preparation for the annual CLA audit. Board members expressed appreciation for Del Rossi's responsiveness, collaborative work over the summer, and alignment of projects with the SMSU's mission and Goals. After no further discussion, the board moved on to the next agenda item.

**SMSU 03/26 SMSU Board Goal Themes & Strategic Alignment Overview
(Discussion, Del Rossi)**

M/S Del Rossi/Rosas motion to open SMSU 03/26 SMSU Board Goal Themes & Strategic Alignment Overview.

Interim Executive Director Del Rossi presented the board's draft goal themes, developed over the summer in alignment with the university's new strategic plan. Themes included increasing awareness of programs and services, improving food access, diversifying revenue, strengthening JEDI initiatives, enhancing student safety, supporting career advancement, and improving informed decision-making. Due to time constraints, the board agreed to revisit the discussion at the next meeting, with members suggesting the goals also be publicized through SMSU platforms to support transparency and maintain communication with student body regarding board priorities and progress.

**SMSU 04/26 Outdoor Campus Recreational Facilities – Supporting Student Health
& Well-being Priorities and Potential Collaborations (Discussion,
Rendon)**

M/S Rendon/Rangel-Canseco motion to open SMSU 04/26 Outdoor Campus Recreational Facilities – Supporting Student Health & Well-being Priorities and Potential Collaborations.

ASI President Diego Rendon raised concerns about deteriorating tennis courts and unusable sand volleyball courts, noting student-fee relevance and alignment with SMSU's wellness mission; photos of outdoor spaces were presented. Members cited safety, access, wildfire/vegetation concerns, and interest in activating the area (e.g., repainting, school colors, adding pickleball lines/courts); Diego shared rough costs (~\$8–10k per sand court setup; tennis repairs could escalate with further deterioration). Interim Exec. Director Del Rossi proposed convening a working group (Facilities, RecWell, Kinesiology, Athletics, HR/finance stakeholders, and interested board reps) to assess needs, constraints, and options and return with recommendations. The Chair directed the matter to the Facilities & Oversight Committee to coordinate with campus Facilities and bring a plan back to the board.

**SMSU 05/26 Board Proposal UPSCO PowerSafe Systems Emergency Lighting,
Chartfield String: 660876-RO001-S7100, Not to Exceed \$84,736
(Action, Kinnally)**

M/S Del Rossi/Waraich motion to open SMSU 04/26 Board Proposal UPSCO PowerSafe Systems Emergency Lighting, Chartfield String: 660876-RO001-S7100, Not to Exceed \$84,736.

Following a power surge that destroyed SMSU's backup batteries, staff reported the facility is out of code (no 90-minute emergency lighting) and outlined three vendor options from the original installer: replace 1 bank (\$40,280.63), 2 banks (\$58,123.13), or all 3 banks plus logic board (\$77,057.63; not-to-exceed \$84,736 with contingency). Due to the life-safety urgency and bid thresholds, the board amended the item to include sole source language (waiving competitive bids under the policy's emergency provision); members discussed OSHA/fire-watch risks, timeline (4–6 weeks with immediate removal of failed batteries), and funding.

M/S Rosas/Del Rossi motion to amend SMSU 05/26 to read Board Proposal UPSCO, Power Safe Systems Emergency Lighting, Chartfield String: 660876-RO001-S7100, Not to Exceed \$84,736 to be sole sourced.

Motion passed.

Due to a life safety exposure, pursuant to the SMSU bidding policy, sole source procedure will be used, and the board waives competitive bid due to legitimate time constraints and the specialized nature of the services, and approves a sole source purchase from UPSCO for power-safe systems in an amount not to exceed \$84,763.39.

Roll Call Vote: 9 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention

Motion passed.

M/S Waraich/Rangel-Canseco motion to extend meeting time to 5:23pm.

Motion passed.

**SMSU 06/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Personnel Committee
(Action, Hernandez)**

M/S Paz/Rosas motion to open SMSU 06/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Personnel Committee.

The board discussed the annual process of appointing board members to the SMSU/RecWell committees, which serve as working groups that review proposals before they reach the full board. Vilayat Del Rossi and Elizabeth Junker explained the approach of assigning members to two committees each, balancing experience (returning vs. new members) for continuity and succession planning. The board reviewed Personnel first, noting some seats are defined by bylaws (e.g., president's designee) and clarifying that ASI executives may serve unless restricted by specific committee rules. Members affirmed that all students may attend committee meetings, even if not formal voting members.

M/S Del Rossi/Garcia motion to amend SMSU 06/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Personnel Committee to represent Jocelyn Paz, Sukhpreet Kaur, Vilayat Del Rossi, Jennifer Puccinelli.

Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Garcia motion to approve item as amended SMSU 06/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Personnel Committee to represent Jocelyn Paz, Sukhpreet Kaur, Vilayat Del Rossi, Jennifer Puccinelli.

Motion passed.

SMSU 07/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Recreation and Wellness Committee (Action, Hernandez)

M/S Del Rossi/Rendon motion to open SMSU 07/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Recreation and Wellness Committee.

Del Rossi noted the committee rosters are not yet full, with two student representative vacancies and the faculty representative still pending. The current roster includes four student representatives (with Cintiantl as last year's chair and new GA Trinity joining), plus staff members Sean (ex-officio) and Trent. While emphasizing the goal of maintaining a student majority to begin meetings, Del Rossi confirmed open seats can be brought back to the board for approval at a later meeting. ASI President Diego Rendon nominated himself to join the committee, citing his lifelong passion for sports, wellness, and expressing interest in strengthening student representation.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to amend SMSU 07/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Recreation and Wellness Committee to reflect the amended committee roster representing Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Sarah Sanchez, Trinity Rangel, Robinpreet Waraich, Sean Kinally, Trent Morgan and Diego Rendon.

Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to approve item as amended SMSU 07/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Recreation and Wellness Committee to reflect the amended committee roster representing Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Sarah Sanchez, Trinity Rangel, Robinpreet Waraich, Sean Kinally, Trent Morgan and ASI President, Diego Rendon.

Motion passed.

SMSU 08/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Facilities and Sustainability Committee (Action, Hernandez)

M/S Paz/Kaur motion to open SMSU 08/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Facilities and Sustainability Committee.

The board reviewed the Facilities & Sustainability Committee, which oversees building operations such as space use, leases, and furniture, along with broader facility and sustainability

issues, including the gym. Vilayat Del Rossi explained the committee's role in managing how spaces are maintained and utilized.

M/S Del Rossi/Rangel-Canseco motion to amend SMSU 08/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Facilities and Sustainability Committee to represent Jocelyn Paz, Karolyn Chery, Ahlad Dendukuri, Darsch Pancholi, Anthony Roberson, Sean Kinnally and ASI Executive Vice President, Kimberly Rosas.

Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Rangel-Canseco motion to approve item as amended SMSU 08/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Facilities and Sustainability Committee to represent Jocelyn Paz, Karolyn Chery, Ahlad Dendukuri, Darsch Pancholi, Anthony Roberson, Sean Kinnally and ASI Executive Vice President, Kimberly Rosas.

SMSU 09/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Policies and Procedures Committee (Action, Hernandez)

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to open SMSU 09/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Policies and Procedures Committee.

The board reviewed the Policies & Procedures Committee roster, which currently included two full-time staff members and one student, leaving two student vacancies and awaiting confirmation of a faculty representative. Del Rossi emphasized the need for at least one or two additional students given the heavy workload this year, including policy updates and bylaw revisions. Members noted that Dr. Smith may also be proposed for appointment at the October meeting. After discussion, ASI President Diego Rendon nominated himself to serve as a student representative, helping to strengthen student presence on the committee.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to amend SMSU 09/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Policies and Procedures Committee to represent Anjali, Mark Oswood, Katie Wallen, and ASI President, Diego Rendon.

Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to approve item as amended SMSU 09/26 Appointment of Student Representatives to Policies and Procedures Committee to represent Anjali, Mark Oswood, Katie Wallen, and ASI President, Diego Rendon.

Motion passed.

M/S Rosas/Paz motion to table items SMSU 10/26 and SMSU 11/26 for the next meeting.

Motion passed.

Announcements

- It's Jocelyn's Birthday today!
- ASI President Diego Rendon invited members to stop by the Welcome Black Barbecue, noting ASI was giving out food to the first 200 students. He also encouraged SMSU

board members to participate as guest speakers at an upcoming ASI board meeting in October or November to build collaboration and share priorities.

- Interim Executive Director Vilayat Del Rossi announced that while bylaws prevent holding official board meetings at Palm Desert, SMSU will support Fall Fest there on Thursday, October 9 in partnership with ASI and RMSC.
- Monica Baeza invited members to volunteer for Fall Fest, noting transportation via RecWell van will be provided, and reminded everyone of the Union Block Party the next day from 11am to 1pm at both student unions, featuring open houses, resources, and free food.

M/S Rosas/Waraich motion to adjourn meeting at 5:28pm.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by

Anjali, Secretary

Date