SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GENERAL MEETING
October 8, 2026 – 2:00 pm
Palm Desert Campus, Mary Rodgers Gateway Building (RG-205)
Zoom: https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320

MINUTES

Members Present:	Anjali Bawa, Sebastian Bautista, Dr. Bodell, Vilayat Del Rossi, Yazhini Elanchezhian, Sukhpreet Kaur, Amira Shalabi, Unnati Sisodiya, Jalonis Taylor
Members Absent:	Samantha Coronado, Edgar Lopez
Staff Present:	Jasmine Bustillos, Josie Delgado, Jared Fisk, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinnally, Trent Morgan, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Matthew Jenkins, Mark Oswood, Joshua Salazar, and Taraneh Tabatabai.
Guest:	Jessica Lu, Dr. Edna Martinez, Dr. Avisinia Rodriguez
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.
Roll Call:	A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
Approval of Minutes:	M/S Bautista/Elanchezhian; motion to approve the September 18, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. *Motion passed.*
Open Forum:	No public comments.
Adoption of Agenda:	M/S Sisodiya/Elanchezhian; motion to adopt October 8, 2026 agenda as presented. *Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 15/27 Palm Desert Campus Leadership Introduction and Campus Life Update – Dr. Edna Martinez and Dr. Avisinia "Avi" Rodriguez (Informational, Del Rossi)

Dr. Edna Martinez and Dr. Avisinia Rodriguez provided updates on the Palm Desert Campus (PDC), highlighting its 40th anniversary, record incoming student cohort, and continued efforts to enhance the student experience. They shared that the new Student Success Center is anticipated to open during the spring semester and will provide additional gathering spaces and expanded food options for students. In recognition of PDC's 40th anniversary, students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to participate in 40 hours of community service. The discussion also emphasized strengthening PDC students' connection to SMSU through Board engagement, campus programming, improved communication of events and resources, and continued community partnerships.

SMSU 16/27 Palm Desert Campus Student Success Center Update (Informational, Del Rossi)

The Board received an overview of the new Palm Desert Campus Student Success Center, a 23,700-square-foot facility designed to centralize student services and support continued campus growth. The facility will include academic and student support resources, health and wellness services, food and basic needs support, multipurpose space, and offices for ASI and SMSU. The project is progressing approximately six to seven months ahead of schedule, with completion and occupancy anticipated between December and March. Board members discussed the importance of increasing student awareness of the resources and services that will be available in the new facility. Due to the accelerated opening timeline, SMSU may need to consider budget adjustments to support staffing, programming, and operations at the Palm Desert Campus.

SMSU 17/27 Welcome and Introduction of Joshua A. Salazar, Senior Coordinator, JEDI (First Peoples Center and LatinX Center) and Taraneh Tabatabai, Senior Coordinator, JEDI (Women's Resource Center and APIDA Center) (Informational, Del Rossi)

Joshua Salazar was introduced as the new Senior Coordinator for the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) team, overseeing the First Peoples Center and LatinX Center. Salazar shared that he recently joined the campus community and looks forward to building relationships with students and supporting the work of the centers. Taraneh Tabatabai was also introduced as Senior Coordinator overseeing the APIDA Center and Women's Resource Center, where she has been supporting students and center programming. The Board welcomed both coordinators and acknowledged the important role the JEDI resource centers play in creating inclusive spaces where students can build community, develop connections, access support and resources, and strengthen their sense of belonging at CSUSB.

SMSU 18/27 SMSU South Exterior Window Graphics Replacement ***AlphaGraphics*** | ***Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed $8,590.33 | CFS: 660061-RO001-S6100*** (Action, Fisk, Facilities and Sustainability Committee)

Jared Fisk presented a proposal to replace two damaged exterior window graphics at SMSU South. He explained that the east-side graphics had experienced weather-related deterioration and contained outdated messaging, while the west-side graphics were damaged following a shattered window panel. The proposed replacement would include updated messaging and recent student photography. Fisk recommended Alpha Graphics, noting the company installed the original graphics, has an established history with SMSU, and provided a competitive quote. He explained that installation costs reflect the specialized equipment required to access the exterior windows and that the new graphics are expected to last approximately five to seven years. During discussion, Board members asked about the representation of the current student population in the proposed imagery, expected longevity of the graphics, and vendor selection. Fisk noted that although another vendor submitted a lower quote, Alpha Graphics was recommended based on prior experience, reliability, and more favorable payment terms.

M/S Sisodiya/Kaur; motion to approve SMSU 18/27 SMSU South Exterior Window Graphics Replacement AlphaGraphics | Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed $8,590.33 | CFS: 660061-RO001-S6100.

Roll Call Vote: 7 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

SMSU 19/27 Student Recreation & Wellness (SRWC): Recreation &Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative Additional Funding Approval ***Securitas Technology | Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed $9,719.20 | CFS: 660876-RO001-S7100*** (Action, Kinnally, Facilities, and Sustainability Committee)

Mr. Sean Kinnally clarified that the agenda item pertained to security camera infrastructure improvements at the Student Recreation & Wellness Center and presented a proposal to replace faulty equipment supporting eight existing IP security cameras. He explained that the existing Ethernet-over-coax receiver is faulty and that a direct replacement is unavailable because the current model has been discontinued. The proposed project would replace the receiver, transmitters, and related network equipment while continuing to utilize the existing cameras, cabling, network video recorder, and licensing. The project cost is $8,835.64, with a 10% contingency for a not-to-exceed amount of $9,719.20**,** funded through account 660876-RO001-S7100**.** During discussion, Board members addressed camera coverage, vendor selection, project timing, and the existing quote. Kinnally noted that an updated quote would be obtained through the procurement process. Installation is anticipated within approximately four to six weeks following approval and issuance of a purchase order.

M/S Elanchezhian/Shalabi; motion to approve SMSU 19/27 Student Recreation & Wellness (SRWC): Recreation &Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative Additional Funding Approval Securitas Technology | Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed $9,719.20 | CFS: 660876-RO001-S7100.

Roll Call Vote: 7 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

Announcements

- The Board was invited to attend SMSU's upcoming Diwali celebration on November 10, featuring cultural programming, food, and activities.
- Amira Shalabi highlighted ASI's Spirit Week and encouraged Board members to participate in Homecoming. SMSU facilities will host a variety of Homecoming activities and events throughout the day.
- Executive Director Del Rossi shared that monthly reports will be presented at the second Board meeting of each month to provide more timely information from the preceding month.
- Executive Director Del Rossi shared that with most committee chairs now selected, committee chairs will assume greater responsibility for presenting committee updates and recommendations to the Board, with staff continuing to provide support.

M/S Bautista/Shalabi; motion to adjourn meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by:

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Jalonis Taylor, Secretary Date