



**SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GENERAL MEETING**

February 18, 2026 – 2:00pm
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, Jessica Lu, Jocelyn Paz, Diego Rendon, Dr. Matthew Smith, Robinpreet Waraich
- Members Absent:** Kimberly Rosas
- Staff:** Monica Baeza, Jasmine Bustillos, Jared Fisk, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinnally, Lorena Marquez, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Mark Oswald, Jennifer Puccinelli, Katie Wallen
- Guest:** Mike Rister, Jennifer Sorenson
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
- Approval of Minutes:** No minutes to approve at this time.
- Open Forum:** No public comments.
- Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Waraich/Rendon motion to adopt agenda.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 44/26 Outdoor Recreational Facilities Projects Presentation by Jenny Sorenson (Informational, Sorenson) | Time Certain: 2:20pm

M/S Rendon/Kaur motion to open SMSU 44/26 Outdoor Recreational Facilities Projects Presentation by Jenny Sorenson.

Jenny Sorenson presented an overview of potential improvements to outdoor recreational facilities, including enhancements to sand volleyball courts, tennis courts (with possible pickleball use), and outdoor basketball courts. The discussion focused on improving student engagement, increasing usability of underutilized spaces, and exploring options such as lighting, seating, and upgraded amenities. Board members and campus partners discussed prioritizing projects, potentially phasing improvements over time, and determining whether to focus on controlled spaces managed by SMSU and RecWell or broader shared campus areas. Additional considerations included funding sources, collaboration with campus partners, and the need for clear agreements regarding maintenance, ownership, and long-term management. The item was informational and will continue to be developed through the RecWell Committee.

SMSU 45/26 Approval of Revised Overtime Policy SMSUPM 930 (Action, Personnel Committee, Paz)

M/S Waraich/Garcia motion to open SMSU 45/26 Approval of Revised Overtime Policy SMSUPM 930.

Jenny Puccinelli presented revisions to the SMSU Overtime Policy to align it with current federal and California law and provide additional clarification. Updates included defining overtime eligibility on the seventh consecutive day of work, establishing the SMSU workweek, clarifying which hours count toward overtime, confirming that compensatory time off is not permitted under California law, and requiring prior supervisor approval before working overtime.

Roll Call Vote: 8 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

SMSU 46/26 Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Reserve Allocation Proposal (Action, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)

M/S Garcia/Anjali motion to open SMSU 46/26 Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Reserve Allocation Proposal.

Controller Garcia presented a proposal, reviewed by the Finance & Contracts Committee, to formally allocate SMSU's unrestricted reserves into designated restricted reserve categories to ensure proper financial planning, compliance with CSU guidelines, and clearer accountability. Currently, reserve funds are held in a single unrestricted pool without defined purposes; this proposal redistributes those funds into specific categories with target amounts to guide long-term financial sustainability. Vilayat Del Rossi explained that this builds on prior board action to establish reserve categories and represents a key step toward structured financial planning, allowing the organization to better prepare for future obligations, maintenance, and strategic initiatives. Discussion clarified that these target amounts are aspirational and flexible, not rigid requirements, and that allocations will be revisited annually through the budget and audit process based on priorities, strategic planning, and available funds. With no further discussion, the board moved to vote.

Roll Call Vote: 8 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

SMSU 47/26 Review Mid-Year Financial Report (Informational, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)

M/S Garcia/Anjali motion to open SMSU 47/26 Review Mid-Year Financial Report.

Sophia Garcia presented the mid-year financial report, summarizing SMSU's financial position through the second quarter. Overall, the organization has utilized approximately 41% of its annual operating budget, reflecting normal operational, staffing, and programmatic activity. The report was broken down into three main areas (Shared Services, Operations, and Program Services), all of which are operating within expected budget ranges and remain financially stable. Shared Services and Operations show steady spending aligned with staffing and facility needs, while Program Services reflects lower mid-year spending due to majority of the programming occurring in the spring semester. Vilayat Del Rossi noted that this report supports transparency and provides a snapshot ahead of the upcoming budget cycle. During discussion, clarification was provided on summer bridge payroll costs, and questions regarding high insurance expenses were addressed, noting that increased premiums are primarily due to the addition of SMSU North and broader system-wide insurance cost challenges.

Announcements

- Black Trivia will be held at the Pan-African Student Success Center from 12:00 –1:00 p.m.
- A hybrid, day-long committee meeting will take place at the Osher Adult Re-entry Center to finalize Black History Month events and plan upcoming heritage months; event updates can be found at www.csusb.edu/heritage months.
- Volunteers and attendees are invited to the Evergreen event at the Palm Desert Campus on March 26th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., with transportation available.
- Board members were thanked for participating in the Bowling with the Board event, which saw strong student engagement and collaboration with ASI.
- Board members are invited to attend the 13th Annual Pioneer Breakfast from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on February 27th, featuring scholarships, performances, and networking.
- Multiple events were announced, including cultural programs, leadership series, wellness events, and Peak (Feb 27th , 7:00 p.m. – midnight).
- ACUI Region I Conference Committee applications are open for students interested in joining the planning committee for the upcoming ACUI Region I Conference hosted by CSUSB.

M/S Garcia/Anjali motion to adjourn meeting at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by

Anjali, Secretary

Date