SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GENERAL MEETING
September 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Student Union North, Student Chambers (SUN-3305)
Zoom: https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320

MINUTES

Members Present:	Anjali Bawa, Sebastian Bautista, Samantha Coronado, Vilayat Del Rossi, Yazhini Elanchezhian, Sukhpreet Kaur, Edgar Lopez, Amira Shalabi, Unnati Sisodiya, Robinpreet Waraich, Jalonis Taylor. *Edgar Lopez arrived at 10:12 a.m.* *Robinpreet Waraich stepped away at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 10:24 a.m.* *Amira Shalabi departed at 11:00 a.m.*
Members Absent:	Dr. Nathaniel Bodell
Staff:	Monica Baeza, Sasha Baltazar, Jasmine Bustillos, Jasmine Curtis, Josie Delgado, Matthew Jenkins, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinnally, Sonia Martinez, Trent Morgan, Jennifer Puccinelli, and Katie Wallen.
Guest:	Matthew Dinsdale, A.J. Fernandez, and Amanda Moore.
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
Roll Call:	A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
Approval of Minutes:	M/S Coronado/Sisodiya; motion to approve the September 4, 2026 SMSU Board of Directors General meeting minutes as presented. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Open Forum: No public comments.

Adoption of Agenda: M/S Coronado/Elanchezhian; motion to open adoption of agenda for September 18, 2026.

M/S Kaur/Coronado; motion to strike SMSU 14/27. The team members are busy assisting with PowWow preparations.
Motion passed.

M/S Kaur/Coronado; motion to adopt agenda as amended.
Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

SMSU 02/27 Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative: Project Status and Request for Direction (Action, Kinnally)

Mr. Kinnally provided an update on the Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative, explaining that the original $200,000 jointly authorized by SMSU and ASI was insufficient to complete the full proposed scope based on preliminary vendor estimates, which ranged from approximately $238,416.93 to $451,015.00 before certain additional project costs. Staff presented two options for Board consideration: value-engineer the project to remain within the existing $200,000 authorization or proceed with a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to obtain comparable competitive bids based on a consistent project scope. Staff clarified that proceeding with the RFP would not authorize additional funding or construction; rather, the competitive bids and final project scope would return to the Board for review and approval before work begins.

Board members discussed project costs, lighting alternatives, the campus project-management fee, the existing $100,000 commitments from both SMSU and ASI, and whether ASI might participate in any additional funding should the final project exceed the current authorization. Members expressed support for obtaining comparable bids to better understand the project's actual cost and evaluate both immediate costs and long-term value to students. Board members indicated that the RFP process would provide greater transparency, a clearer project scope, and more comparable information upon which to make a final financial decision. With no further questions, a motion was entertained.

M/S Coronado; Kaur; Motion to select Option 2: Move to direct staff to standardize the project scope and issue a full competitive RFP, with staff returning to the Board with comparable bids, a best-value recommendation, a complete project budget, and any required funding request before contract award or construction commitment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 10/27 Review and Approval of Santos Manuel Student Union Audited Financial Statement for 25-26 Fiscal Year | Presentation by Bakertilly Representatives | **Time Certain: 10:30 a.m**. (Action, Audit Committee, Kaur)

Representatives from Baker Tilly presented a high-level overview of the 2025–2026 SMSU financial audit. They reported that the audit was expected to receive an unmodified, or clean, opinion, with no corrected or uncorrected audit adjustments, no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls, no identified fraud or noncompliance, no disagreements with management, and no significant difficulties encountered during the audit process. The auditors also reviewed the implementation of GASB Statements 103 and 104 and highlighted significant financial statement estimates related to CalPERS pension obligations and other post-employment benefits (OPEB). Of note, SMSU's OPEB position changed from a liability in the prior year to an asset in the current year.

During discussion, Del Rossi thanked the Baker Tilly team for their partnership during the organization's first year with the firm and emphasized the positive long-term financial significance of the OPEB change, while noting that CalPERS remains a liability requiring continued attention. With no further discussion, the Board entertained a motion.

M/S Coronado/Yazhini; motion to approve SMSU 10/27 Review and Approval of Santos Manuel Student Union Audited Financial Statement for 25-26 Fiscal Year.

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

SMSU 11/27 Revision of Policies and Procedures Committee Roster (Action, Del Rossi)

Interim Executive Director Del Rossi presented proposed updates to the Policies and Procedures Committee roster, explaining that staff continued recruiting members following the Board's initial committee appointments. He noted the goal of maintaining approximately eight to ten members on each of SMSU's four core committees, with a balance of student representatives and full-time staff. The proposed updates added three members to the Policies and Procedures Committee: two student representatives, Christina Monson from Program Board and Isabella Salazar from the JEDI space, and Jasmine Curtis, Fitness Coordinator, as a full-time staff representative. Mr. Del Rossi stated that the additions would bring the committee to its desired participation level and requested confirmation of the appointments so the new members would have voting rights at upcoming committee meetings.

M/S Coronado/Kaur; motion to approve SMSU 11/27 Revision of Policies and Procedures Committee Roster.

Voice Vote: **Ayes** – Unanimous **Nays** – None **Abstentions** – None
Motion passed

SMSU 12/27 Revision of Facilities and Sustainability Committee Roster (Action, Del Rossi)

Mr. Del Rossi presented proposed updates to the Facilities and Sustainability Committee roster, noting that although the committee had already reached its minimum membership, two additional representatives were recommended to strengthen participation while maintaining a student majority. The proposed additions included Jared Fisk, whose experience with graphics packages and prior involvement with the committee would provide valuable institutional knowledge, and Alicia Juarez, Marketing student assistant. Del Rossi also highlighted the previously confirmed appointment of UEC Executive Director Jason Espinoza, explaining that his participation would support greater collaboration on campus issues, including food service, and provide an opportunity for the committee to work collectively on potential solutions.

M/S Elanchezhian/Sisodiya; motion to approve SMSU 12/27 Revision of Facilities and Sustainability Committee Roster.

Voice Vote: **Ayes** – Unanimous **Nays** – None **Abstentions** – None
Motion passed

SMSU 13/27 Revision of Strategic Planning Committee Roster (Action, Del Rossi)

Mr. Del Rossi presented proposed updates to the Strategic Planning Committee roster, adding two student representatives and one full-time staff representative. The additions included Kade Ferguson from Program Board, Jocelyn Gutierrez-Alfaro from Recreation & Wellness, and Matthew Jenkins, whose operations experience was noted as a valuable perspective for the committee. Del Rossi stated that the updated roster brings the committee to full membership and noted that its first meeting was scheduled for the following week, where members would receive updates on the strategic planning process with support from Jasmine Bustillos as the content expert and Monica Baeza as committee advisor.

Voice Vote: **Ayes** – Unanimous **Nays** – None **Abstentions** – None
Motion passed

Announcements

- Mr. Del Rossi highlighted the 30th anniversary Pow Wow and encouraged Board members to attend the cultural event, which is held in partnership with Yahaviatam and draws participants from across the region and beyond. He also announced upcoming CNAD programming that will bring approximately 1,500 fourth-grade students from

throughout the Inland Empire to campus for educational activities focused on Indigenous culture, traditions, and history.

- Sebastian invited Board members to attend the October 8 Fall Fest event at the Palm Desert Campus. Staff noted that the event will coincide with the Board's first meeting at the Palm Desert Campus and will include a campus tour and introductions from campus leadership.

M/S Kaur/Sisodiya; motion to adjourn meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by:

Jalonis Taylor
Jalonis Taylor (Oct 21, 2026 23:33:12 PDT)

Jalonis Taylor, Secretary

10/21/2026

Date