



SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 8, 2022  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. John Reitzel, Angelica Agudo, Sarah Lopez, Dr. Mark Robinson, Esteban Hernandez, Alexandra Thambi, Jose Hernandez, Jesse Felix, Davina Lindsey, Emily Alvarez-Zurita, Chantal Moran, Rudolfo Hernandez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paola Galvez, Dr. Daria Graham

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Grott, Rosemary Zometa, Jared Fisk, Sonia Martinez, Maria Najera-Neri, Vilayat DelRossi, Jasmine Bustillos, Anthony Roberson, Trent Morgan, Richard Strawter, Roman Salem, Robert Rodriquez, Sean Kinally, Monica Baeza, Mark Oswood, Jennifer Puccinelli, Paloma Hinojosa, Debahni Escobar, Carlos Gonzales, Mariana Mendoza, Naja Faysal, Mario Orellano, Alicia Ureste, Kimberly Anacleto, Matthew Jenkins, Sasha Baltazar

**GUESTS:** David Penny, CSUSB Student

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:06am.

**Roll Call:** A verbal roll call of members present was conducted.

**Approval of Minutes from SMSU Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2022:**

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to open approval of Minutes from SMSU Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2022  
Motion Passed by Consensus.

**Reports:**

BOD Chair: The report is included in the packet. Chair Thambi reported on BOD activity during the summer including a joint SMSU/ASI BOD training and three Executive Committee Meetings.

SMSU Executive Director: The report is included in the packet. Mr. Felix announced new hires, those who were promoted and the status of the search for open positions. He explained that a new policy working group focusing on a Sage policy has formed, utilization of space in the SMSU South and East are being discussed by the team and the Esports Arena is now open and available to students and the Esports team.

Director of Recreation & Wellness: The report is included in the packet. Mr. DelRossi highlighted the events that took place during the summer as well as the planning and promotion of events at the PDC Campus to spot light the RecWell PDC office.

Associate Director of Operations: The report is included in the packet. Mr. Anthony Roberson highlighted the number of visitors (around 40,000) to both the SMSUS and SMSUN during the first week of classes. He discussed current projects including an emergency plan for all of the SMSU/RecWell Facilities and the addition of Monica Baeza as the new Scheduling Coordinator.

Associate Director Diversity & Inclusion: The report is included in the packet. Ms. Ayan Jama emphasized the Footsteps to Freedom Conference she attended as an inspiration for future events and initiatives at the SMSU/RecWell. There has been great turnout at Center events as well as students utilizing the Centers during non-event times.

Associate Director of Student Services and Philanthropic Giving: The report is included in the packet. Ms. Rosemary Zometa reported on summer events and upcoming events in the Graduate Student Success Center, the Financial Literacy Center and the Rancho Mirage Student Center. A search is being conducted for a Coordinator for the Graduate Student Success Center and the Financial Literacy Center currently.

SMSU Marketing: Mr. Jared Fisk stated that the Marketing Departments of the SMSU and RecWell have merged creating one operation for marketing both areas. Social media accounts are gaining new followers and a search is being conducted for a Creative Specialist.

BOD Representatives: There were no reports from BOD representatives.

**Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker):** There were no speakers for Open Forum.

#### **Adoption of Agenda:**

M/S Felix/J Hernandez to open Adoption of Agenda.

M/S Felix/J Hernandez to amend the agenda to change item SMSU 12/23 to a discussion item instead of an action item.

Vote: 10 - In favor 0 - No 1 - Abstention

Motion passed.

M/S Felix/Agudo to adopt the amended agenda.

Vote: 11 - In favor 0 - No 0 - Abstention

Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **SMSU 11/23 Review of business from Summer 2022 BOD Executive Committee Meetings (Discussion, Felix)**

M/S J Hernandez/Alvarez-Zurita to open discussion of review of business from Summer 2022 BOD Executive Committee Meetings.

Discussion was led by Controller Jose Hernandez explaining the items presented at the Summer 2022 BOD Executive Committee Meetings including the discussion of purchasing a utility vehicle for RecWell use, the election of SMSU BOD Committee Members and a brief summary of the 10-week BOD Training.

##### **SMSU 12/23 Revisions to SMSU BOD Bylaws (Discussion, Felix)**

M/S Felix/Agudo to open discussion for revisions to SMSU BOD Bylaws.

Mr. Felix explained to the Board that revisions are needed to the Bylaws to include language that is inclusive and to add 2 new student representatives to the BOD who represent both the PDC Campus and RecWell. In order to make changes to the Bylaws, the revisions must be presented twice to the Board then a vote of 2/3 of Members to change them permanently. Mr. Felix explained that the Bylaws supersede policy, therefore, any changes that will be made need to be carefully considered.

Discussion ensued as to the overall structure of student representatives on the Board and whether adding two representatives specific to areas (PDC and RecWell) will change the structure in place. Discussion continued regarding student feedback of marginalization (particularly at the PDC campus) and wanting more representation on the Board.

Mr. Felix encouraged everyone to review the Bylaws and send suggested edits to Executive Assistant, Christine Grott.

**SMSU 13/23                    Approval of 2% salary increase and onetime \$3,500 bonus payment for SMSU staff  
(Action, Puccinelli)**

M/S Felix/Moran to open action Approval of 2% salary increase and onetime \$3,500 bonus payment for SMSU staff.

Mr. Felix explained that the SMSU/RecWell staff received an across the board 5% Cost of Living Adjustment to wages and were given evaluations with the chance to receive merit increases up to 5%. The CSUEI Bargaining Unit for CSUSB Campus State Employees were approved for a 7% Cost of Living Adjustment to wages and a one time \$3,500 payment. The SMSU would like to match this for SMSU/RecWell Staff to be equitable.

Discussion ensued with Maria Najera-Neri explaining that funds have been accumulating in Reserves since 2019 when the last across the board Cost of Living Adjustment was given, therefore, the SMSU has the funds to pay to staff for this adjustment. It will not be a fiscal burden.

Vote: 9 - In Favor    0 - No            1 - Abstention  
Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

- Late Night with RecWell scheduled for September 9, 2022 has been postponed due to forecasted rain and storms.
- Volunteers are needed for the LEAD Summit. Please contact Monica Baeza.
- November 17, 2022 specialists from the White House will visit CSUSB. More details to follow.
- September 19, 2022 is the last day for drop/add.

**Adjournment:**

M/S J Hernandez/Felix to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am.

Minutes reviewed, approved and submitted respectfully by:

*Chantal Moran*  
Chantal Moran (Sep 19, 2022 15:59 PDT)

Chantal Moran, SMSU Secretary

09/19/2022

Date