



**SANTOS MANUEL STUDENT UNION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 9, 2023  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alexandra Thambi, Chantal Moran, Jose Hernandez, Esteban Hernandez, Rodolfo Hernandez, Davina Lindsey, Dr. John Reitzel, Dr. Marc Robinson, Dr. Daria Graham, Jesse Felix, Julia Ruiz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Raymond Moorehead, Angelica Agudo, Paola Galvez

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Grott, Maria Najera-Neri, Rosemary Zometa, Paloma Hinojosa, Robert Rodriguez, Juan Serrato, Tamara Holder, Anthony Roberson, Mario Orellana, Matthew Jenkins, Navneet Singh, Michael Rister, Sasha Baltazar, Vilayat Del Rossi, Sean Kinally, Trent Morgan, Mark Oswood, Jasmine Curtis, Sonia Martinez, Josie Delgado, Ivannah George, Jairo Leon, Nadia Tinoco, Paola Godinez-Martinez, Elmer Gutierrez, Sabrina Kinally, Briana Garcia, Macey Davis, Daisy Maciel

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:33am.

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

**Approval of Minutes from SMSU Board of Directors Meeting February 9, 2023:**  
M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to approve the minutes of the SMSU Board of Directors February 9, 2023, meeting.

*Motion passed by consensus.*

**Reports:**

Reports are submitted to the BOD in advance of the meeting and are included I the Board Meeting packet. Each participant below gave a summary of their report to the BOD.

- a. BOD Chair
- b. SMSU Executive Director
- c. Director of Recreation & Wellness
- d. Assoc Director of Operations
- e. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- f. Assoc. Director of Student Services and Philanthropic Giving
- g. SMSU/SRWC Marketing

**Open Forum (3 minutes per speaker):**

Sabrina Kinally, Daisy Maciel, Sonia Martinez, and Jasmine Curtis presented to the Board reasons they felt The Retreat should not be moved to the SMSU South and should stay where it is currently house. These reasons include: quiet space and programming space.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to adopt the agenda.

M/S Felix/Ruiz to amend the agenda by moving items 45/23 and 46/23 to the first two items on the agenda to accommodate speaker’s time.

*Motion passed by consensus.*

M/S J. Hernandez/ Moran to adopt agenda as amended.

*Motion passed by consensus.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SMSU 45/23 Approval of Recreation Management Software Proposal (Action, Recreation and Wellness Committee)**

M/S Felix/Ruiz to open action item SMSU 45/23 Approval of Recreation Management Software Proposal.

Elmer Gutierrez explained that the Recreation Management Software Fusion is the current software in use. SWRC would like to renew the contract for 1 year in order to add new updates and utilize the software more effectively. Once the renewal is completed, a 5-year contract will be negotiated. This is vital software for SWRC and their membership team.

**VOTE: 9 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed.*

**SMSU 46/23 Approval of 2023-2024 Recreation and Wellness Rates (Action, Recreation and Wellness Committee)**

M/S Felix/Ruiz to open action item SMSU 46/23 Approval of 2023-2024 Recreation and Wellness Rates.

Elmer Gutierrez reviewed with the Board the new rates for 2023-2024 stating that as inflation and prices rise, in order to maintain proper use of the facilities and optimally use student fees, the rates for facility usage will need to be raised. The amounts to be raised are not significant in quantity, but enough to be cost effective for users and facility needs.

**VOTE: 9 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 37/23 Permission to use \$10,000 from Account # 660876-RO001-S6110 for an educational program featuring Dr. Eric Thomas (Action, Felix)**

M/S Felix/Ruiz to open action item SMSU 37/23 Permission to use \$10,000 from Account # 660876-RO001-S6110 for an educational program featuring Dr. Eric Thomas.

Jesse Felix introduced a presentation featuring Dr. Eric Thomas and the program that would be brought to the students of CSUSB. Dr. Thomas is an education advocate, an author and an inspirational leader with an oratory style intended to encourage students to succeed and lead in their communities. Questions were raised as to Dr. Thomas’s use of gender specific language as

to whether or not we could encourage him to be inclusive in his language when we speaks to our students. Dr. Graham mentioned that we always encourage speakers on campus to be inclusive in their language and we have the opportunity to ask for specifics from those we hire to speak on campus. Another question was raised as to Dr. Thomas’ message of working to succeed goals even if it means not sleeping/eating. Jasmine Curtis asked if we could also ask Dr. Thomas to assure that he speaks to physical and mental health and wellness of our students.

Student Board Members were asked to give input on this item and the majority were positive that Dr. Thomas could bring an inspirational program, notwithstanding the need to encourage his program to be inclusive and focused on physical and mental health and wellbeing.

**VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 4 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 38/23 Update on Mural Arts Project (Discussion, Ad Hoc Mural Arts Project Committee)**

M/S J. Hernandez/Felix to open Discussion Item SMSU 38/23 Update on Mural Arts Project. Committee member Christine Grott updated the Board pertaining to the Call for Artists sent to the Community. Eleven artists submitted work and the Committee created a rubric to evaluate the submissions. Another Committee meeting will take place in the next with the intention of choosing an artists or group of artists to completed the mural project on the second floor of the SMSU North.

**SMSU 39/23 SMSU EAST Space Usage (Action, Facilities and Sustainability Committee)**

M/S Felix/Ruiz to open action item SMSU 39/23 SMSU EAST Space Usage.

The Facilities and Sustainability Committee brought before the BOD an option agreed upon at the Committee Level to choose to lease only rooms 107, 107A, a storage area and the amphitheater from the State instead of maintaining the entire building. This decision was based upon the funding needed for upkeep of the building and the need for space utilization in the building as part of the Corporation’s programming for students.

History: The SMSU EAST Building became part of the SMSU without a proper MOU or Lease. Without these documents in place, struggle has ensued with issues pertaining to ownership, maintenance costs and responsibilities for the maintenance of the building. The building needs \$8 million in repairs which include major improvements such as asbestos abatement, plumbing overhaul, HVAC overhaul, and a new roof. The SMSU as a corporation is unable to fund these repairs (among others) that will eventually become close to \$12 million in repairs as the cost of materials and labor increases with inflation.

Currently: In the SMSU EAST, the Corporation houses The Retreat, a storage area, and the amphitheater. Having invested \$1 Million to renovate the amphitheater, the Corporation would like to keep that area for programming. Along with this area, rooms 107 and 107A (also renovated by the Corporation) could be used for programming and a green room. Lastly, the storage area is needed as the original storage area for the Corporation was demolished when the SMSU NORTH building was erected.

The Facilities and Sustainability Committee would like the Board to review the proposed option or decide on another option more suitable to the Board’s opinions.

Discussion ensued among the Board members with regard to why the property was obtained in the manner it was, how the building can be kept and provide services at the same time, the amount of money that will be a shortfall (\$2million) to balance repairs and revenue from programming and rental space, and the option of obtaining grant money for the repairs and upkeep.

M/S Ruiz/No Second to table item 39/23. Without a second the **motion expires**.

M/S J. Hernandez/Felix to amend the item to read: SMSU EAST Space Usage: Approval to lease rooms 107, 107A, a storage area and the amphitheater only.

Discussion ensued regarding this amendment clarifying the Corporation will no longer be responsible for SMSU East, only the rooms mentioned above which will be leased for programming purposes.

**Vote on item amendment:**

**VOTE:                    5 In Favor                    0 Opposed                    4 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**Vote on SMSU 39/23 as amended:**

**VOTE:                    6 In Favor                    0 Opposed                    3 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 40/23                    New location for The Retreat (Action, Facilities and Sustainability Committee)**

M/S J. Hernandez/Felix to open action item SMSU 40/23 New location for The Retreat.

The Facilities and Sustainability Committee brings to the Board a proposal to re-locate The Retreat to the SMSU South in rooms 102, 102A, and 102C. The reason for the relocation is the loss of space usage in the SMSU East.

Discussion ensued with statements and questions regarding the amount of space in the proposed rooms as opposed to the space utilization currently housing The Retreat. The space that will now be leased in the SMSU East will not accommodate the entire Retreat. The proposed space can be modified to accommodate quiet space for the hammock rest area, a room for programming and an area for massage chairs. The space will offer the serene environment that Retreat staff need to assure the health and well being of users is a priority. Additional space in the Recreation and Wellness building could potentially be used for a Retreat program. There is no clear timeline currently for the move, however, The Retreat will remain in operation until the relocation.

M/S Ruiz/J. Hernandez to amend item SMSU 40/23 to read: Approval to relocate The Retreat to SMSU South 102, 102A and 102C.

**Vote on item amendment:**

**VOTE:                    7 In Favor                    0 Opposed                    1 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**Vote on SMSU 40/23 as amended:**

**VOTE:                    8 In Favor                    0 Opposed                    0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 41/23 Relocation of the Undocumented Student Success Center (Action, Facilities and Sustainability Committee)**

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to open action item SMSU 41/23 Relocation of the Undocumented Student Success Center.

Jairo Leon spoke to the Board regarding the needs of students who use the Undocumented Student Success Center. This Center is a valuable asset to students on campus and the current location is too small to accommodate, privacy for students, meetings, and programs. Currently the Cross-Cultural Center in Room 3313 of the SMSU North Building is ready to accommodate the Undocumented Student Success Center immediately. The Cross Cultural Center is being reorganized and no longer is in need of the large space. When the Director of Diversity and Inclusion is hired in the near future, that position will be housed in the Administration Office.

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to amend item SMSU 41/23 to read: Approval to relocate the Undocumented Student Success Center from SMSUS 102B to SMSUN 3313.

**Vote on item amendment:**

**VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**Vote on SMSU 41/23 as amended:**

**VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 42/23 Approval to lease SMSUS 103 to Title IX Office (Action, Facilities and Sustainability Committee)**

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to open action item SMSU 42/23 Approval to lease SMSUS 103 to Title IX Office

The Title IX Office needs a larger space on campus to address student needs. Leasing this space will provide revenue for the SMSU and serve students simultaneously.

**VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 43/23 Renewal and approval of the ASI Sublease (Action, Felix)**

M/S Felix/R. Hernandez to open action item SMSU 43/23 Renewal and approval of the ASI Sublease

Jesse Felix explained ASI is a partner with the SMSU and providing the organization space at a reduced rate helps with student needs and collaboration. This lease is a long-term lease and reviewed annually.

**VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**SMSU 44/23 Approval of the Parent Resource Center Lease (Action, Roberson)**

M/S Felix/Ruiz to open action item SMSU 44/23 Approval of the Parent Resource Center Lease  
The Parent Resource Center will lease space inside the SMSU South Building beginning July 1, 2023. The space leased will be the former Coyote Market. This Resource Center will help students who are parents with basic needs for their child/children including diapers, formula, clothing, etc. This Center is sponsored by the Institute for Child and Family Development.

Leasing this space will provide revenue for the SMSU and serve students simultaneously. The lease proposed to the Board did not have a dollar amount. Discussion ensued regarding charging the new Chancellor's Office Rates for 2023-2024.

M/S Felix/J. Hernandez to amend item SMSU 44/23 to read: Approval of the Parent Resource Center Lease with Chancellor's Office Rates for 2023-2024.

**Vote on item amendment:**

**Consensus.**

*Motion Passed by Consensus*

**Vote on SMSU 44/23 as amended:**

**VOTE:                      8 In Favor                      0 Opposed                      0 Abstentions**

*Motion Passed*

**Announcements:**

- SMSU Board of Directors recruitment is on going until April 13, 2023. Please advise students of the BOD vacancies.
- ASI is recruiting for an Associate Director. All BOD Members are invited to the interviews.

**Adjournment:**

M/S Graham/Moran to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:

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Chantal Moran, SMSU Secretary

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Date