



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

March 26, 2025 – 4:00pm
Student Union North, Student Chambers
Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320>

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Angelica Agudo, Vilayat Del Rossi, Dr. Bibiana Diaz-Rodriguez, Carson Fajardo, Sophia Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Sukhpreet Kaur, Edgar Lopez, Isaias Mendoza-Placencia, Paz Oliverez, Jocelyn Paz, Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Dr. John Reitzel
- Members Absent:** Jessica Lu, Diego Rendon
- Staff Present:** Monica Baeza, Jared Fisk, Tamara Holder, Matthew Jenkins, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinally, Sonia Martinez, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Mario Orellana, Lorena Marquez, Mark Oswood, Jennifer Puccinelli
- Guest:** Samuel Sudhakar, Homaira Masoud, Kimberly Rosas
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
- Approval of Minutes:** M/S Diaz-Rodriguez/Rangel-Canseco motion to approve SMSU Board of Directors meeting minutes from March 5, 2025.
Motion passed.
- Reports:** No reports until April Board Meeting.
- Open Forum:** None.
- Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Fajardo/Kaur motion to adopt agenda.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 38/25 Campus Budget Presentation | Presenter: Dr. Sam Sudhakar, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance, Technology, and Operations (Informational, Del Rossi)

M/S Lopez/Hernandez motion to open SMSU 38/25 Campus Budget Presentation | Presenter: Dr. Sam Sudhakar, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance, Technology, and Operations.

Dr. Sam Sudhakar, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance, Technology, and Operations, presented an overview of the CSUSB budget within the context of California's state budget. He highlighted that the state's \$450 billion budget heavily relies on personal income tax and allocates 8% to higher education, of which CSU receives 22%, with CSUSB getting \$189.5 million. However, CSUSB faces financial challenges due to state budget cuts and declining student enrollment, despite tuition fee increases, funding issues persist, prompting cost-cutting measures, including workforce reductions. The upcoming fiscal year could see a budget deficit if the governor's proposed 7.95% cut is implemented, potentially impacting class sizes and course availability. Dr. Sudhakar urged student advocacy and support to prevent these cuts and maintain the quality of education at CSUSB.

SMSU 39/25 Replacement of Leadership Challenge Center Windscreen Proposal, Chartfield String: S7100-RO001-660876, Not to Exceed \$18,096.67 (Action, Recreation and Wellness Committee, Rangel-Canseco)

M/S Rangel-Canseco/Del Rossi motion to open SMSU 39/25 Replacement of Leadership Challenge Center Windscreen Proposal, Chartfield String: S7100-RO001-660876, Not to Exceed \$18,096.67.

The Recreation and Wellness Committee proposed purchasing a new windscreen for the Leadership Challenge Course to replace the existing one, which has deteriorated after 11 years. The windscreen is necessary to prevent wood chips from blowing away, provide privacy, and enhance the aesthetics of the course. The cost for the replacement is \$18,096.67, including a 5% contingency. The new windscreen will be a plain blue design, as opposed to the previous design, to keep costs down. There was brief discussion about potentially adding branding later. A roll call vote was conducted to approve the purchase.

Roll Call Vote: 12 In-Favor 0 Abstention 0 Opposed
Motion passed.

SMSU 40/25

Approval of Revisions to the Reserve Accumulation Policy (Action, Finance and Contracts, Garcia)

M/S Garcia/Hernandez motion to open SMSU 40/25 Approval of Revisions to the Reserve Accumulation Policy.

The Finance and Contracts Committee reviewed and revised the reserve accumulation policy to better align with financial goals and student-centered priorities. Key changes include restructuring categories, such as combining construction funds for better fund management and merging technology reserves with facilities maintenance for a more streamlined approach. Additionally, a new category for economic uncertainty and future debt services was introduced. The committee identified a minor issue with reserve category labeling and also proposed adding CSU-compliant language for economic uncertainty, ensuring reserves meet policy standards.

M/S DelRossi/Fajardo motion to amend SMSU 40/25 Approval of Revisions to the Reserve Accumulation Policy to add letter changes, Economic Uncertainty and Economic Uncertainty definition which reads used to ensure the operating costs can be paid during time of economic and budget uncertainty. Must be no less than five percent of the annual operating budget in each of the CSU funds for which the reserve is established and should accumulate, over time, to three to six months of operating budget.

Motion passed.

M/S Hernandez/Garcia motion to amend SMSU 40/25 Approval of Revisions to the Reserve Accumulation Policy to add Future Debt Services and Future Debt Services definition which reads The Future Debt Service Reserve ensures adequate funding is available to meet upcoming debt obligations and to protect the SMSU's creditworthiness. In accordance with CSU fiscal policy and bond covenant requirements, this reserve supports long-term financial planning by setting aside funds equal to at least one year of scheduled debt service payments.

Motion passed.

M/S Fajardo/Hernandez motion to extend board meeting to 5:15pm.

Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote to approve policy as amended:

11 In-Favor 0 Abstention 0 Opposed

Motion passed.

Announcements

- Madam Chair Paz encouraged students to fill out a food services survey.
- Vilayat Del Rossi shared upcoming external review of programs, services, and facilities by NASPA, ACUI, and NIRSA, with recommendations to guide the organization's long-term strategy.

- President Fajardo announced ASI elections will be held after spring break; students are encouraged to spread the word and vote. He shared the Evergreen event that will be held at the Palm Desert campus on March 29 at 6pm, and the Howl Grant is available for student organizations, offering \$1,000 grants for events. In addition, an ARC seminar on accessibility and resilience, in collaboration with the SSD office, will take place on April 8th from 12:00 to 1:30 PM.
- Elizabeth Junker announced applications are now open for the BOD 2025-2026 term with six seats available, interested students are encouraged to apply.

M/S Hernandez/Kaur motion to adjourn meeting at 5:10pm.

Motion passed.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by

Jose Hernandez, Secretary

Date