



01/22/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University
1/22/2025 3:00 PMPST

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

Director Swaminathan was recognized at 3:06 PM.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [12.11.2024 BOD Minutes + Roll Call.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

VI. Public Forum

N/A

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes)

Executive Director Allen provided updates on several topics. She acknowledged the hard work of the A.S. Board, management team, and advisors on various projects during the break. She announced the CDC's 25th Anniversary and shared details about a campaign to celebrate this milestone. Additionally, she encouraged participation in tomorrow's tabling event and reminded everyone that applications for vacant board positions are due next week.

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Vice President Mari Fuentes-Martin shared her excitement for the start of the semester and the Weeks of Welcome. She highlighted a recent event for all staff and faculty and expressed gratitude to Director Swaminathan for speaking at the event. She emphasized the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and promoting resources to support student success. Vice President Fuentes-Martin noted that it will be a busy semester, with interviews for vacant leadership positions and various transition issues to address, particularly those affecting undocumented and international students.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes)

N/A

X. Student Election Commission's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Chief Elections Officer Glerys Gonzalez provided updates on the Student Elections Commission (SEC). She announced that as of January 7th, the SEC committee has been fully formed, with Malvee Vasan serving as the Ethics Officer, Denise Guillen as the Events Officer, Smriti Jha as the Marketing Officer, and Ahtziri Guzman and Kelly Pham as Elections Consultants. The SEC will hold its meetings every Wednesday at 10 AM. On January 17th, the SEC conducted its training session, which covered an overview of A.S. as an organization, Bylaws and ERM, Board of Directors roles, SEC roles and responsibilities, ethics and grievance procedures, and Robert's Rules of Order. Gonzalez also shared that as of January 14th, the Elections Appeal Board's Student-at-Large members, Isabel Osorio and Serena Yep, were selected by Janely, the Leadership and Government Coordinator, in accordance with the Bylaws. Both accepted their memberships on the same day. Additionally, as of January 22nd at 9 AM, candidate applications officially went live, allowing students to apply as candidates. The Elections process is currently in phase one, which focuses on marketing the applications to attract student interest. Ethics and Orientation sessions are scheduled to take place in February.

XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Appoint A Director-at-Large to the Lobby Corps Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin)

The Board of Directors will appoint a Director at Large to the Lobby Corps Committee in the absence of Director Agustin for the Spring 2025 Semester. The Lobby Corps committee meets from 4:30 - 6:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Director Agustin informed the board that he would not be able to continue serving due to a class conflict.

Motion:

Director Agustin made a motion to table the item indefinitely.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve Resignation of Sidhant Sadawarti as the 2024-2025 A.S. Controller (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

As Former Controller Sadawarti resigned from the Board of Directors on Dec. 18th, per the A.S. Bylaws, a majority vote of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors is required to accept the resignation.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Resignation of Leonardo Plazola as the 2024-2025 A.S. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

As Former Director Plazola resigned from the Board of Directors on Jan 1st, per the A.S. Bylaws, a majority vote of the present and voting members of the Board of Directors is required to accept the resignation.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed

3. Action Item: Vote to Approve Adding Riya Dhami as an Authorized Bank Signer (Presenters: Jim Westbrook)

The Board must approve Riya Dhami as the new bank signer given the A.S. Bylaws elevates them to Controller when this position becomes vacant.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Sinha and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

Jim Westbrook reviewed the required signers for the Authorized Bank Signer and informed the board that Director Dhami needs to be added.

Motion:

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Re-Appoint A Director-at-Large to the Internal Affairs Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

As Former Controller Sadawarti was confirmed last board meeting to serve on the Internal Affairs Committee, due to his resignation, he will no longer be able to. Therefore, a reappointment is needed. The Internal Affairs committee meets from 4:30 - 6:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi.

Motion:

Director Gambarin motioned to table the item until the next meeting.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

5. Action Item: Vote to Remove Katelyn Gambarin from the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Director Gambarin will be unable to continue to serve on this committee this semester as there is a Senior Seminar class time conflict.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Director Gambarin explained the reason why she will no longer be able to sit on the committee.

Motion:

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, we need to temporarily fulfill their student senator position which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found. Academic Senate convenes once a month on Mondays from 2-5 PM in the Engineering building. The current BOD members that sit on Academic Senate are: President Lacson, VP Nwokolo, Director Gambarin, Director A. Joshi, Director Khehra, & Director Brown.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Brown.

Motion:

President Lacson motioned to table the item until the next meeting.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Budget Advisory Committee (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our previous Controller, we need to temporarily fulfill their position on this committee which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Director Agustin recommended tabling the item due to not knowing the meeting date and times.

Motion:

Director Agustin motioned to table the item until the next meeting.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

Motion:

President Lacson motioned to postpone Discussion Item #11 until the speaker arrives at the meeting.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Committee (ADAPC) of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our previous Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, we need to temporarily fulfill their position on this committee which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

President Lacson mentioned that the committee meeting date and times are TBD. She recommended tabling the item until the next meeting.

Motion:

President Lacson motioned to table the item until the next meeting.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

9. Action Item: Vote to Appoint (3) Directors at Large to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Katelyn Gambarin)

With the resignation of our previous Controller, Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, and Director Gambarin's removal, we need to temporarily fulfill their positions on this committee which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found. Campus Fee Advisory Committee is in charge of reviewing different campus fees and providing recommendations to the President. This committee meets once a month on the following days: 01/24 10-11am, 02/14 9:30-10:30am, 03/18 9-10am, 04/25 9-10am, 05/09 10-11am.

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi.

President Lacson discussed how these positions need to be filled until replacements are found.

Motion:

Appoint Director R. Joshi to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

Motion:

Appoint Director Sinha to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

Motion:

Appoint Chair Nwokolo to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi.

Director Gambarin voiced concern about Chair Nwokolo's number of responsibilities and recommended keeping the position vacant.

President Lacson and Director R. Joshi rescinded their votes on the matter.

Motion:

President Lacson tabled the appointment of the remaining position indefinitely.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

10. Action Item: Vote to Remove Student at Large Benjamin Cardenas Gonzalez From Campus Life Affairs (Presenters: Teairra Brown)

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Brown.

Director Brown explained that Student-at-Large Benjamin will be removed due to a class conflict.

Motion:

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

11. Discussion Item: How SJSU is Supporting Undocumented Students (Time Certain: 3:30 PM, 15 minutes) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, VPSA Mari Fuentes-Martin, Guests: Ana Navarrete (UndocuSpartan Resource Center), Dawn Lee (Interim Dean of Students))

With President Trump's inauguration this past Monday and his adamant threat of mass deportation, the city of San Jose, Santa Clara County, and SJSU administration and personnel have been stepping up to determine action plans to combat his plans and protect our undocumented students. Ana Navarrete from the UndocuSpartan Resource Center will be presenting on how undocumented students will be supported here and in the community and discuss how A.S. can further support them moving forward.

President Lacson discussed the ongoing issues since President Trump's inauguration, emphasizing the importance of the board being knowledgeable about available resources and how they can advocate for students. She then introduced Ana from the UndocuSpartan Resource Center and Dawn, the Interim Dean of Students. Ana presented a slideshow on students and immigration, covering existing laws and policies, implementations, and available resources.

Director R. Joshi thanked Ana and Dawn for their presentation and inquired if the slideshow could be made accessible to the board. Director A. Joshi asked about the accessibility of the resources to the community, and Ana explained the process required to provide access. Director Agustin thanked the speakers and shared what stood out to him, also asking if these resources are actively promoted to students.

President Lacson expressed gratitude and asked how the Board of Directors could assist with their efforts. Chair Nwokolo asked if the university has reached out to the County of Santa Clara and whether the university is collaborating with them. University Representative Fuentes-Martin responded that the President's Cabinet had met with city officials and is working on a series of emails targeted at students, faculty, and the school. She emphasized that a lot of internal decision-making is currently taking place and encouraged the board to ask for help when needed.

Director Swaminathan asked whether the university could mandate announcements in classrooms. Ana explained that it is important to spread correct information about resources rather than false information, such as rumors about ICE in the community.

12. Discussion Item: Supporting SJSU Students Affected by LA Fires (10 minutes) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With A.S.'s mission incorporating supporting all SJSU students and ensuring student success, President Lacson would like to hold a discussion on ways A.S. can support our students who may be affected by the LA fires.

President Lacson discussed ideas on how the board can support those affected by the LA fires. She explained the situation in LA and how the fires have been impacting people. She then yielded time to Dawn Lee to talk about the university's efforts to support those affected, such as emailing resources to impacted individuals.

President Lacson recommended organizing a donation drive during the first two weeks of school, collecting items like extra clothing and toiletries. Director Swaminathan shared examples of what other universities, such as UC Berkeley, have been doing, including the student store donating items. The board then held a discussion on the best course of action for their own efforts.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson discussed the recent news and emphasized that it should not discourage the board. Instead, she encouraged the board to view it as an opportunity to focus on how they can better support students. She reviewed the process for appointing the vacant board positions, provided an update on the Filipino Mural, and shared the goals she is currently working on.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-01.22.25.docx.pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Vice President Nwokolo discussed the work he has been doing with some of the board members, including President Lacson and Director Agustin.








 [01-22-25 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report.pdf](#)

C. Controller

No Report.

 [Jan 22, 2025 - Controller Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

- A. Director of Academic Affairs
No Report.
 [SKhehra-1 22 25-Board Report.docx \(1\).pdf](#)
- B. Director of Business Affairs
Vacant
- C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs
Director Swaminathan discussed her work on the AI Summit during the break and provided an update on what she has been doing for the event.
 [1 22 24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)
- D. Director of Communications
Director Agustin discussed his plans for upcoming social media posts and mentioned that he is exploring new strategies for social media engagement. He also talked about the board's involvement in tabling at Akbayan's Open House event.
 [G. Agustin Board Report - 1.22.25.pdf](#)
- E. Director of Intercultural Affairs
Director Sinha discussed the individuals she will be working closely with this semester.
 [1 22 25 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)
- F. Director of Internal Affairs
Director A. Joshi discussed the work she did on her board goals during the break.
 [Director of internal affairs Jan 22 board report.docx.pdf](#)
- G. Director of Legislative Affairs
Director Gambarin discussed her plans for the semester, including ways students can be civically engaged. She also talked about the immigration bill that has been passed and is awaiting the President's signature.
 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 01 22.docx.pdf](#)
- H. Director of Student Resources Affairs
Director Brown provided an update on Spartan Squad, mentioning that there were 40+ applicants and highlighting collaboration opportunities. She also discussed a collaboration with Spartan Eats and the recently updated SJSU calendar. Additionally, she shared how the MLK Luncheon on Monday went.
 [T. Brown Board Report 1.22.25.docx.pdf](#)
- I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities
Vacant
- J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Director R. Joshi discussed her focus for the semester, including an update on the Bay Pass Program.

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(01_22_2025\).docx.pdf](#)

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XVI. Announcements

Director Gambarin mentioned the two basketball games coming up this Saturday.
Chair Nwokolo wished everyone good luck on their first day of school tomorrow.
President Lacson discussed the tabling for tomorrow's event and encouraged everyone to participate.
She also mentioned the upcoming "Pizza with the President" event.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.



Chima Nwokolo
2025-01-25 16:02 UTC

2024-2025
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 01.22.2025
ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Sadawarti	A
Director Khehra	A
Director Dhami	A
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	X@3:06 PM
Director Sinha	X
Director Gambarin	X
Director Plazola	A
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	X
Director Brown	X
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Vicki Allen	X
Mari Fuentes-Martin	X
Sam Brown - Recording Secretary	X

Legends:

X – Present

A – Absent

Guests: Janely Pulido, Kingson Leung, Abby Escobar, Jim Westbrook, Ana Navarrete,
Dawn Lee