



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

April 9, 2025 – 4:00pm
Student Union North, Student Chambers
Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320>

MINUTES

Members Present: Angelica Agudo, Vilayat Del Rossi, Sophia Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Sukhpreet Kaur, Jessica Lu, Paz Oliverrez, Jocelyn Paz, Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Diego Rendon

Members Absent: Dr. Bibiana Diaz-Rodriguez, Carson Fajardo, Edgar Lopez, Isaias Mendoza-Placencia, Dr. John Reitzel

Staff Present: Jasmine Bustillos, Jared Fisk, Matthew Jenkins, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinally, Lorena Marquez, Sonia Martinez, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Mark Oswood, Mario Orellana, Jennifer Puccinelli, Katie Wallen

Guest: Lauryn Hogue, Breani Hopkins, Skye Jacobs, Aaliyah Wolf

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

Roll Call: A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes: There are no minutes to approve currently.

Reports:

Interim Executive Director Vilayat DelRossi provided updates on several key initiatives, including ongoing collaboration with UEC, completion of a food survey, and review of lease payments. Project Rebound has been approved and will move forward in partnership with the state, utilizing space in the South. Budget planning and the reserve accumulation policy are in progress, with a fund transfer to be addressed at the next board meeting. Planning has begun for Powwow, and partnerships with CSUSB continue to strengthen, highlighted by a successful Choose CSUSB Day. A new bowling class in collaboration with the kinesiology department will launch at Coyote Lanes in the fall. Additional updates included preparations for the Yotie

Awards, property scheduling, ongoing staff evaluations and searches, and a transition to new legal counsel from the same firm as the previous representative.

Open Forum: No public comments were made.

Adoption of Agenda: M/S Rendon/ Rangel-Canseco motion to adopt agenda.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 41/25 Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Amendment to the Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors Santos Manuel Student Union of California State University, San Bernardino to provide Section 20903 (Two Years Additional Service Credit) for local miscellaneous members (Action, Del Rossi and Puccinelli)

M/S Del Rossi/Rendon motion to open SMSU 41/25 Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Amendment to the Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors Santos Manuel Student Union of California State University, San Bernardino to provide Section 20903 (Two Years Additional Service Credit) for local miscellaneous members.

Mr. Del Rossi introduced the item, explaining that the committee had previously voted on the intent to revise their contracts. This meeting was to officially adopt an amendment to those contracts. Jenny Puccinelli briefly reiterated that the previous meeting covered the details of the "golden handshake" and that this current action is just a formal step required by CalPERS law — adopting the amendment. At a future meeting, they plan to present a cost analysis of what it would take to offer the golden handshake option. That's when the board can decide whether to move forward with an offer. After no further discussion the board proceeded with a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 7 In-Favor 1 Abstention 0 Opposed
Motion passed.

SMSU 42/25 Review and Approval of 1st Reading of the SMSU/RecWell 25-26FY Budget (Action, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)

M/S Garcia/Rendon motion to open SMSU 42/25 Review and Approval of 1st Reading of the SMSU/RecWell 25-26FY Budget.

The Financing Contracts Committee reviewed and found no concerns with the proposed budgets for SMSU and RecWell. Key changes include modest increases in salaries, utilities, and

insurance, with a significant rise in benefits due to a \$595,000 set-aside for the potential "golden handshake" retirement program. Overall revenue is projected to increase by 12%, and an \$8.8 million drawdown from student fees is planned. The RecWell budget saw a decrease in staffing expenses but increases in benefits and operating costs, particularly utilities and reserves. Overall, revenues slightly improved, and the board emphasized that this was a first reading, with further review and questions encouraged over the next two weeks.

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

SMSU 43/25 NASPA Program Review Collaborative Proposal for External Review, Not to exceed \$20,000, 80/20 split between SMSU/RecWell; SMSU – 660876- RO001-S6100, RecWell – 660876-RO001-S7100 (Action, Del Rossi)

M/S Del Rossi/Rendon motion to open SMSU 43/25 NASPA Program Review Collaborative Proposal for External Review, Not to exceed \$20,000, 80/20 split between SMSU/RecWell; SMSU – 660876- RO001-S6100, RecWell – 660876-RO001-S7100.

Mr. Del Rossi presented a proposal to initiate an external program review in collaboration with NASPA and the PRC. The review is designed to support leadership transitions, align with strategic planning goals, enhance organizational effectiveness, and address upcoming budget challenges. Dr. Paz Olivérez emphasized that the process will be inclusive, inviting input from board members, staff, and student workers, and noted that the resulting recommendations will be non-binding, intended to inform decision-making rather than mandate changes. The review will provide valuable insights for incoming leadership and help guide the organization's direction over the next 5–10 years. The board was asked to share historical context and decision rationale to support the assessment team. After no further discussion the board moved toward a vote.

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

SMSU 44/25 Summer 2025 Orientation Costs (Discussion, Del Rossi)

M/S Del Rossi/Rendon motion to open SMSU 44/25 Summer 2025 Orientation Costs.

The board revisited the topic of summer orientation costs, reflecting on last year's return to a two-day overnight format, which significantly increased expenses. While the board waived all related fees in 2023 to support student engagement and enrollment, this year the campus has agreed to cover facility costs, showing stronger collaboration. Full cost details are still pending, so the discussion was kept as a discussion for now. Board members expressed interest in hearing directly from orientation staff or student leaders to better understand the program's impact. Dr.

Paz Olivérez noted that orientations will take place in June and July, with student fees helping to cover overnight costs. She also emphasized plans to collect more feedback and follow-up data to assess student outcomes and the overall effectiveness of the orientation experience.

M/S Hernandez/Rendon motion to extend the meeting to 5:10 pm.

Motion passed.

The board continued their discussion which included the use of campus facilities, scheduling, and the overall cost of the program. Board members emphasized the importance of the two-day orientation format, noting that it provides a more immersive experience that helps students feel more connected to the campus, especially those coming from outside the area. There was general agreement on the value of orientation in improving student engagement and possibly boosting enrollment and housing interest. The board acknowledged that while the program is resource-intensive, efforts are being made to monitor its effectiveness and gather student feedback. Facility costs are expected to be slightly higher than last year, and a decision on whether to waive certain fees will be made at a future meeting. Additional input from orientation leaders may also be included to help inform the board's final decision.

Announcements

- *No announcements were made.*

M/S Agudo/Kaur motion to adjourn meeting at 5:11pm.

Motion passed.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by

Jose Hernandez, Secretary

Date