



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

March 25, 2026 – 2:00pm
Student Union North, Student Chambers
Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320>

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Anjali, Vilayat Del Rossi, Sophia Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Sukhpreet Kaur, Jessica Lu, Jocelyn Paz, Diego Rendon, Kimberly Rosas, Robinpreet Waraich
- Members Absent:** Edgar Lopez, Dr. Matthew Smith
- Staff:** Monica Baeza, Jasmine Bustillos, Josie Delgado, Jared Fisk, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinnally, Joel Morales, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Mario Orellana, Jennifer Puccinelli, Mike Rister, Anthony Roberson, Katie Wallen
- Guest:** Sesar Morfin, Samuel Sudhakar
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call for members was conducted. Quorum was met.
- Approval of Minutes:** M/S Waraich/Rendon motion to approve SMSU Board of Directors meeting minutes from February 18th, 2026.
Motion passed.
- Open Forum:** No public comments.
- Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Del Rossi/Waraich motion to amend item SMSU 51/26 to read Review and 1st Reading of the Santos Manuel Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center 26-27 Fiscal Year Budget (Discussion, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)
Motion passed.
- M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to amend item SMSU 53/26 to read Reimagining Our Walls – New Ideas for Art and Engagement

Proposal, Fiscal Impact: Up to \$10,000, Chartfield: 660876-RO001-S6110 (Action, Finance and Contracts, Garcia)
Motion passed.

M/S Paz/Anjali motion to adopt agenda as amended.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SMSU 50/26 Special Fund Loan Amendment Proposal (Action, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)

M/S Rosas/Waraich motion to open SMSU 50/26 Special Fund Loan Amendment Proposal.

Executive Director Vilayat Del Rossi presented a proposal to amend the existing \$3 million special fund loan issued to Housing Operations in January 2025, originally structured as a 0% interest loan with a 14-year term and repayment beginning in 2028. The amendment brings the loan into compliance with CSU policy by converting it to a market-based interest-bearing loan, shortening the repayment term to 10 years, and accelerating repayment to begin in 2025, thereby improving SMSU's cash flow, reducing long-term financial exposure, and strengthening governance and oversight. Del Rossi emphasized that the amendment incorporates recommendations from the organization's external review and aligns with the newly adopted loan policy, which was developed in consultation with legal counsel. Discussion clarified repayment timelines, delinquency procedures, and associated risks. The board also discussed broader internal control improvements implemented since the original loan, including policy development and strengthened governance processes. With no further discussion, the board proceeded to a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 8 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

SMSU 51/26 Review and 1st Reading of the Santos Manuel Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center 26-27 Fiscal Year Budget (Discussion, Finance and Contracts Committee, Garcia)

M/S Paz/Anjali motion to open SMSU 51/26 Review and 1st Reading of the Santos Manuel Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center 26-27 Fiscal Year Budget.

Executive Director Vilayat Del Rossi and the Finance & Contracts Committee presented the first reading of the 2026–27 SMSU and RecWell budget, noting that this year's format was significantly redesigned to provide the board with a clearer top-down view of revenues, expenses, reserves, and long-term sustainability. The proposed budget reflects an overall 1%

decrease from the prior year, with discussion highlighting student fee revenue, increased fee waivers, bond debt obligations, non-fee revenue sources, and the organization's total usable operating budget. Board members asked questions about fee waivers, HEPI-based fee adjustments, reserves use, bowling costs, staffing levels, and overtime. Staff explained that personnel costs represent a large portion of the budget because staffing supports program delivery and facility operations, while also emphasizing the need to balance staffing growth with long-term financial sustainability. Additional discussion focused on strategic planning, potential future staffing needs such as esports support, the possible inclusion of state-side reserves in future budget presentations, and opportunities to rebalance reserve drawdown.

SMSU 52/26 Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative, Project Proposal by Sean Kinnally, Fiscal Impact Not to Exceed: \$200,000 Chartfield: 303808-RO001-S7100 (Action, Recreation and Wellness Committee, Sanchez)

M/S Paz/Rendon motion to open SMSU 52/26 Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative, Project Proposal by Sean Kinnally, Fiscal Impact Not to Exceed: \$200,000 Chartfield: 303808-RO001-S7100

Sean Kinnally presented a proposal to support improvements to the outdoor recreation space on the east side of the Rec Center, including fencing, multi-use courts, lighting, emergency access, and related site upgrades. He explained that the immediate request was to secure preliminary funding so staff could work with campus facilities and planning to develop designs, costs, and a formal MOU, which would later return to the board for final approval before any construction or release of funds. Discussion centered on ASI's initial hesitation to approve its share due to concerns about facilities transparency, project oversight, maintenance responsibilities, and completion timelines, with members emphasizing the importance of detailed planning, accountability, and student benefit. Staff clarified that campus facilities would not directly receive or control the funds; rather, Recreation and Wellness would manage the project, with facilities assisting in planning and approvals. A motion was presented to the board to amend the action item to clarify that SMSU's contribution would be up to \$100,000, contingent upon a matching \$100,000 from ASI, rather than implying SMSU would fund the full \$200,000 project.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz; motion to amend item SMSU 52/26 to read as follows: SMSU 52/26 Wellness Outdoor Facility Improvement Initiative, Project Proposal by Sean Kinnally, Fiscal Impact Not to Exceed \$100,000 from SMSU funds Chartfield: 303808-RO001-S7100 Contingent Upon ASI Matching Contributions of \$100,000.

Roll Call Vote: 8 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention
Motion passed.

M/S Del Rossi/Paz motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
Motion passed.

SMSU 53/26

Reimagining Our Walls – New Ideas for Art and Engagement Proposal, Fiscal Impact: Up to \$10,000, Chartfield: 660876-RO001-S6110 (Action, Finance and Contracts, Garcia)

M/S Paz/Anjali motion to open SMSU 53/26 Reimagining Our Walls – New Ideas for Art and Engagement Proposal, Fiscal Impact: Up to \$10,000, Chartfield: 660876-RO001-S6110.

The board reviewed a proposal to install new wall graphics in highly visible areas of SMSU South and SMSU North as an initial investment in refreshing student spaces and enhancing storytelling and school pride within the union. Jared Fisk presented two location concepts and multiple vendor options, including wallpaper and vinyl, with differences in durability, permanence, and cost. Discussion focused on the visibility of the spaces, the desire to create welcoming photo opportunities for students during orientation and events, and the broader goal of representing student identity while future values, vision, and mission language is still being developed. Board members expressed a preference for a more permanent option and ultimately agreed to move forward with the wallpaper and 8-foot lettering from Pennington. With no further discussion, the board proceeded to a roll call vote.

M/S Paz/Kaur motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.

Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 - In-Favor 0 - Opposed 1 - Abstention

Motion passed.

SMSU 54/26

Student Recreation & Wellness Center (SRWC) TRX Storage Bay by Opti-Fit, Fiscal Impact Not to Exceed: \$15, 156.27, Chartfield: 660876-RO001-S7140 (Action, Recreation and Wellness Committee, Sanchez)
Tabled due to loss of quorum.

Announcements

- Evergreen event takes place tomorrow from 6:00 – 9:00pm at the Palm Desert Campus. Board members are invited to attend.
- Legacy Event, a special event honoring President Morales will be held on April 18 at 5:00pm; Board members can attend using reserved seats.
- Student Art Selection Committee - two additional board members are needed to help select student artwork and plan its unveiling; participants will attend a gallery preview and choose pieces within a set budget.
- SMSU may collaborate with RAFMA to help promote student art submissions; interested parties were encouraged to connect with Jared for coordination.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by

Anjali, Secretary

Date