



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

February 5, 2025 – 4:00pm  
Student Union North, Student Chambers  
Zoom: <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/85875529320>

**MINUTES**

- Members Present:** Angelica Agudo, Dr. Bibiana Diaz-Rodriguez, Carson Fajardo, Jesse Felix, Sophia Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Sukhpreet Kaur, Edgar Lopez, Jessica Lu, Jocelyn Paz, Cintiantl Rangel-Canseco, Diego Rendon
- Members Absent:** Isaias Mendoza-Placencia, Paz Oliverez, Dr. John Reitzel
- Staff:** Monica Baeza, Jasmine Bustillos, Vilayat DelRossi, Jared Fisk, Tamara Holder, Elizabeth Junker, Sean Kinally, Lorena Marquez, Sonia Martinez, Maria Elena Najera-Neri, Mario Orellana, Jennifer Puccinelli, Anthony Roberson
- Guest:** None.
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.
- Roll Call:** A verbal roll call for members was conducted.
- Approval of Minutes:** M/S Fajardo/Hernandez motion to approve SMSU Board of Directors meeting minutes from January 22, 2025.  
*Motion passed.*
- Reports:** Executive Director Felix presented an update on the ongoing efforts to revamp SMSU South, highlighting the need for heavy-duty painting, fixture upgrades like motion-sensor lighting, and better branding to improve school spirit. He mentioned plans to update old furniture, introduce alumni recognition, and enhance the theater lights. Felix also touched on the board's efforts to prepare a VETI Grant proposal, including esports initiatives, refrigerated

lockers, free scantron vending machines, and creating a student tech lab for hands-on projects.

**Open Forum:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** M/S Felix/Rendon motion to strike SMSU 32/25 Introductory Meeting with Dr. Rafik Mohamed, Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs.  
*Motion passed.*

M/S Felix/Fajardo motion to strike SMSU 31/25 Approval of 23-24 SMSU Audited Financial Statement. CLA Presenter: Chris Suda.  
*Motion passed.*

M/S Felix/ Rangel-Canseco motion to adopt agenda as amended.  
*Motion passed.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SMSU 27/25 Elect [student representative] to fill the SMSU BOD Controller Executive Board Position. Term Length: February 5, 2025 – May 7, 2025. (Action, Felix)**

M/S Felix/Hernandez motion to open SMSU 27/25 Elect [student representative] to fill the SMSU BOD Controller Executive Board Position. Term Length: February 5, 2025 - May 7, 2025.

Madam Chair Paz passed the gavel to Executive Director Felix at 4:30pm.

A discussion was held on whether to table the election of the Controller position due to the absence of candidate Isaias, who had a scheduling conflict. A motion was made and seconded to table the item until Isaias could present himself at a future meeting. Concerns were raised about the urgency of filling the position per bylaws, given the academic year's approaching end. It was noted that Isaias had confirmed his willingness to accept the position if nominated in his absence. Board members also inquired if other candidates were interested and if nominations could be made for individuals not present. The Chair clarified the motion: a "yes" vote would postpone the election, while a "no" vote would allow it to proceed immediately. A roll-call vote was initiated to determine whether to table the item.

M/S Paz/Rendon motion to table SMSU 27/25 Elect [student representative] to fill the SMSU BOD Controller Executive Board Position. Term Length: February 5, 2025 - May 7, 2025.

**Roll Call Vote:**      1 In-Favor                      4 Abstention                      6 Opposed  
*Motion failed.*

The board proceeded with the election of a student representative, with Sophia Garcia and Isaias Mendoza-Placencia nominated for the position. Sophia Garcia presented a statement outlining her qualifications and interest in the role, while board members provided endorsements highlighting the strengths of each candidate. With no further endorsements, the board moved toward a vote to appoint the new student representative.

M/S Agudo/Hernandez motion to amend SMSU 27/25 to read **Permission to Elect Sophia Garcia to fill the SMSU Board Controller Executive Board Position. Term Length: February 5, 2025 – May 7, 2025”**.

*Motion passed.*

M/S Agudo/Hernandez motion to approve SMSU 27/25 as amended.

*Motion passed.*

*Executive Director Felix passed the gavel back to Chair Paz at 4:52pm.*

**SMSU 28/25                    Appointment of board members to BOD Committees. Sophia Garcia to join [BOD Committee] and Sukhpreet Kaur to join [BOD Committee]. (Action, Felix)**

M/S Felix/Fajardo motion to open Appointment of board members to BOD Committees. Sophia Garcia to join [BOD Committee] and Sukhpreet Kaur to join [BOD Committee].

M/S Felix/Hernandez motion to amend SMSU 28/25 to read Appointment of Board Members to Board Committee, Sophia Garcia to join the Strategic Planning Committee and the Facilities and Sustainability Committee, and Sukhpreet Kaur to join the RecWell Committee.

*Motion passed.*

**SMSU 29/25                    Approval of Publicly Available Pay Schedule (Action, Puccinelli)**

M/S Felix/Fajardo motion to open SMSU 29/25 Approval of Publicly Available Pay Schedule.

The Board reviewed an updated publicly available pay schedule, correcting formatting inconsistencies in how wages were presented. The revised document now aligns hourly and annual wages more clearly. It was noted that the pay ranges are determined based on data collected from auxiliaries across the CSU system. The updated schedule applies to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. With no further discussion, the item proceeded to a vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**            9 In-Favor                    1 Abstention                    0 Opposed

*Motion passed.*

M/S Hernandez/Lopez motion to extend meeting to 5:05pm.

*Motion passed.*

**SMSU 30/25**

**Approval of Project Rebound Site Proposal [Contingent upon approval on 1/30/25 Facilities & Sustainability Committee Meeting] (Action, Facilities and Sustainability Committee, Roberson)**

M/S Felix/Rendon motion to open SMSU 30/25 Approval of Project Rebound Site Proposal [Contingent upon approval on 1/30/25 Facilities & Sustainability Committee Meeting].

M/S Agudo/Hernandez motion to table SMSU 30/25 Approval of Project Rebound Site Proposal [Contingent upon approval on 1/30/25 Facilities & Sustainability Committee Meeting].

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

*Motion passed.*

The board discussed reallocating space from a commuter lounge for Project Rebound, contingent on a lease agreement. While the Facilities & Sustainability Committee approved the space, the Finance and Contracts Committee had not yet reviewed and approved the lease. Discussions and concerns were raised about approving one without the other and whether to amend the motion to make the space approval contingent on the lease or wait to vote on both items simultaneously. The board moved toward a vote to table the item.

**Roll Call Vote:**      4 In-Favor                      3 Abstention                      2 Opposed

*Motion passed.*

**Announcements**

- Executive Director Felix reminded board members to spread the word to add or drop classes before deadlines and emphasized the importance of census date. He expressed pride in the board for engaging in thoughtful discussions and split votes, which reflect diverse perspectives and respect for different opinions.
- Secretary Hernandez highlighted an upcoming event, Electric Hearts, organized by the Program Board on Thursday night, encouraging colleagues to attend.

M/S Hernandez/Felix motion to adjourn meeting at 5:17pm.

Respectfully reviewed & submitted by:

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Jose Hernandez, Secretary

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Date