



OTTER STUDENT UNION AT CSU MONTEREY BAY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 2, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

OSU Room 310 & via Zoom

<https://csumb.zoom.us/j/88166214067>

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dylan Masters motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **6:02 PM**.

II. ROLL CALL:

Board Directors

- a. Andres Mena, Chair, Present
- b. Sean Meeks, Vice Chair, Absent
- c. Dylan Master, Treasurer, Present
- d. Anisha Jadhav, Secretary, Present
- e. David Ledesma, Student, Absent
- f. Kassandra Fimbres, Student, Present
- g. Nawied Amin, Student, Present
- H. Dylan Woodbridge, Student, Present
- i. Patterson Emesibe, Alumni , Present
- j. Vacant, Faculty, Present
- k. Chris Illig, Community, Present
- l. Jeff Rensel, OSU Director, Present
- m. John Fraire, PhD, Interim VPSA, Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2.2.23:

Andres Mena asks for approval for agenda items.

Nawied Amin motions to approve.

Everybody approved the motion.

The motion passes **6:03PM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

[\(https://csumb.edu/osu/board-directors/agendas-minutes/\)](https://csumb.edu/osu/board-directors/agendas-minutes/)

Nawied Amin seconds the motion.

The motion passes at **6:04pm**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Activity/Retreat for Board: (Discussion about sharing google form about availability of Tree plantation event)

- a. Andreas asked everyone to review the email sent regarding the availability of the Tree plantation event.
- b. Confirmation email will be sent to everyone once it is confirmed.

2. Guest speaker:

a. Inclusive Sustainability Plan (President's Sustainability Committee):

- i. Andreas introduced the President of the Sustainability Committee.
- ii. Jeff shared the screen and presented the presentation for the Inclusive Sustainability Plan, which included independent and collective action, recognizing the natural environment, and the deeply rooted intersection between environments.
- iii. Joanna shared key bullet points, which included improving mental health, building community, saving money, stewardship of natural resources, supporting recruitment and retention.
- iv. The Inclusive Sustainability Plan connected to every area of campus life, culture, and operations, including waste, energy, habitat, water, co-curricular learning, procurement, transportation, food, resiliency, communication and engagement, built environment, and curriculum.
- v. The three core goals of the plan were reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, planting 2030 trees, and diverting 90% of waste from landfill.
- vi. Jeff discussed the **green box program** and excess food sorting, and mentioned "Green office certification" and "Sustainable events blueprint" programs to support everyone's efforts.
- vii. Jeff mentioned about the green box (worth \$10) offered by the Dining Commons which is a good initiative towards sustainability. That green box can be purchased from any Dining locations on campus.

- viii. Jeff mentioned that Dining Commons has a committee where there was discussion about Sustainability. He encouraged the BOD members whoever wants to take initiative.

There were some discussions that took place between the present members about their views about the inclusive sustainability plan.

The three core goals included:

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2030
2. Plant 2030 trees
3. Divert 90% of waste from landfill.

The core goal 1: ENERGY

The campus will be doing lighting retrofits, electrify operations)reduce natural gas consumption)

The things that can be done by you includes:

- Vampire loads: unplug items from the wall when not in use
- Commute options: explore your cost-saving options to bike, bus, carpool

The next core goal 2: TREES

The campus will be mapping all planting locations and trees planted
Establishing funding sources to continue habitat care

The things that can be done by you:

- join them at planting event, spend time in nature like go for walking, resting under the trees and slowing down,
- Also planting native flowers and plants in your garden.

The next core goal 3: WASTE

The campus will be doing expanding compost collection on main campus
2 days for a pop-up reuse store

The things that can be done by you includes:

- Bring your own mug/utensils/water bottle
- Know where it goes....take time to sort properly
- Make your event zero waste]

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ix. Anisha asked a query regarding the Core goal 1- energy about the lighting retrofits, that would the lighting would be increased or the focus would be increasing the lighting lamps towards energy efficiency. To which Jeff replied that they are looking at lots of old buildings and using the same lighting, making them energy efficient.

x. Andres moved on to the next item

3. OSU Celebration - May 10th, 5-7pm

Jeff discussed the upcoming OSU Celebration and provided details about the event.

4. Suggestion Box Review (Kassandra/Executive Board):

- Kassandra discussed the suggestions received, which included study rooms, library, student network, seastore, Starbucks, operations students, and dining suggestions.
- Andreas appreciated the suggestions and mentioned that some of those suggestions have already been started working on.

- Jeff mentioned the availability of TV, 80 inches in the game room, and cable connections will be added.
- Jeff mentioned that he can work with Diana, utilize the spaces which are not used or not booked, if there are overbookings for that day. He suggested utilizing the empty spaces in cases of overbooking.
- The study rooms are only used for study purposes only.
- Jeff mentioned creating a cool space and partnering with a company to plan student engagement activities. In the process of it, there will be future updates on marketing as well.

5. International student welcome (Jeff/ Executive Board):

Jeff talked with Brian Childs and Mahshid about conducting a separate meeting regarding the International student welcome program.

6. OSU Board Recruitment:

Board recruitment will be done for the next year, and Andreas and Dylan will be part of the selection committee for the recruitment board members.

7. Committee Updates:

a. Art Committee:

Dylan said that there are few updates, but due to time constraints, it can be discussed later.

b. **Budget Committee:**

No discussion

c. **Policy and Procedure Committee:**

No discussion

Chris mentioned that to update his presentee in the last meeting. (He was marked absent, but to mark him present).

#IMP NOTE:

During the meeting, we briefly discussed the committee updates. However, due to time constraints, we were unable to cover these updates in detail. Therefore, we will be sending out emails to everyone with a comprehensive report of the remaining updates.

VI. OSU UPDATES:

Jeff Rensel, Otter Student Union Director

● **Dining Services Committee**

The OSU Board is invited to join the Dining Services Committee Meeting at the Otter Express. We encourage all students, staff, & faculty to attend. We need your feedback and suggestions to improve our Food Services. We appreciate your contribution!

March 23rd, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Otter Express

April 20th, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Otter Express

● **OSU Board of Directors Recruitment 2023-2024**

The Otter Student Union (OSU) Board of Directors is currently seeking CSUMB students to join the board for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The OSU Board of Directors consists of a collection of CSUMB students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community with the purpose to manage the business and affairs of the OSU and operate solely for the benefit of California State University, Monterey Bay.

The Board of Directors serves to improve the student experience at CSUMB and within the Otter Student Union. By facilitating communication, aligning resources, relaying the student voice, and offering programs, the board works to create a welcoming environment for the CSUMB community. The OSU Board of Directors conducts regular review and approval of OSU policies, approves the annual

budget, and works to ensure the OSU is best serving the student population and its needs.

The OSU Board has two different positions available for the upcoming year, including Student Director positions or one of four Student Executive Board positions.

If interested in applying for a position on the OSU Board please visit the [Otter Student Union Board of Directors - Student Director and Executive Board Application](#). Applications are open until 5pm, Monday, April 3rd, 2023.

If you would like to speak with a current OSU Board of Directors student member, please feel free to reach out directly using our current OSU Board member list located on the [OSU Board website](#).

For any additional information or questions about the OSU Board of Directors, please contact Jeff Rensel at jrensel@csumb.edu.

VII. OC3 UPDATES:

Rudy Medina, PhD, Otter Cross Cultural Center Director

- All Black Gala – Completed
- Ignite! Social Justice Retreat (. 3/3-3/5)
- Ethnic and Gender Studies Meet and Greet (3/1)
- Safe Zone Staff and Faculty Training Part 1 (3/10)
- Art as Resistance (3/14)
- Social Justice Dialogue #2 – Microaggressions (3/16)
- WOW Fest: World of Women Festival (3/17)
- How to Destress (3/21)
- Feminism & Money with Rita Zhang – partnership (3/22)
- Social Justice Dialogue #3 – Water Justice Series – partnership (3/23)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- i. No announcement.

IX. ADJOURN:

Nawied Amin motions to adjourn the meeting.
Andres Mena approved the motion.
Meeting adjourned at **7:13pm**.

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- Email Secretary at secretary@otterstudentunion.org
- Include in the subject line "OSU Agenda Item"
- Provide title for the agenda item
- Provide a brief description of the agenda item
- Provide the name of the individual who will present the agenda item or a designated appointee
- If applicable, provide an attached written proposal for the item

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