



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

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:30 PM - 9:45 PM

OSU Room 310 & Zoom: <https://csumb.zoom.us/j/85342338109>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Philip Gianino motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **8:30 AM**.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Directors:

- a. Philip Gianino, Chair - Present
- b. Milo Drake, Vice Chair - Present @ 8:35 am
- c. Adan Olague, Treasurer - Present @ 8:37 am
- d. Savanah Browder, Secretary - Present
- e. Blanca Herrera, Student Director - Present
- f. Jasmyn Meyer, Student Director - Absent
- g. Arshpreet Kaur (AK), Student Director - Present, departed @ 9:31 am
- h. David Santizo, Student Director - Present
- i. Flavio Cuevas, Student Director - Absent
- j. Babita Gupta, Faculty Representative - Absent, designee assigned
- k. Arlene Haffa, Faculty Representative (Designee) - Present
- l. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative - Present
- m. Jenny McAdams, Community Representative - Present @ 8:50 am
- n. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Present
- o. Ben Corpus, VP EMSA (appointed) - Absent
- p. Reuban Rodriguez, AVP/Dean (EMSA Designee) - Present

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

<https://csumb.edu/osu/board-of-directors/agendas-minutes/>

Philip asks for approval of the meeting minutes for 3.06.26.

Philip motions to approve.

Jeff seconds the motion.

The motion passes 8-1-0 at **8:33AM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 4.10.26

Philip Gianino asks for approval for agenda items.

Jeff motions to approve.

Philip seconds the motion.

The motion passes 9-0-0 at **8:34AM**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

8:35 AM

Savanah Browder Presents

A. Monthly Meeting/Agenda

- a. Overview of today's meeting and what we will be discussing.

8:35AM

Philip Gianino Presents

- ##### **B. Public Forum** (At this time members of the public may approach the OSU Board about items not already listed on this agenda. Public comment is an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the OSU Board on any item, affecting the OSU or the campus community.)

- a. None

8:35 AM

Philip/Jeff Presents

C. Guest Speaker: Amy Zamara, OtterCare

- a. Amy Zamara reviewed various offerings from OtterCare and how students can utilize services.
- b. Offer incentives such as meal vouchers, \$6,000 worth of food vouchers, \$65,000 of emergency grants, extending basic needs hours, etc.
- c. From August to March there's an average of 41,000 visits to the Basic Needs hub
- d. Fuel Up The Otters Event - Brunch, Yoga, and attending the Basketball game with prizes.
- e. Fueling Commuter Student Success - Supporting commuters with emergency grants for gas, parking passes, and evaluating through surveys
- f. Working on a Lyft voucher Program.
- g. Hub Boxes- Include enough food for the week depending on their needs and family size

- h. The Wellness Raft- Ottercare baskets, MSW intern team, Parenting otters support, etc.
- i. Tabling at events such as orientations and admitted student days to extend outreach to new students.

9:00AM

D. OSU Suggestion Box - *The suggestion box is a small box at the front desk of the OSU (and virtually) where students can submit suggestions to be taken into consideration by our board.*

- a. Complaints of Yellow Water in Restrooms- Facilities contacted to fix the issue and there were no safety concerns.

9:01AM

E. Committees of the Board

- a. Audit Committee (Carisse Ballard)
 - i. Audit Firm RFP/Selection
 - 1. Following the completion of a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process for audit services, staff conducted a comprehensive evaluation of all proposals received.
 - 2. Two firms were selected as finalists and invited to present to the Audit Committee.
 - 3. The Audit Committee recommends awarding the audit services contract to Windes Audit, Tax, and Advisory Services.
 - ii. Philip motions to approve the selection of the Audit firm ‘Windes’ Adan seconds the motions
Motion passes **12-0-0** at **9:11AM**
- b. Budget Committee (Jeff Rensel/Adan Olague)
 - i. OSU FY25/26 Budget Midyear Review
 - ii. Meeting occurred with the committee on March 24th, 2026.
 - 1. Attended by Adan Olague, Jeff Rensel, Reuban Rodriguez, Melissa Jarnagin, Clark Bone, and Shauna Lyons
 - iii. Agenda and financial statement:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x4NHucDbIsuVqbACAS3Zn-7Sh01N3QIr/edit>
- c. Art Committee (Milo Drake)
 - i. “The Egg” student art exhibit has been installed on the OSU 3rd floor.

1. CSUMB News recently posted an article on Egg Art project:
<https://csumb.edu/news/news-listing/2026/q1/roving-egg-is-art-majors-latest-project/>
- ii. Wire art frames are installed in the 1st floor stairwell - committee is working on marketing and promotion and student applications.
- iii. Planning a mural for Fall semester with local artists.
- d. OSU Board Selection Committee (Jeff Rensel, Flavio Cuevas, Philip Gianino, Carisse Ballard)
 - i. OSU Board Applications have been received but the deadline has been extended.
 - ii. The selection committee is planning to meet next week with updates and doing outreach to applicants.
- e. Health & Wellness Committee (David/Flavio)
 - i. The Find Your Happy LEGO experience is scheduled for April 15 - 3pm & 5pm in the Rookery/Game Room.

9:22AM

Philip Gianino Presents

F. New Business

- a. OSU Satisfaction Survey Results (Diana)
 - i. Diana Ballesteros presented data and information from this year's OSU Satisfaction survey conducted in the month of March 2026.
 - ii. Responses had 153% increase from 2025, 195 to 494 submissions
 - iii. Majority responses from students were juniors, the rest of the responses were staff, faculty and alumni.
 - iv. 82% were satisfied with OSU hours of operations, 1% higher from last year.
 - v. Top 5 things that bring patrons to OSU:
 1. Eat
 2. Study
 3. Relax
 4. Socialize
 5. Attend an event
 - vi. 84%-88% agree or strongly agree with the following statements:
 1. I was treated in a respectful and professional manner
 2. I was treated in a timely and efficient manner
 3. My needs were met
 - vii. 88%-93% agree or strongly agree with the following statements:

1. I found the building to be inviting
2. I found the building to be comfortable
3. I found the building to be functional
- viii. 86% were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall cleanliness of the OSU
 1. Similar numbers from last year
- ix. Game Room
 1. 65% of respondents have used the Game Room
 2. 75% were satisfied or very satisfied with the Game Room hours of operation (slightly lower than last year)
 3. 83% agree or strongly agree with the following statement:
 4. The game room provides a variety of gaming options
 5. 84% agree or strongly agree with the following statement:
 6. The game room equipment is clean and in good condition
- x. Top 3 programs patrons would like to see in the OSU:
 1. Arts & Crafts (61%)
 2. Movies (55%)
 3. Music Programs (37%)
- xi. Feedback and Suggestions
 1. "More seating"
 2. "I would really like to see more spaces for advertisement"
 3. "Put a time limit on the Pump it up Machine. The person who helped fund it uses the machine for 5 hours non-stop and won't let anyone else play it"
 4. "Best staff and service"
 5. "Nothing else can be said, it has pretty good requirements students need"
 6. Less feedback/comments from last year.

9:32AM

Philip Gianino Presents

G. Old Business

- a. OSU Board/Wonderfil Tabling April 20th-23rd for EarthFest
 - i. Tabling for Earthfest and Wonderfil will be occurring, be sure to sign up if you can
 - ii. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_i1C11gnAAAtE2WXrJvX81h0pLYqnf2CE_aafFBcLbAk/edit?gid=0#gid=0
- b. OSU Drinking Fountains (Jeff)
 - i. Recommendations to replace existing drinking fountains with new units.

- ii. Implementing new systems in the summer 2026.
- c. OSU Mural Art
 - i. Need to determine location for Spray Away Stress mural, board consensus is that OSU Staff decide where it goes.
- d. Seat Cushions (Jeff)
 - i. Seat cushions have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible.

9:38AM

Milo Drake & AK Present

H. Associated Students Liaison/Updates

- a. AS positions have been selected for the upcoming year.

9:39AM

VI. OSU Updates

Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU, Presents

- A. **Student Assistant Appreciation Week** is April 13 - 17, the Otter Student Union and Otter Cross Cultural Center will be recognizing student assistants all week by providing various treats throughout the week in the OSU Office. Additionally, the campus will be celebrating student assistants at Otter Thursday on April 16th.
- B. A **Programming Advisory Committee** has been formed to help define the functional requirements and operational goals of the **Black Box Cabaret (BBC)** venue. The committee will gather insights that will directly shape the strategy, scope, and design of the upcoming renovations. The OSU and Campus Planning department will be hiring an architect to assist with this collaborative design process.
- C. **Exterior painting** of the Otter Student Union will occur starting Thursday, May 14th through Friday, June 12th and will now include the exterior trellis/columns. Facilities Management will be taking the lead on this painting project.

9:41AM

VII. OC3 Updates

Victoria Gomez, Coordinator-OC3, Presents

- A. Upcoming Events
 - a. Caring For Your Community
 - b. Junk Jam: A Three Part Deconstruction Journaling Series
 - c. Undocu Success Conference
 - d. LGBTQ+ Community Mixer
 - e. Cultural Fashion Show

- B. OC3 Intern Events:
 - a. Braiding Workshop with Vendors
 - b. Gay is Not Queer
 - c. Origins of Restorative Justice & True California History
 - d. You're Invited to the Carne Asada
- C. Affinity Ceremonies begin early next month
 - a. Registration closed on Wednesday Night
 - b. Starting to send out ticketing information
 - c. Finalizing program and agendas

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The **Student Leader Spring Celebration** is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 28th from 11:30am - 1:30pm** on the OSU Inter-Garrison Plaza. OSU Board members are invited to attend to enjoy a picnic lunch, enjoy some fun games/activities, and pick up some exclusive CSUMB swag. Stop by anytime and stay for as long as you would like.
- B. The **OSU/OC3/Affinity Center End of Year Celebration** is scheduled for Thursday, **April 30th from 5pm - 7pm** in the OSU Ballroom. OSU Board members are invited to come celebrate a successful year, recognize our student graduates and enjoy a catered dinner.

9:46AM

IX. ADJOURN

Jeff motions to adjourn the meeting.
Philip seconds the motion.
The motion passes 11-0-0 at **9:47AM**.
Meeting adjourned at **9:47AM**.

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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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