OTTER STUDENT UNION AT CSU MONTEREY BAY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 29th, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
OSU Room 310
Zoom Link: https://csumb.zoom.us/j/89834217593

I. CALL TO ORDER

Adan Olague motions to start the meeting.
Meeting started at **1:11PM.**

II. ROLL CALL

Board Directors:

a. Adan Olague, Chair - Present (Left @ 2:28pm)
b. Inara Cruz-Boone, Vice Chair - Present
c. Skylar Walters, Treasurer - Present
d. Savanah Browder, Secretary - Present
e. David Orta, Student Director - Present
f. Fabiana Fadda, Student Director - Absent
g. Kanishka Rajesh Harchandani, Student Director - Present
h. Babita Gupta, Faculty Representative - Present
i. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative - Present
j. Dan Burfeind, Community Representative - Present
k. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Present
l. Reuban Rodriguez, Interim VP Student Affairs (appointed) - Present

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

https://csumb.edu/osu/board-of-directors/agendas-minutes/
Adan Olague asks for approval of the meeting minutes for 6.05.26.
Jeff motions to approve.
Carisse seconds the motion.
The motion passes **12-0-0** at **1:14PM**

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 8.29.26

Adan Olague asks for approval for agenda items.

Jeff motions to approve.
Skylar seconds the motion.
The motion passes **12-0-0** at **1:16PM.**

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

1:16 PM

Adan Olague Presents

Land Acknowledgement

Cal State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) resides on the indigenous homeland of the Amah Mutsun, Esselen, Ohlone, Rumsen, Salinan people and territories. It is on these rich homelands, where CSUMB not only thrives as an institution of higher education, but also provides an education abundant with service and experience to a diverse community of learners. As our students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members explore the university's campus, remember to respect the land and take note of the natural beauty. Remember that Ancestors rest below pathways and in other less traveled areas on campus. We Are Here - Let Ka Lai

Savanah Browder Presents

A. **Monthly Meeting/Agenda**
    a. Overview of today's meeting and what we will be discussing.

1:17 PM

Adan Olague 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. No members of the public present.

1:18 PM

Adan Olague Presents

C. **New Business**
    a. Monthly Meeting Date/Time discussion (Jeff)
        - October 2nd 12:30-1:45pm

  - November 6th 12:30-1:45pm
  - December 4th 12:30-1:45pm

b. Student Director Update
   i. Jayden Rose did not enroll at Cal State Monterey Bay and has withdrawn from serving on the OSU Board.
   ii. David Santizo expressed interest in returning to the OSU Board for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. David is a student assistant with the OSU, and would like to contribute as a director of the board.
   iii. Carisse motions for the approval of David Santizo to be appointed to the OSU board.
   David Orta seconds the motion
   The motion passes **10-0-1** at **1:27 PM**

c. Alumni Representative Update
   i. Carisse Ballard shared that she will be leaving on maternity leave for the Fall semester, but expressed that Philip Gianino, former OSU Board member and CSUMB alum would be interested in serving in the Alumni Representative capacity if needed.
   ii. Carisse shared that there are efforts to increase alumni engagement on campus.
   iii. Suggestion to possibly invite Katie Uppman (Alumni Representative) to speak on behalf of the Alumni.

d. 2025-2026 OSU Board Highlights (Jeff Rensel)
   i. Jeff shared highlights from the 2025-2026 academic year, including programs hosted and initiatives passed that help to enhance student experience in the OSU.
   ii. Jeff shared recommendations for guest speakers for the upcoming year.

e. Committee Selection
   i. OSU Budget Committee
      1. Jeff shared that the OSU Budget Committee is a standard established committee of the board.
      2. Jeff, Skylar, and Dr. Rodriquez are members of the OSU Budget Committee along with a designated representative from Admin & Finance.
      3. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly.

ii. OSU Audit Committee
   1. The Audit Committee is a standard established committee of the board. Meetings will be occurring throughout the year and are being scheduled.
   2. David Orta, Inara Cruz-Boone expressed interest in joining the Audit committee on behalf of the board as Carisse will be on leave.
   3. The next Audit Committee is currently scheduled on Sept. 14th at 2pm.

iii. Committees for 2026-2027
   1. Adan shared that last year's committees included the following: Art Committee, Health & Wellness, Women's Leadership. New committees discussed by the board included: Alumni Transition/Engagement, Sustainability, Art, and Wellness.
   2. Seeking an opportunity to combine committee structure
      a. Engagement Committee was suggested. Inclusive of current and alumni students, focus on core concerns and engagement around alumni
         - David Orta, Inara, and Carisse expressed interest in the committee
      b. Art & Wellness combined committee was suggested to include art exhibits and related wellness programming efforts.
         - David Santizo, and Kanishka expressed interest in the committee
      c. Jeff stated that these ad-hoc committees should establish a purpose and associated goals and initiatives.
   3. Adan motions to approve the establishment of two adhoc committees for the upcoming year. The Art & Wellness and Engagement committees shall meet before the next meeting with those who expressed interest, should have established purpose and goals, and come to the board with ideas for the next meeting. Babita seconds the motion.

a. Motion passes **11-0-0** at **2:20PM**

f. Priorities for the upcoming year

i. Guest Speakers

1. Oct. - OtterCare?
2. Nov. - President Vargas?
3. Dec. - Otter Kitchens?

2:28 PM

Jeff Rensel/Adan Olague Presents

D. Old Business

a. OSU Annual Report Update

i. Jeff shared a digital version of the OSU Annual Report, he reviewed highlights from the year and stated that a copy would be sent to the board and it would be added to the website.

2:31 PM

E. 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. Discuss OSU Board representative to take on duty.

b. Appointing David Santizo (OSU student employee) and Skylar offered to assist with board meeting review of the suggestion box.

2:33 PM

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Request to include important documents in OSU Board meeting requests.

2:36PM

IX. ADJOURN

Inara motions to adjourn the meeting.
Skylar seconds the motion.
The motion passes **10-0-0** at **2:36 PM**.
Meeting adjourned at **2:36 PM.**

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- Provide a brief description of the agenda item
- Provide the name of the individual who will present the agenda item or a designated appointee
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