



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

Friday, February 6, 2026

8:30 PM - 9:45 PM

OSU Room 210 & Zoom: <https://csumb.zoom.us/j/85342338109>

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Philip Gianino motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **8:32 AM**.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Board Directors:**

- a. Philip Gianino, Chair - Present
- b. Milo Drake, Vice Chair - Present
- c. Adan Olague, Treasurer - Present
- d. Savanah Browder, Secretary - Present
- e. Blanca Herrera, Student Director - Absent
- f. Jasmyn Meyer, Student Director - Present
- g. Arshpreet Kaur (AK), Student Director - Absent
- h. David Santizo, Student Director - Present
- i. Flavio Cuevas, Student Director - Present
- j. Babita Gupta, Faculty Representative - Present
- k. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative - Present
- l. Jenny McAdams, Community Representative - Present
- m. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Absent
- n. Ben Corpus, VP EMSA (appointed) - Present

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2.6.2026**

Philip Gianino asks for approval for agenda items.

Carisse Ballard motions to approve.

Philip Gianino seconds the motion.

The motion passes 11-0-0 at **8:34 AM**.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

Philip Gianino asks for approval of the meeting minutes for 12.5.25.

Jenny McAdams motions to approve.

Philip Gianino seconds the motion.

The motion passes 11-0-0 at **8:36 AM**.

#### **V. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**8:37 AM**

*Savanah Browder Presents*

##### **A. Monthly Meeting/Agenda**

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

**8:37 AM**

*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. No members of the public were present

**8:38 AM**

*Philip Gianino Presents*

- ##### **C. Special Guest:** Dr. Sara Powell, Wellness RAFT, Associate Professor, Kinesiology Department, and Kirby Garry, Athletics Director

- a. [Wellness Update](#)
- b. Wellness Programs and Initiatives: Wellness Snacks, Well@Work Hours, Physical Activity Offerings in collaboration with Exercise is Medicine -Golden Hour Yoga, Friday Yoga, Employee Resistance Training, PAL Program
- c. Therapy Dog Program
- d. Culture of Care Workshops
- e. Wellness Otter Thursday - February 19th

**8:38 AM**

##### **D. Committee of the Board**

- a. Health & Wellness Committee (David Santizo/Flavio Cuevas)
  - i. Spray Away Stress Event Follow-up
    1. A successful event , a lot of engaged students, ran out of paint and filled the canvases.

2. Students gave feedback on how it was a nice de-stress event during finals.
  3. Schedule a **follow up event for the BOD** to add to the pieces and label as “Brought to you by the OSU Board of Directors.”
- ii. Brick Lab LEGO Event
    1. A variety of building activities in the rookery
    2. Proposal sent and collaboration confirmed
    3. Expected to be held in March/April
- b. Budget Committee (Adan Olague)
- i. The OSU received the Fall 2025 return of surplus funds from the Student Union Fee, totalling \$750,000. This is scheduled to fund each semester with ½ of the annual budget allocation (\$1.5M Budget).
  - ii. The mid-year Budget Committee meeting will be scheduled in early March.
- c. Audit Committee (Adan Olague/Carisse Ballard)
- i. The Audit Committee met on January 23, 2026 to review the IRS forms 990 for Foundation as well as the audit reports for Corporation. No additional information to report for the OSU.
  - ii. The next Auxiliary Audit committee meeting will be held in June.
- d. Art Committee (Milo Drake)
- i. Fabrika Exhibit
  - ii. Student Art
  - iii. Community Mural
    1. Moved to next semester in the Fall
- e. Women’s Leadership Committee (Arshpreet Kaur)
- i. No updates

**9:01 AM**

*Philip Gianino Presents*

**E. New Business**

- a. March and April tabling for the OSU Survey(March 1st to end of March), OSU Board Recruitment(3/16 to 3/26), and Wonderfil (April 4th)
  - i. [Spring Tabling Sign-up](#)
- b. AS Elections Committee
  - i. Thursdays, 3 pm to 4 pm on campus
  - ii. Adan could tentatively attend
- c. OSU Board Meeting Date/Time for Spring 2026

- d. OSU Board Selection Committee (For 2026-2027 OSU Board)
  - i. Bylaws Section 5.8 Board of Directors Selection Committee
  - ii. The Selection Committee makes recommendations to the President of California State University, Monterey Bay, who will officially appoint officers for one-year academic terms. The board should establish the Board of Directors Selection Committee by the first meeting of Spring semester. **The committee should consist of no more than 4 board of directors and a minimum of 3 board of directors. The committee should be overseen by the OSU Director.** The board should approve the committee at the board meeting.
    - 1. Carisse, Philip, and Flavio are interested.

9:13 AM

*Philip Gianino Presents*

**F. Old Business**

- a. Wonderfil Updates (from Jeff R)
  - i. Here is a summary of the Wonderfil Program for the last quarter:
    - 1. Total gallons dispensed: 17.2 gallons
    - 2. Total bottles saved: 138
    - 3. Most popular product: Eco Company Laundry Soap
    - 4. Least popular product: BBL Vanilla Shampoo
  - ii. New Wonderfil Bulk Program coming soon.
    - 1. More information to be announced in April
    - 2. Information is being shared with the Spring Housing Application
      - a. “Are there smaller/incremental amounts available to students? \$65 is a lot of product!”
  - iii. Survey to collect feedback from students: [Survey](#)
- b. Stair cushions
  - i. Final documents are getting processed for the order. Delivery date is still to be determined
- c. Bulletin Board
  - i. Looking to purchase a [4’x3’ enclosed bulletin board](#) for use by Student Orgs to promote upcoming programs and events (this would include registered student clubs, AS, and Affinity Centers)
  - ii. Board approval needed for [proposed location](#)
  - iii. Approval process could be similar to that which SELD operates ([SELD Process](#))

1. Look into prospective flyers being dropped off. Flyers would already be printed
- iv. Motion to approve purchase and integration of Bulletin Board  
Philip motions to approve  
Milo seconds motion  
The motion passes 10-0-0 at **9:26 AM**

**9:26 AM**

*Milo Drake & AK Present*

**G. Associated Students Liaison/Updates**

- a. Bikini Bottom Rave is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 19th at 8pm in the OSU Ballroom
- b. AS packets are available. Applications are open until February 20th

**9:26 AM**

*David Santizo Presents*

**H. 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. 5 were for current business items
- b. Sofas have stains on them
  - i. Looking into upholstering
- c. “Hi from womens rugby team”

**9:28 AM**

**VI. OSU Updates**

*Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU - Diana Ballesteros Presents*

- A. Welcome Back Week successfully welcomed students back to campus. Signature traditions like the Winter Formal Ball (388 attendees) and Bingo Night (233 attendees - first session, 244 - second session) remained popular this year. We also saw great momentum with the 2nd year of hosting the MLK Day of Service and the ExtraLife Gaming fundraiser event. A huge thank you to the OSU Operations, AV, and Marketing teams for their support of these events.
- B. BBC Update: Initial discussions are occurring for the Black Box Cabaret renovations. The project is in the procurement phase for design and pricing for an architectural firm. We will be working to contract an architect to guide campus stakeholders through a targeted programming study. I am reaching out to various partners within Academic Affairs and Student Affairs for participation.
- C. Otter Thursday upcoming programs

- a. Thursday, Feb. 12th: USFC Recruitment, Academic Advising, Produce Truck, Monte's Pop-up Love Shop
- b. Thursday, Feb. 19th: Wellness & National Rec Day
- c. Thursday, Feb. 26th: National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

**9:29 AM**

## **VII. OC3 Updates**

*Rudy Medina, Director-OC3, Presents*

- A. Office transitions
  - a. Peter Xiong is an Associate Director for APIDA Center
- B. CultureFest partnership with AS and Affinity Centers
- C. Otter Thursday x HRC
- D. All Black Gala tomorrow - February 7th
  - a. 4 pm to 6 pm, University Center
  - b. 280 RSVPd
- E. Ignite Leadership Retreat - February 27th - March 1st
  - a. Santa Cruz Mountain Trip
- F. International Women's Day Summit - March 6th
  - a. Full day of events

## **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. The OSU Board Meeting in April is scheduled for April 10th due to Spring Break (March 30 - April 3)

**9:33 AM**

## **IX. ADJOURN**

Philip Gianino motions to adjourn the meeting.

Milo Drake seconds the motion.

The motion passes 11-0-0 at 9:34 AM.

Meeting adjourned at **9:34 AM**.

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