



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

Friday, May 1, 2026

8:30 PM - 9:45 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Philip Gianino motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **8:35 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 - Present @ 8:47am
- f. Jasmyn Meyer, Student Director - Absent
- g. Arshpreet Kaur (AK), Student Director - Absent
- h. David Santizo, Student Director - Present, Left @ 9:03am
- i. Flavio Cuevas, Student Director - Absent
- j. Babita Gupta, Faculty Representative - Present
- k. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative -Present
- l. Jenny McAdams, Community Representative - Present
- m. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Present
- n. Reuban Rodriguez, AVP/Dean (appointed) - 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 4.10.26.

Philip motions to approve.

Jeff seconds the motion.

The motion passes 10-0-0 at **8:37 AM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 5.01.26

Philip Gianino asks for approval for agenda items.

Philip motions to approve.

Jeff seconds the motion.

The motion passes 10-0-0 at **8:38 AM**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

8:39 AM

Savanah Browder Presents

A. Monthly Meeting/Agenda

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

8:39 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 present

8:39 AM

Philip/Jeff Presents

C. Guest Speaker: Derek Martin, Associate Director Safety, Risk & Sustainability

- a. CSUMB Sustainability Goals- Zero waste by 2030, Carbon Neutrality goals
- b. 90% diversion of waste from landfills with 37% diversion rate in 2024.
- c. Second Wave Supplies opened Fall with about 890 visits.
- d. New waste sorting guide, signage, more compost infrastructure,
- e. Plant 2,030 Trees and Plants, Progress 1,019 trees 460 plants
- f. Accomplishments: 3 solar benches, Wonderfil, Employee trainings
- g. Green Office Program, Sustainable clothing sold in Campustore, Book Swap, North Quad Yard Sale

9:00 AM

- ##### **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. (David)*

- a. There were 3 suggestions in the suggestion box - 1 Complimenting the seat cushions, 1 for more seating options outside, and 1 for more couches.
- b. OSU is to look at expanding and updating furniture around the OSU.
- c. Suggestion for cubicles in the OSU.

9:03 AM

E. Committees of the Board

- a. Audit Committee (Carisse Ballard)
 - i. All of the Auxiliary Boards approved Windes as the Audit Firm.
 - ii. The financial Audit has begun.
- b. Budget Committee (Jeff Rensel/Adan Olague)
 - i. Committee will be meeting in May
 - ii. A draft of the OSU Budget will be provided before the next OSU Board meeting.
- c. Art Committee (Milo Drake)
 - i. Student Art Exhibits, “An Otter’s Art Exhibit” form has been created and is open for submissions:
 - 1. <https://forms.gle/WBE6PwsNFjQX33jw7>
 - ii. 2026-2027 Mural Project Opportunities
 - 1. We are communicating with a local artist to commission a “paint by numbers” community art piece to use in the Fall. This artist may also assist with an exterior wall mural.
 - iii. VPA Partnership
 - 1. The Art Committee would like to acknowledge our historically successful partnership with the VPA department on campus. VPA has helped facilitate student exhibits. Since the board leadership will be changing next year, we urge the new leadership to continue our relationship with VPA.
- d. OSU Board Selection Committee (Jeff Rensel, Flavio Cuevas, Philip Gianino, Carisse Ballard)
 - i. The OSU Board Selection Committee has conducted applicant selection and interviews and would like to present the OSU Board Slate Nominations.
 - ii. Nominations must be approved by the board and sent to the President for appointment.
 - iii. Consistent with the OSU at CSU Monterey Bay Bylaws, the OSU Board of Directors Selection Committee would like to recommend the following OSU Board slate for the 2026-2027 Academic Year:

1. Adan Olague - Chair
 2. Inara Cruz-Boone - Vice Chair
 3. Skylar Walters - Treasurer
 4. Savanah Browder - Secretary
 5. Jayden Rose - Student Director
 6. Fabiana Fadda - Student Director
 7. David Orta - Student Director
 8. Kanishka Harchandani - Student Director
 9. Babita Gupta - Faculty Representative
 10. Carisse Ballard - Alumni Representative
 11. Dan Burfeind - Community Representative
 12. Jeff Rensel - Director (appointed)
 13. Reuban Rodriguez - AVP EMSA (appointed)
- iv. Philip motions to approve the board slate for next year, Jeff seconds the motion
Motion passes 10-0-0 at 9:16am
- e. Health & Wellness Committee (David/Flavio)
- i. LEGO Event was a big success. Recommend to bring back the event next year.

9:18 AM

Philip Gianino Presents

F. New Business

- a. OSU Board Executive Officer Evaluations (Jeff)
 - i. Closed Session 9:18 AM to discuss Executive Board Member evaluations and compensation.
 - ii. Executive Board members were asked to leave the meeting for Closed Session.
 - iii. The OSU Board approved the evaluations and full compensation of the Exec Board.
 - iv. Executive Board members were asked to re-join the meeting and were congratulated.
- b. End of Year Re-Cap Video (Jeff)
 - i. OSU Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1a2gx_sH6E

9:36 AM

Philip Gianino Presents

G. Old Business

- a. Wonderfil Refill Promotion Event (April 23rd) was a success. Several individuals received free product and were introduced to the station.
- b. OSU Stairwell cushions were installed successfully and the initial response has been positive.

9:38 AM

Milo Drake & AK Present

H. Associated Students Liaison/Updates

- a. Associated Students Inguaration occurred on Monday, April 20th.
- b. Over this previous weekend, AS had their transition retreat for officers.
- c. This upcoming Thursday, AS is doing an Otter Thursday takeover called "Swap Don't Shop."

9:39 AM

VI. OC3 Updates

Rudy Medina, Director-OC3, Presents

- A. Wrapping up events. We have one last one, You are Invited to the Carne Asada in collaboration with el Centro on May 5th
- B. Welcome Event for new APIDA Associate Director May 11th
- C. Affinity Ceremonies Start this weekend.
 - a. Rainbow, Family Friendly, Native and UndocuOtter
 - b. Next week we have Students with Disabilities, Veterans, Shalom Otters, Latiné, APIDA
 - c. The last week of the semester we have Black/African Heritage

VII. OSU Updates

Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU, Presents

- A. Late Night Study Hours at the OSU
- B. OSU Summer hours: 8am-5pm Monday-Friday (hours adjusted for events).
 - a. The OSU will be closed for the following holidays: Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day.
 - b. The Game Room will be closed for the summer (open for seating) unless it is booked for an event.
- C. Drinking Fountains will be updated over the summer.

9:44 AM

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The last OSU Board Meeting and Annual Meeting via Zoom is scheduled on Friday, June 5th, 2026 at 8:30am.

9:47 AM

IX. ADJOURN

Philip motions to adjourn the meeting.

Adan seconds the motion.

The motion passes 10-0-0 at **9:47 AM**.

Meeting adjourned at **9:47 AM**.

*Electronic submissions of agenda items:

- 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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