



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

Friday, May 2nd, 2025

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

OSU Room 310 & via Zoom

<https://csumb.zoom.us/j/87673577270>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lesley Solano motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **1:33 PM**.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Directors:

- a. Lesley Solano, Chair - Present
- b. Jianshan Chen Khalsa, Vice Chair - Present
- c. Phillip Gianino, Treasurer - Present
- d. Sarah Walter, Secretary - Present
- e. Jasmyn Meyer, Student Director - Present
- f. Milo Drake, Student Director - Present
- h. Thomas Nigro, Student Director - Present (arrived late)
- i. Blanca Herrera, Student Director - Present
- j. Ashley Hancock, Student Director - Absent
- k. Izabella Zavala, Student Director - Present
- l. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative - Present
- m. Babita Gupta, PhD, Faculty - Present
- n. Jenny McAdams, Community - Present
- o. Jeff Rensel, OSU Director - Present
- p. Ben Corpus, VP for EMSA - Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 04.11.25

Lesley Solano asks for approval for agenda items.

Lesley Solano motions to approve.

All approved the motion.

The motion passes 13-0-0 at **1:34 PM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Lesley Solano motions to approve.

All approved the motion.

The motion passes 13-0-0 at **1:35 PM**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Monthly Meeting/Agenda

Sarah Walter presents

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

B. Special Guests/Presentations:

- a. Special Guest: Student Affairs - Dr. Ben Corpus
 - i. Enrollment & Student Affairs
 1. Note: presentation is not necessarily about Cal State Monterey Bay but about enrollment in general.
 2. The way we look at higher education is significantly changing - there is a lot of competition in California (more than 600 schools)
 3. California is ranked #50 in terms of people moving into the state. Migration out of California has increased, with lots of people moving into Texas, Arizona, etc. Overall population in Monterey County has also been declining.
 4. Percentage of people going to college across all states is decreasing. In CA, 37% don't attend college after graduation, and 37% go to community college. Many students are not A-G ready.
 5. There is also a demographic cliff - # of 18 year olds is decreasing.
 6. Our applications & enrollment growth was higher than any other CSU but this is going to be hard to maintain with the demographic cliff and everything stated above.
 7. Mental health concerns are increasing -> more absenteeism (24%). What has happened that might explain this? iPhone release (20% of 3 year olds have iPads), TikTok, YikYak, Instagram, Chat GPT, Great Recession, Pandemic, Divisive Political Environment, School Shootings.
 - a. Pandemic Accommodations: Learning Loss has been dramatic. 22% of students believe they aren't academically and emotionally ready for college.

- b. AI: 92 million jobs will be lost by 2030, 170 million new jobs will be created.
- 8. As we learn to talk to each other and receive different views, we will be more prepared to contribute to the world post graduation.
- 9. Board Questions
 - a. What are we doing to address the demographic cliff, mental health concerns, and other trends?
 - i. Last fall, we fit 3800 students into the residence halls, but we have 7000 students. As we become more popular, applications are increasing from outside of Monterey County. Student Affairs will convert one of the buildings into a residence hall, and are also recruiting more commuter students. They will also offer online programs, certificates, part-time programs, etc.
 - 1. Other universities have the ability to manage their admission requirements to decide how many students they want. The CSU system does not work that way -> schools have to be impacted in order to manage admission requirements. Additionally, our predictive models of how many students will choose CSUMB haven't caught up to the changes.
 - ii. CSUMB has a 140% increase in suicidal ideation -> PGCC will meet with every department on campus to figure out what to do and expand their offerings past 9-5.

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C. 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.

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D. OSU Board 2024-2025 Commemorative Picture

E. Committee Updates

Lesley Solano Presents

a. Art Committee

- i. The Otter Alebrije Community Mural Project is done!
 1. We had 85 participants who helped to paint the mural
 2. Photo and unveiling during the meeting
 3. Idea to move the mural into the OSU Board meeting room (OSU 310) in the Fall
- ii. Other mural projects can continue into next year - we have additional canvases & remaining paint from mural projects.

Carisse Ballard & Jeff Rensel Present

b. Audit Committee

- i. Meeting scheduled for Friday, May 9th from 10am -11am.

Philip Gianino & Jeff Rensel Presents

c. Budget Committee

- i. Q3 financials report (attached)
 1. Actual revenues are higher than expected (due to more sales/services and student enrollment), and expected to increase even more in Q4 when we bill for leases. We are not at a loss.

Jeff Rensel Presents

d. Policy and Procedure Committee

- i. No updates

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F. Business Items

Lesley Solano-Alonso & Jeff Rensel Presents

a. Old Business Items

i. Wonderfil

1. [Wonderfil Refill event](#) was **April 24th, 10am - 3pm**, it was very successful and had over 100 participants. Ongoing conversation about how to bring it to campus - maybe more of a Basic needs placement or laundry rooms.
2. [Wonderfil Survey](#) is still open - you can take it even if you did not participate.
3. OSU Board discussion/recommendations
 - a. Important to keep costs low/free for students and staff.

- ii. OSU Board Selection Committee (Lesley, Jeff, Carisse, Jianshan)

1. The OSU Board Selection Committee has conducted applicant selection and interviews and would like to present the [2025-2026 OSU Board Slate Nomination](#)
2. Nominations must be approved by the board and sent to the President for appointment.
 - a. Jeff motions to approve the proposed slate for 2025/2026 OSU Board.
 - b. Lesley seconded the motion.
 - c. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.
 - d. The motion passes 14-0-0 at **2:18 PM**.
3. Opportunity to add a member - a late applicant wasn't able to be interviewed, so we may approve at the next meeting.
- iii. Several OSU Board members participated in a Community Service project with Save Our Shores for Beach Cleanup on 4/27/25.
Thanks to those that joined us.

Lesley Solano-Alonso & Jeff Rensel Presents

- a. New Business Items
 - i. Strangers Project Initiative
 1. On-going story collection effort, would love to engage with the Board.
 - a. Helps engage the student community & create connections across CSUMB.
 2. Launched in the OSU last week, we were able to bring Brandon (founder) to campus.
 - ii. OSU Executive Board Evaluations (Jeff)
 1. Closed Session began at **2:23 PM** to discuss Executive Board Member evaluations and compensation.
 2. Executive Board members were asked to leave the meeting for Closed Session.
 3. The OSU Board approved the evaluations and full compensation of the Exec Board **10-0-0 at 2:35 PM**
 4. Executive Board members were asked to re-join the meeting and were congratulated.
 - iii. Idea: Patch Event (Sarah)
 1. Event with irons where students are taught how to put patches on backpacks/jackets.
 2. Patch exchange between student organizations and 6th Avenue or bands
 3. We could do an "OSU" patch
 4. Table for next year's board

iv. [WEPA](#) (Jeff)

1. Campus Printing Solution from Information Technology
2. OSU 2nd Floor location
3. Students will get a certain amount of free prints. Currently students use OC3 or AS printer, which comes out of the budget.

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Ashley Hancock and Izabella Zavala Present

- b. 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.*
 - i. Request for moveable white boards for studying - Operations team will look into this.
 - ii. Call the newly admitted freshman “otter pups”

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VI. OSU UPDATES

Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU, Presents

- A. Late Night Study Hours at the OSU
 - a. The OSU will be extending hours of operation to accommodate students studying for finals during finals week until 12am. The OSU will also be offering additional study spaces for students to request (OSU 211 & OSU 311). OSU 210 and OSU 310 will be open for use. The Sea Store is also extending hours until 12am, Sunday, May 9 - Thursday, May 15. Possible Sea Store vouchers to give out.
- B. The last Otter Thursday of the semester is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, 2025.
- C. Summer Hours of Operation
 - a. Hours begin on Monday, May 19th.
 - b. Summer hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday (hours adjusted for events).
 - c. The OSU will be closed for the following holidays: Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day.
- D. Otter Days Programming - Fall 2025
 - a. OSU Late Night - Friday, August 22nd
 - b. Mario Kart Tournament - Thursday, August 28th

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VII. OC3 UPDATES

Rudy Medina, Director-OC3, Presents

- A. Semester wrap up

- B. End of Year Report
- C. Affinity Ceremony Season
 - a. First one tonight at 6pm - Rainbow Grad

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. BUS 310 Entrepreneurship students
 - a. Communal Kitchen - a shared space where students can prepare meals, learn basic cooking skills, and build community.
 - i. To help us understand student needs and preferences, we've created a short survey that should take no more than 3 to 5 minutes to complete.
 - ii. Your feedback is important and will directly inform how this space is designed and used.
 - iii. [The Hungry Otters Survey](#)
- B. All of our Exec Board members have won awards of recognition on campus this year!
 - a. Congratulations to Lesley, Jianshan, Philip, and Sarah!
- C. Win Your Finals - events and support for students
- D. Don't forget about our June 6th meeting on zoom!
 - a. Let us know if you will not be able to attend. Your board commitment extends until this meeting.

2:44 PM

IX. ADJOURN

Lesley Solano motions to adjourn the meeting.
Sarah Walter seconds the motion.
All approved the motion.
Meeting adjourned at **2:44 PM.**

*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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Otter Student Union at California State University, Monterey Bay
Budget vs. Actuals
Month Ended September 30, 2023

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	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>3rd Qtr Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Annual Budget</u>
Operating Revenues:					
Student fees	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 1,506,000	681,000	136.91%
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	80,000	60,000	81,704	21,704	102.13%
Other operating revenues	329,216	246,912	58,526	(188,386)	17.78%
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,509,216</u>	<u>1,131,912</u>	<u>1,646,230</u>	<u>514,318</u>	109.08%
Operating Expenses:					
Contract services	1,230,000	922,500	1,046,481	123,981	85.08%
Utilities	225,000	168,750	195,438	26,688	86.86%
Supplies and services	25,000	18,750	23,178	4,428	92.71%
Travel	13,000	9,750	12,777	3,027	98.29%
Professional services	14,000	10,500	15,950	5,450	113.93%
Administrative Expenses	120,000	90,000	90,177	177	75.15%
Equipment	10,000	7,500	7,661	161	76.61%
Insurance	85,000	63,750	140,076	76,326	164.80%
Other operating expenses	33,800	25,350	37,849	12,499	111.98%
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,755,800</u>	<u>1,316,850</u>	<u>1,569,586</u>	<u>252,736</u>	89.39%
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(246,584)</u>	<u>(184,938)</u>	<u>76,643</u>	<u>261,581</u>	



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On behalf of the OSU Board Selection Committee, we'd like to present the slate of nominations for the 2025-2026 OSU Board of Directors.

The following students and individuals have been selected for nomination to the OSU Board for the 2025-2026 Academic Year:

Philip Gianino - Chair

Milo Drake - Vice Chair

Adan Olague - Treasurer

Savanah Browder - Secretary

Blanca Herrera - Student Director

Jasmyn Meyer - Student Director

Arshpreet Kaur - Student Director

David Santizo - Student Director

Babita Gupta - Faculty Representative

Carrise Ballard - Alumni Representative

Jenny McAdams - Community Representative

Jeff Rensel - Director (appointed)

Ben Corpus - VP EMSA (appointed)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD!

**Lesley and Philip both received the Outstanding Future Alumni Award
Jianshan and Sarah won the Provost and President Awards**