



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

Friday, September 13, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

OSU Room 210 & via Zoom

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lesley Solano motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **12:00 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 - Present
- i. Carisse Ballard, Alumni Representative - Present
- j. Babita Gupta, PhD, Faculty - Present
- k. Jenny McAdams, Community - Absent
- l. Jeff Rensel, OSU Director - Present
- m. Ben Corpus, VP for EMSA - Absent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 9.13.24

Lesley Solano asks for approval for agenda items.

Lesley Solano motions to approve.

All approved the motion.

The motion passes 10-0-0 at **12:02 PM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[\(https://csumb.edu/osu/board-directors/agendas-minutes/\)](https://csumb.edu/osu/board-directors/agendas-minutes/)

Lesley Solano motions to approve.

Jeff Rensel seconds the motion.

The motion passes 10-0-0 at **12:03 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. Hijos Del Sol
 - i. Art Project Updates:
 1. They already designed the first sea otter and whenever we are ready they are ready to draw it! They are also working on the design for the stairway, and the logistics for the size of the project. Hopefully by next week, we will have both designs ready for feedback.
 2. A meeting will be scheduled on site with Campus Planning.

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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 wanted to comment for this meeting.

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D. New Business

Jeff Rensel Presents

- a. OSU Board Membership and Applications
 - i. Per OSU Bylaws, Section 4.3 Board of Directors Composition, Terms, and Duties; Liaisons, the appointed directors of the board shall include 8-11 students. Over the summer, one new board member declined their appointment, and one returning board member left CSUMB and has resigned (Kassandra Fimbres).
 - ii. Per OSU Bylaws, Section 4.5 Vacancies, to maintain consistent membership and the authorized number of directors of the board, additional board members may be selected and nominated by the board for membership.
 - iii. Izabella Zavala and Blanca Herrera introduced themselves to the board and shared why they were interested in joining. The applications of each board member were reviewed.
 - iv. Jeff Rensel motions to elect three new students to the board (Blanca Herrera, Ashley Hancock, Izabella Zavala)
 - v. Babita Gupta seconds the motion.
 - vi. The motion passes 10-0-0 at **12:16 PM**.
 - vii. The Executive Board and Jeff Rensel will meet with the new board members to onboard them before the next meeting.

E. Committee Updates

Lesley Solano Presents

a. Art Committee

- i. We are in contact with Hijos Del Sol to get restarted on our mural projects. Other projects from last year will also begin again, such as outreach for student artwork for us to install around the building.
- ii. With the departure of our art committee members from last year, we would like to ask the board this year if anyone would like to join the committee.
 1. Lesley and Jianshen will continue to lead this committee and will schedule a new meeting time with the committee in the coming weeks.
 2. Blanca Herrera, Milo Drake, and Izabella Zavala will join the committee. A collaboration will continue with OC3.


Phillip Gianino & Carisse Ballard Present

b. Audit Committee

- i. Next Auxiliary Audit Committee meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 26th at 9am.
- ii. More updates to come at the next board meeting.

Phillip Gianino Presents

c. Budget Committee

- i. Presentation of Approved OSU Budget for 2024-2025
- ii. Enrollment numbers will occur in the next month, so we will have a better projection about student fees soon.
- iii. Total expenses down 15%
- iv.  OSU Budget Proposal 2024-2025 - signed.pdf

Phillip Gianino Presents

d. Policy and Procedure Committee

- i. Nothing to present at this time.

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F. Additional Items

Lesley Solano Presents

a. Volunteering Opportunities for this year

- i. Last year our board worked on various volunteering opportunities throughout the year and we would like to continue to have our board members involved in the community and on our campus.
 1. We have a few options of volunteering opportunities our board can participate in:
 - a. Beach Cleanup - Saturday, Sept. 21, November 16th potentially
 - b. Habitat Stewardship Tree Planting - dates TBD
 - c. Monte's 5k - Saturday, Oct. 12

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VI. OSU UPDATES

Jeff Rensel Presents

- A. Otter Days - we had a very successful Fall opening and hosted several Otter Days programs including Late Night with the OSU (over 700 attendees), and our first 3 Otter Thursday programs have been well attended. Goal is to expand Otter Thursday to be 11:30 am-1:30 pm.
- B. [Neptune Radio](#) - In evaluating ways to enhance the experience for students and guests in the Otter Student Union we are exploring the addition of speakers in the Game Room/Rookery and the OSU 2nd Floor lobby area. We are interested in starting a contract with Neptune Radio to provide music and announcements. This would be helpful for the A/V team as well. This system can be shared with other departments on campus such as Campus Recreation and the new Fitness Center.
 - a. [Neptune Radio Proposal 4-1-24.pdf](#)
 - b. Board members share concerns about censorship and having music in the OSU 2nd Floor Lobby area.
 - c. We will discuss more at the next meeting.
- C. [RecRe](#) - We are exploring options to provide a check-out system for various game room equipment and supplies such as board games, billiard cues, and table tennis equipment through a secured locker-type system. This system would allow us to offer activities in the Game Room when it is typically closed (mornings, summer months, etc.) We would like to invite RecRe as a guest speaker at an upcoming Board meeting.
- D. Annual Salary Increase Recommendation/Implementation - We're committed to fair pay that reflects everyone's hard work and contributions. In alignment with University Corporation HR and increases made in recent years throughout the CSU system, the OSU has developed an annual salary increase recommendation for all OSU and OC3 staff members.
- E. Student art exhibit - In collaboration with Visual & Program Art professor Hector Dionicio Mendoza, we're working on an agreement for an exhibit of student art in the Otter Student Union. Entitled "Nuestros Sueños Are Not Illegal", we're excited to bring this exhibit to the Otter Student Union 3rd floor for the FY24/25 academic year.
- F. Monte's 5K - RAFT Weekend is Oct. 11-13, we are excited to be a host for several programs including Monte's 5K. Here are some quick updates:
 - a. Registration (as of 9/11/24) - 85 registrations (29 Students, 56 Paid registrations)
 - i. Paid registrations go straight to scholarships
 - b. Link to include 5K and 1K = <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/92097/montes-5k-and-1k>
 - c. An article and flyers will be pushed out next week. We have done outreach to running clubs.
- G. Amazon Locker Hub - Due to popular demand and an assessment conducted by Amazon, we will be expanding the current Amazon Locker system located in the Otter Student Union. This is free for us. This expansion should add approx. 20 additional lockers for Amazon deliveries. As a reminder, the Amazon Locker Hub can be used by anyone, including faculty and staff. Instructions on how to utilize the Locker can be found on our website: <https://csumb.edu/osu/amazon/>

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VII. OC3 UPDATES

Rudy Medina, Director of OC3, Presents

- A. Welcome our new team & Victoria Gomez, Peter Xiong Pro Staff
- B. Hosted the OC3 Block Party; we had 288 people signed up on MyRaft and over 300 attendees.
- C. Gearing up for Werk Witch and Hype Events
 - a. Werk Witch is a drag show competition on October 11th, tickets drop on October 4th
 - b. Hype Events are events that teach people about the BIPOC history of drag
- D. Interviewing next week to select the Social Justice Scholars 24/25 Cohort
 - a. Social Justice Scholars are students that want to learn about social justice
- E. OC3 has 7 functioning areas
 - a. Community Arts, Social Justice Programming, Social Justice Scholars, Men of Color Alliance, Culture Engagement, Signature Programs, Affinity Student Groups, Sustainability and Wellness
- F. Affinity Center restructuring
 - a. Affinity Centers will be part of one division and reporting up through OC3

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fall 2024 Board Meetings Schedule
 - a. Our next meeting will be held on the First Friday of October, the 4th at 12pm in OSU room 310 and on Zoom.
 - b. We will continue meeting on the First Fridays of each month.
 - i. November 1st and December 6th.
 - c. We will find another meeting time in Spring.
- B. Discussion on Guest Speakers to bring to meetings
 - a. We would like to invite President Vanya, Athletic Director, RecRe
 - b. Reach out to the Executive Board if you are interested in other speakers.
- C. Thomas Nigro requests to open more study rooms and spaces for zoom calls in the OSU
 - a. We are limited due to meeting space but we could champion new space for this. Jeff Rensel will look into it.
- D. More people have been using the pool & ping pong tables - Thomas Nigro requests to get new tables.
 - a. We are working with SELD to order a new ping pong table. It will be placed in the space as needed. We could do a student survey on what they would like in the game room.

1:07 PM

IX. ADJOURN

Lesley Solano motions to adjourn the meeting.

Carisse Ballard seconds the motion.

All approved the motion.

Meeting adjourned at **1:08 PM**.

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- Include in the subject line “OSU Agenda Item”
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