



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

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

OSU Room 310

I. CALL TO ORDER

Phillip Gianino motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **2:04 PM**.

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
- f. Jasmyn Meyer, Student Director - Absent
- g. Arshpreet Kaur (AK), Student Director - Present
- 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 - Absent
- m. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Present
- n. Ben Corpus, VP EMSA (appointed) - Absent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 09.06.25

Phillip Gianino asks for approval for agenda items.

Phillip Gianino motions to approve.

Jeff Rensel seconds the motion.

The motion passes 11-0-0 at **2:07 PM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Phillip Gianino motions to approve.

Jeff Rensel seconds the motion.

The motion passes 11-0-0 at **2:09 PM**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

2:11 PM

- A. 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 public present

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Philip Gianino & Jeff Rensel Present

B. Monthly Meeting Date/Time

- a. Doodle Poll review - Philip shared the results of the Doodle Poll for the OSU Board monthly meeting dates/times and suggested that meetings occur on Friday mornings or Friday evenings. Several board members shared that morning times worked better than evening and that the meetings should occur during the work day.
- b. Milo motioned to have meetings from 8:30 am to 9:45 am on the first Friday of the month
- c. Arshpeet seconded the motion
- d. The Board voted in favor of the motion at 11-0-0

C. Committee of the Board

- a. Existing Committees - Philip and Jeff discussed the various committees of the board and the need to include board member involvement. Jeff shared that a few committees are established in our bylaws but the board can be started by action of the board.
- i. Budget - Philip confirmed the OSU Budget Committee that includes Adan, Jeff, Dr. Corpus, and the campus CFO. Philip offered to serve as the back-up member as he has previous experience as Treasurer.
- ii. Audit - Philip shared that the audit committee is established. Carisse shared that she is on the committee but is happy to include other if interested. Philip offered to serve as a back-up member.
- iii. Art - Jeff shared that the Art Committee had been established 2 years ago and had great momentum over the last few years and

recommended that the committee continue for the upcoming year. Milo confirmed interest in leading the art committee for the upcoming year and other board members volunteered to participate.

- iv. Savannah, Blanca, and AK volunteered to join the art committee. Jeff confirmed that Jasmyn had volunteered at last year's OSU Board Annual Meeting.
- v. The meeting time and priorities would be discussed and set in the coming weeks.

b. New Committees

- i. Health & Wellness Committee - David suggested the addition of a Health & Wellness Committee as a way to promote student health and well-being. Several board members agreed that the committee could support various initiatives already in place and serve as a way to advocate for student mental and physical health. The committee Health & wellness committee would aim to facilitate support and provide awareness for mental and physical wellness. Including possible walking and running programs. David offered to lead the committee.

- 1. Flavio and Adan volunteered to join the committee.
- 2. Jeff offered that Dr. Corpus could possibly be included in the committee work.
 - a. David (leading)
 - b. Flavio
 - c. Adan
 - d. Dr. Corpus

- ii. Women's Leadership Committee - AK suggested the addition of a Women's Leadership Committee to promote and advocate for women's related items. The committee would be an area to empower, support, and advocate for women's voices.

- 1. Carisse noted that the committee should be inclusive and ensure anyone could join
- 2. AK offered to lead the committee
- 3. Flavio, Savannah, and Dr. Gupta volunteered to join the committee.
 - a. AK (leading)
 - b. Flavio
 - c. Savannah
 - d. Dr. Gupta (advisory)

- iii. Jeff recommended that the board officially vote to establish the committees and the related objectives and goals of each committee. Jeff also suggested that the committee leads organize a meeting before the next OSU Board meeting.

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Jeff Rensel Presents

D. Highlights from 2024/2025

- a. Jeff shared various successful highlights from the 2024-2025 academic year including the following:
 - i. Art in the OSU - Otter Alebrije Community Mural Project, VPA Exhibit on 3rd floor
 - ii. Wonderfil Refill Station - will be installed on September 16th.
 - iii. Budget/Audit Reports- the board passed the budget and received a clean audit report
- b. Jeff also shared that there were some pending facility upgrades that could be discussed for the future including the following:
 - i. Seat cushions for the main stairs (discussed combo of hard/soft seats)
 - ii. Meeting Hub furniture

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Philip Gianino & & Jeff Rensel Present

E. Priorities for the upcoming year/Discussion

- a. The board collectively discussed the following:
 - i. Art committee is looking into rotating art exhibitions to highlight student artwork
 - 1. Make sure to review if there is any modulation for art pieces that are displayed
 - 2. Work with VPA to highlight student art and help with selection
 - ii. Guest Speaker Recommendations
 - 1. President Vanya
 - 2. Julie Wyrick - AVP Facilities Management
 - 3. Otter Kitchens (Angelo Casiano)
 - 4. Otter Athletics (Kirby Garry)
 - 5. Personal Growth & Counseling Center (PGCC)
 - 6. Basic Needs (Parenting Otters)
 - iii. Partnering with Basic Needs (Parenting Otters) - Facilitate support and ways to improve parenting student experiences within the OSU and other areas on campus.
 - iv. The board discussed aligning our work with the Strategic Plan.

- v. AK suggested a Student Disability partnering/collaboration- Discuss how to create a more inclusive and comfortable environment for the student experiences within SDAC in the OSU and other areas on campus.

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Philip Gianino & Jeff Rensel Present

- F. **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. David volunteered to be in charge of collecting and reading the suggestions.
 - b. AK offered to assist as well
 - c. Dr. Gupta suggested that we display highlights of all of the actions being taken into consideration from the OSU suggestion box.

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VI. OSU & OC3 UPDATES

Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU, Presents

- A. Jeff shared that the OSU and OC3 had a successful Fall 2025 opening and Otter Days.
- B. OSU Staff and OC3 Staff will be invited to upcoming meetings to provide regular updates to the board.

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. None

2:59 PM

IX. ADJOURN

Philip motions to adjourn the meeting.
Carrise Ballard seconds the motion.
The motion passes 11-0-0 at 2:59 PM.
Meeting adjourned at **2:59PM.**

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