



# 02/12/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

## Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University  
2/12/2025 3:00 PMPST

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

### I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

### II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

### III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

### IV. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

#### **Motion:**

Director Agustin motioned to move Action Item 11 to Action Item 1.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

#### **Motion:**

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

### V. Approval of the Minutes

 [01.22.2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes.pdf](#)

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director A. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-1, Motion Passed.

VI. Public Forum

Public Forum is intended as an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Associated Students Board of Directors regarding any issues affecting SJSU students. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes each to speak. Please sign in on the clip board if in person or if you are online sign in using chat for minute recording purpose.

N/A

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes)

Executive Director Allen

 [EDs Reports 2.12.2025.docx.pdf](#)

Kingson Leung was recognized at 3:07 PM and presented the report in Executive Director Allen's absence. He shared that the Child Development Center raised \$25,000 to celebrate 25 years of impactful service and provided updates on recent marketing initiatives. He also discussed upcoming Valentine's events, reported that the Print Shop completed nearly \$27,000 in jobs for the university, and shared progress on CCCAC's website development. Additionally, he gave an update on the General Services Center, announced that the Student Government's candidate application for the upcoming election is now live, and provided updates on Transportation and HR.

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Vice President Mari Fuentes-Martin expressed pride in the strong representation of A.S. at the campus convening event. She provided updates on the AVP candidate selection process and discussed the response to recent executive orders. She noted that it has been a very active and busy semester and took a moment to thank A.S. for their continued support.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes)

N/A

X. Student Election Commission's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Chief Elections Officer Glerys Gonzalez provided an update on the election process, including upcoming events and the creation of social media reels. She also announced that an Information Session for A.S. Elections are ongoing through February.

XI. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Re-Appoint A Director-at-Large to the Internal Affairs Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

As there's a vacancy on the Internal Affairs committee with the Director-At-Large position in addition to former Controller Sadawarti's resignation, a reappointment is

needed. The Internal Affairs committee meets from 4:30 - 6:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Khehra.

Directors Gambarin and Agustin suggested tabling the item until the vacant positions are filled. The board discussed the membership of the Internal Affairs Committee. Director R. Joshi motioned to strike the item.

**Motion:**

Director R. Joshi motioned to strike the item from the agenda.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Motion Rescinded.

**Motion:**

President Lacson motioned to table the item indefinitely.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

2. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, we need to temporarily fulfill their student senator position which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found. Academic Senate convenes once a month on Mondays from 2-5 PM in the Engineering building. The current BOD members that sit on Academic Senate are: President Lacson, VP Nwokolo, Director Gambarin, Director A. Joshi, Director Khehra, & Director Brown.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

President Lacson requested someone to temporarily fill the spot until the next director is appointed, but no one is available.

**Motion:**

President Lacson motioned to table the item indefinitely.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

3. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Budget Advisory Committee (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our previous Controller, we need to temporarily fulfill their position on this committee which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found. From Chair Hart, it was confirmed that they meet on Thursdays from 1-3 PM via Zoom (mostly).

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Controller Dhami.

President Lacson explained that the position needs to be temporarily filled and nominated herself for the role.

**Motion:**

President Lacson self nominated herself onto the Budget Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Motion Rescinded.

**Motion:**

Director Agustin motioned to table the item until after Rhea is appointed as Director of Business Affairs later in the current meeting.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

Action Item re-opened after Action Item: Vote to Appoint Rhea Ramalingam as the 24/25 Director of Business Affairs.

**Motion:**

Director Agustin nominated President Lacson to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Committee (ADAPC) of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

With the resignation of our previous Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, we need to temporarily fulfill their position on this committee which is listed in the A.S. Bylaws until a replacement is found.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

**Motion:**

President Lacson motioned to table the item indefinitely.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

B. New Business

1. Discussion Item: Resolution in Support of Trans Rights & Trans Athletes Rights to Participate in Sports (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANS RIGHTS & TRANS ATHLETES RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS \(1\).pdf](#)

President Lacson reviewed the purpose and significance of the resolution, highlighting recent events, including President Trump signing an executive order banning transgender women from women's sports. She discussed the impact on students and emphasized that they still matter. She then read the resolution in support of trans rights and trans athletes' right to participate in sports.

Director Gambarin thanked President Lacson for bringing the resolution to the board level, pointed out a necessary correction, and suggested adding H.R. 1017 to the resolution. Chair Nwokolo asked for clarification on whether individual board members could sign on in support. President Lacson also shared details about the consultations she had for the resolution and explained her reasoning for including Brooke's name.

Director A. Joshi inquired about the Mountain West Conference's stance, but President Lacson stated that their position is not yet known. Kingson mentioned that the University President had emailed students last Thursday regarding the a notice of investigation of SJSU from the Department of Education.

A Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Controller Dhami at 4:18 PM.

2. Discussion Item: University Commencement Ticket Sales Proposal (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: VPSA Mari Fuentes-Martin)

Director Sinha was excused at 4:21 PM.

VPSA Mari Fuentes-Martin presented the University Commencement Ticket Sales Proposal, which is supported by University Advancement. She went over the slides she shared with the board. The proposal is that graduating students can get 6 graduation tickets for free and purchase up to 8 more tickers for \$20 each. They are hoping this will allow more tickets to get utilized and have less tickets being sold in other places for a much higher prices. Director Khehra inquired about how the price for additional tickets was determined. Mari explained that the pricing was designed to be more affordable for students. He also noted that students could still sell extra tickets.

Director A. Joshi asked how quickly tickets typically sell out. Mari provided an overview of the new system and how it would track ticket sales.

Director Gambarin expressed support for the proposal. Chair Nwokolo asked when the proposal would take effect, to which Mari responded that the goal is to implement it this Spring. He also voiced his support for the initiative.

President Lacson asked why students receive six tickets in the Spring but only four in the Fall. Mari explained that the Fall allocation may change as they evaluate the outcomes of this semester's implementation.

Controller Dhami was recognized at 4:23 PM.

Director Agustin was excused at 4:26 PM.

3. Discussion Item: Donating Gift Cards to SJSU Cares for Students Affected by LA Fires (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

After seeing that Sacramento State ASI donated \$25,000 in Target gift cards to their basic needs department for students affected by the LA fires, President Lacson wanted to open the floor for discussion at our A.S. to determine if we could possibly contribute in a similar matter to our SJSU Cares department.

 [Fiscal Resolution & Amendment Bylaws.pdf](#)

President Lacson discussed Sacramento State's ASI initiative to support those affected by the LA fire. She explained the process, including how donations to SJSU Cares would be managed. Director Swaminathan and President Lacson discussed the importance of determining the specific needs of those affected by the fires.

Mari explained that outreach efforts have been made to LA to identify impacted students and shared how the proposed gift card plan would provide meaningful assistance. Director Gambarin thanked President Lacson for bringing this plan to the board and inquired about the amount of aid students would receive, suggesting the possibility of using Costco gift cards as well. Mari clarified that assistance would be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on financial aid eligibility.

Controller Dhami asked if the funding would come from reserves. Kingson provided historical context on how past A.S. boards have allocated funds to support students. He also emphasized the importance of considering the number of LA students at SJSU and the board's budget constraints. President Lacson clarified that she was not suggesting the board donate \$25,000 but was merely providing an example of Sacramento State's approach. She also emphasized that the board could explore ways to open up financial support opportunities for students.

4. Discussion Item: Memorandum Update on 2026-2027 Bylaws Review (Max: 10 Minutes) (Presenters: Anushka Joshi, Chima Nwokolo)

The Internal Affairs Committee has been working on a comprehensive review of the A.S. Bylaws.

 [MEMORANDUM.pdf](#)

Director A. Joshi provided an update on the memorandum regarding the 2026-2027 bylaws review, which the Internal Affairs Committee has been working on. Chair Nwokolo outlined the proposed new timeline.

Director Gambarin inquired about the purpose of the memorandum and sought clarification on the Internal Affairs Committee's plan for this semester. Director A. Joshi explained that the update was intended to share the committee's current progress.

Director Khehra noted that the committee restructuring had been addressed last year and questioned why no action had been taken and why the memorandum was necessary. Chair Nwokolo clarified that the committee had a different plan regarding the Programming Board

Committee, which is why they had not moved forward with the previous year's plan.

Director Gambarin reiterated her request for a breakdown of the steps the committee has been taking. President Lacson thanked the committee for the memorandum but pointed out that bringing the bylaws to the board outside of the first and second readings may not lead to a productive discussion. She then yielded time to Janely, who emphasized the importance of adhering to the proposed timeline.

Kingson highlighted the need for directors to have an equal say within committees and raised concerns about the number of committee meetings remaining. He also stressed the importance of finalizing the proposal before the last board meeting in April.

5. Action Item: Vote to Remove Chima Nwokolo from the General Education Advisory Committee (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

Vice President Nwokolo will be unable to continue to serve on this committee this semester as there is a time class conflict.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item. Chair Nwokolo shares he can no longer serve on this committee.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the General Education Advisory Committee (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

A member of the BOD is needed to fill in this position to the General Education Advisory Committee. The General Education Advisory Committee meets monthly on the 4th Thursday from 3-4 P.M. via Zoom.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Khehra.

**Motion:**

Director Khehra self nominated himself to the General Education Advisory Committee.



Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 6-0-1, Motion Passed.

7. Action Item: Vote to Remove Sehtej Khehra from Academic Senate (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

I am unable to serve on Academic Senate due to clash with my senior year class. Hence, I am putting an item for my removal from Academic Senate.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. Vote: 6-0-1, Motion Passed.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to the Academic Senate (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

A BOD member is needed to serve on this seat in the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate meets once a month on Mondays from 2-5PM.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami.

**Motion:**

Director Swaminathan self nominated herself to the Academic Senate.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

9. Action Item: Vote to Remove Eishaan Singh Chahal from the Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

Eishaan is not able to continue Academic Affairs Committee anymore due to a class conflict. Hence, I have put an action item to remove him

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

10. Action Item : Vote to Remove Veedhi Bhanushali from Operations Committee (Presenters: Riya Dhami)

Veedhi has a conflict at this time with her work schedule and therefore, won't be able to serve for the Operations committee this semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item. Veedhi has a conflict at this time with her work schedule and therefore, won't be able to serve for the Operations committee this semester.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

11. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Rhea Ramalingam as the 24/25 Director of Business Affairs (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Janelly Pulido)

President Lacson reviewed applications for Board of Directors Vacancy Position: Director of Business Affairs. Following this review her and an interviewing committee consisting of other BOD members held interviews and debriefed on a candidate to nominate. This was completed with the support of the Leadership and Government Coordinator. Post this process President Lacson is nominating Rhea Ramalingam for the Director of Business Affairs position.

 [BOD Vacancy Applications.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

President Lacson discussed why Rhea stood out as a strong candidate for the Director of Business Affairs position, highlighting her experience and qualifications that make her a great fit for the role. Director Agustin also emphasized her skills and how they would significantly contribute to the position.

**Motion:**

Vote: 9-0-0, Motion Passed.

12. Action Item: Vote to Endorse Sense of Senate from the Muslim Faculty & Staff Association (Time Certain: 3:30 PM) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Guests: Muslim Faculty & Staff Association (MFSA))

At our December 11th, 2024 BOD meeting, representatives from the Muslim Faculty & Student Association (MFSA) with a Sense of Senate draft urging SJSU to end ties with any international universities that support Israel's stance on the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. They are bringing in a final draft for an endorsement request prior to bringing it forward to Academic Senate later this semester.

 [SoS senate \(new draft MFSA\).pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director A. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

President Lacson reviewed the Sense of Senate resolution written by the Muslim Faculty & Staff Association (MFSA) and welcomed a guest from MFSA to the floor. She outlined the changes made to the resolution and explained its purpose, expressing hope for the board's endorsement. President Lacson also clarified what it would mean to vote in support of the resolution and read the new draft aloud.

She then yielded time to a guest who shared his thoughts on the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict and San Jose State's ties to the International Program at Haifa University. Director Gambarin, Director R. Joshi, Director A. Joshi, and Director Sinha each yielded time to additional guests, both in person and via Zoom, who shared their perspectives on the conflict. One guest encouraged the board to consider that breaking ties with Haifa would hinder efforts of that University, as it has students who are supporting the people of Palestine. The remaining guests encouraged the board to endorse the resolution, citing the long history behind the Israel-Palestine conflict, concern for the safety and wellbeing of the people of Palestine, and concerns regarding the Haifa University practices. Director Agustin thanked all speakers and emphasized the importance of incorporating student voices when considering the resolution. President Lacson reiterated her support for endorsing the Sense of Senate resolution, noting that it aligns with multiple values the board upholds.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-1, Motion Passed.

13. Action Item: Remove Zarah Taufique from Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

Zarah has a conflict with Programming Board's meeting time this semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

14. Action Item: Remove Anjana Supriya from Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

Anjana has a meeting conflict with Programming Board's meeting time this year.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

15. Action Item: Remove Nimissha Karthikanand from Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

Nimissha has a class conflict with Programming Board's meeting time this semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

16. Action Item: Remove Puneeth Regonda from Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

Puneeth has a class conflict with Programming Board's meeting time this semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

17. Action Item: Remove Sho Rodvold from Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

Sho has a conflict with Programming Board's meeting time this semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson wished everyone a happy Black History Month. She provided updates on her meetings with liaisons and campus personnel, as well as details about the CSSA Plenary she attended. Additionally, she shared an overview of the events and activities she has participated in over the past few weeks.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-02.12.25.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Vice President Nwokolo provided updates on the committees he has participated in over the past few weeks. He also shared insights from his one-on-one meetings with board members and gave an update on the A.S. 55 Awards.

 [02-12-25 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Recognized Director Agustin at 5:19 PM.

Point of Personal Privilege granted to Director Khehra at 5:19 PM.

C. Controller

Controller Dhami provided updates on the A.S. committee meetings she has attended. She also shared budget updates and outlined important timelines

 [Feb 12, 2025 - Controller Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Recognized Director Khehra at 5:23 PM.

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Khehra provided an update on the upcoming AI Summit.

 [SKhehra-2 12 25-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Director A. Joshi motioned to table the remaining board reports.

Motion moved by Director A. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

B. Director of Business Affairs

Vacant.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

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D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 2.6.25.pdf](#)

- E. Director of Intercultural Affairs  
[📎 02 12 25 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)
- F. Director of Internal Affairs  
[📎 10 23 board report.docx \(1\).pdf](#)
- G. Director of Legislative Affairs  
[📎 K.Gambarin Board Report - 02 12.docx.pdf](#)
- H. Director of Student Resource Affairs  
[📎 T. Brown Board Report 2.12.25.docx.pdf](#)
- I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities  
Vacant.
- J. Director of Sustainability Affairs  
[📎 Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(02 12 2025\).docx.pdf](#)

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XVI. Announcements

President Lacson highlighted the meetings and events held this month in celebration of Black History Month. She also discussed providing input for University President Teniente-Matson. Director Gambarin reminded everyone to be cautious of the sickness going around. Kingson gave a shoutout to Director Brown for Spartan Squad's first game yesterday. Chair Nwokolo encouraged everyone to enjoy Valentine's Day and shared his appreciation for the board.

XVII. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.



Chima Nwokolo  
2025-02-19 00:23 UTC

**2024-2025**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: 02.12.2025**  
**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	<b>X</b>
Vice President Nwokolo	<b>X</b>
Controller Dhami	<b>X</b>
Director Khehra	<b>X</b>
Director of Business Affairs	<b>Vacant</b>
Director Agustin	<b>X</b>
Director Swaminathan	<b>X</b>
Director Sinha	<b>X</b>
Director Gambarin	<b>X</b>
Director of Student Rights & Responsibility	<b>Vacant</b>
Director R. Joshi	<b>X</b>
Director A. Joshi	<b>X</b>
Director Brown	<b>A</b>
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Vicki Allen (Kingson)	<b>X</b>
Mari Fuentes-Martin	<b>X</b>
Sam Brown - Recording Secretary	<b>X</b>

**Legends:**

**X** – Present

**A** – Absent

**Guests:** Janely Pulido, Kingson Leung, Abby Escobar, Jim Westbrook, Adam Hall, Rhea Ramalingam, Sophia Guay, Nada Attar, Leequan Jackson, Owen Jackson, Hiba Ahmed, Maya Aboukewik, Lara Aburahma, Haddy Barghouti, Avinay Saceay, Harun Saib, Aminah Jaludi, Daisy Sandoval, Ethan Maruyama, Erick Green, Samuel Aranovich