11.20.2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Associated Students San Jose State University
Friday, November 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM PST to Friday, November 20, 2026 at 12:30 PM PST
Student Union Meeting Room 1A, Zoom: https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/84409347060

Agenda

I. Call to Order **10:00 AM**

II. Land Acknowledgement **10:01 AM**
Presenter: Shannon Lo

III. Roll Call **10:03 AM**

IV. Approval of Agenda **10:05 AM**

V. Consent Agenda **10:07 AM**

If passed by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, all items listed will be approved simultaneously. Items can be pulled for separate discussion at the request of a Board member without a motion or a second.

A. Approval of the Minutes for October 28, 2026

B. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Jordan Mar to the Academic Affairs Committee
Presenter: Christina Shaheen

C. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Angela-Kate San Juan to the Lobby Corps Committee

D. Action Item: Cancel December 7th 2026 Operations Committee Meeting
Presenter: Ashna Gandhi

During the time of the Operations Committee Meeting from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM on December 7th, the committee members will be tabling on campus to share with the student body the A.S. Strategic Plan.

VI. Public Forum **10:08 AM**

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 purposes.

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes) **10:13 AM**
Presenter: Kingson Leung

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes) **10:17 AM**
Presenter: Heather French

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

Presenters: Jon Tucker

X. Chief Elections Officer's Informational Report (3 minutes) 10:20 AM

Presenter: Angela-Kate San Juan

XI. Action Items

A. Unfinished Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Confirmation of the Resignation of the Director of Communications Kimaya Ranka

Director Ranka submitted their letter of resignation on November 9, 2026.

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Budget Development Timeline

The timeline has now gone through two reads at the Finance Committee and is ready to move forward for approval from the Board of Directors.

3. Action Item: Vote to approve the Purchase of Equipment for Print Shop of $50,000 coming from Capital Outlay reserves

Presenters: Kevin Lowe, Brindhaa Krishnan

Purchases of Print Shop equipment was not budgeted and requires an over $10,000 allocation. This item requires Board of Directors consent for additional purchase. Attached is the proposal with the numbers for directly from the vendor of the machine and a quote from Xerox.

4. Discussion Item: Firearms and Weapons University Policy and Associated Students Board of Directors 2022 Resolution on Kirpan Rights 10:23 AM

Presenter: Shannon Lo

San José State University's 1969 Academic Senate firearms policy (S69-18) is outdated. This recommendation presented to Academic Senate replaces it with a modern campus-wide weapons policy that reflects current law and CSU standards, including Title 5 § 41301 (which treats weapons possession as a serious conduct violation without presidential authorization) and California Penal Code restrictions on firearms near schools and universities.

The policy would:

1. Designate SJSU as a gun-free campus, except where authorized by law and written approval.
2. Create an approval pathway through the University Police Department (UPD) and the President (or designee).
3. Define "weapons" comprehensively.
4. Set clear consequences for violations.

Associated Students previously passed the **Kirpan Rights** resolution during the 2021–22 term. It calls on SJSU to formally accommodate Sikh students who carry a kirpan, a ceremonial article of faith, and to build campus-wide religious competence around Sikhi.
Kirpan Rights Demands:

1. Weapons exception policy.
2. Police and security training with a committee panel.
3. Broader campus training for faculty, staff, administrators, and students, who all will receive similar training.
4. Engagement with the Sikh community, with all SJSU entities working with Sikh student organizations and maintain ongoing conversations to improve the experience of Sikh students.
5. Curriculum, with an idea that Sikh history should be taught and included in SJSU's courses.

5. Discussion Item: Travel Per Diem Allowance and Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy Updates from the Finance Committee **10:33 AM**

Presenters: Adi Tuidelaibatiki, Alec Lozano

Review and discuss proposed updates to the travel per diem allowance, including increasing the daily meal and incidental reimbursement limit from $67 to $94, and the fixed asset capitalization policy, including raising the capitalization threshold from $1,000 to $10,000. The committee will evaluate the proposed changes and their financial implications.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President **10:38 AM**

Presenter: Ma'Kayla Akin

The President will present their board report.

B. Vice President of Administration **10:42 AM**

Presenter: Shannon Lo

The Vice President of Administration will present their board report.

C. Vice President of Finance **10:46 AM**

Presenter: Adi Tuidelaibatiki

The Vice President of Finance will present their board report.

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs **10:50 AM**

Presenter: Christina Shaheen

The Director of Academic Affairs will present their board report.

B. Director of Business Affairs **10:53 AM**

Presenter: Ashna Gandhi

The Director of Business Affairs will present their board report.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs **10:56 AM**
Presenter: Alec Lozano
The Director of Co-Curricular Affairs will present their board report.

D. Director of Intercultural Affairs **10:59 AM**
Presenter: Jimena Prieto
The Director of Intercultural Affairs will present their board report.

E. Director of Internal Affairs **11:02 AM**
Presenter: Tirth Thakkar
The Director of Internal Affairs will present their board report.

F. Director of Legislative Affairs **11:05 AM**
Presenter: Maxwell Fairleigh
The Director of Legislative Affairs will present their board report.

G. Director of Student Resource Affairs **11:08 AM**
Presenter: Leilany Hernandez
Director of Student Resource Affairs will present their board report.

H. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities **11:11 AM**
Presenter: Melody Horoufi
The Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities will present their board report.

I. Director of Sustainability **11:14 AM**
Presenter: Krupali Makwana
The Director of Sustainability will present their board report.

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment