



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

Friday, October 3rd, 2025

8:30 PM - 9:45 PM

OSU Room 310 & Zoom: <https://csumb.zoom.us/j/85342338109>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Philip Gianino motions to start the meeting.

Meeting started at **8:33AM**.

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 - Present
- 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 -Present
- m. Jeff Rensel, Director (appointed) - Present
- n. Ben Corpus. VP EMSA (appointed) - absent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 10.03.25

Philip Gianino asks for approval for agenda items.

Philip Gianino motions to approve.

Jeff Rensel seconds the motion.

The motion passes 13-0-0 at **8:35AM**.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Phillip Gianno motions to approve.

Carisse Ballard seconds the motion.

The motion passes 13-0-0 at **8:36AM**.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

8:37 AM

Savanah Browder Presents

A. Monthly Meeting/Agenda

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

8:37 AM

Philip Gianino Presents

- ##### **B. 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.

8:37 AM

Philip Gianino Presents

- ##### **C. Special Guest:** Matthew McCluney, Director of Campus Planning & Development, Facilities Management & Tony Huff, Director of Facilities Services, Operations, and Utilities.

- a. The guests provided insight into upcoming facilities projects on campus, including space planning within the Otter Student Union and sustainability initiatives related to utilities management. Board members expressed interest in learning more about collaborative opportunities for student involvement in campus beautification and facility feedback efforts.

Philip Gianino Presents

D. Committee of the Board

- a. Budget Committee - No official updates at this time
- b. Audit Committee - No official updates at this time
- c. Art Committee - Updates were provided on the **Stairway Art Project (from 2nd floor to Ballroom)**. Plans include a committee guest speaker to discuss future student art collaborations and a **Graphitee art canvas project** in partnership with the Health & Wellness Committee to promote creativity and student expression within the OSU.

- d. New Committees - Review goals and objectives/Vote to establish
 - i. **Health & Wellness Committee** - Presented by David
 - 1. Collaboration with PGCC to promote mental wellness pop-up spaces in the OSU.
 - 2. Explore options to help facilitate the campus shuttle system through coordination with relevant departments.
 - 3. Potential **Coca-Cola collaboration** including customizable bottles and community activities that promote inclusivity and campus engagement in the OSU.(A recognition of CSUMB's partnership as a Coca-Cola school)
 - ii. Jeff Rensel motions to approve.
Phillip Gianno seconds the motion.
The motion passes 13-0-0 at **9:16AM**
 - iii. **Women's Leadership Committee** - Presented by AK
Motion to keep as a standing committee due to more meeting times and updates.
 - iv. Phillip Gianno motions to approve.
Carisse Ballard seconds the motion.
The motion passes 13-0-0 at **9:19AM**

9:19 AM

Philip Gianino & Jeff Rensel Present

E. Wonderfil Promotion

- a. <https://csumb.edu/osu/wonderfil/>
- b. Oct. 22nd - Unveiling to launch the Grand Opening of Wonderfil- free of cost

F. Monte's 5K Support

- a. Monte's 5K updates: Registration total 331, 178 students (as of 10/3/25)
 - i. Link to REGISTER: [Monte's 5K](#)
 - ii. We are looking for students to VOLUNTEER using this link: [Volunteer for Monte's 5K](#)
 - 1. Deadline for volunteer registration is today, 10/3/25.
 - 2. Otter Thursday - 10/9/25
 - a. Bib and T-shirt distribution
 - b. 11:00am - 1:30pm

3. Race Day - 10/11/25
 - a. Start/Finish Line Support
 - b. 8:00am - 10:30am

G. Otterlands Planning Committee

- a. Meetings are Monday at 2pm
- b. Collaboration with Student Housing and Residential Life

9:31AM

Philip Gianino & AK Present

H. Associated Students Liaison/Updates

- a. Mention of plenty of AS led events such as upcoming Diwali and the Women's Social Mixer.
- b. Discussion of Student Fee Advisory Committee updates and how they are looking to manage the student fee increase.

9:36AM

David Santizo Presents

I. 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. *Suggestions for Taco Bell, more beverage variety, vegan, halal, and breakfast options..*
- b. *Adding more cushions in the OSU lounges, Tabling space outside the building, Hammock seating from the ceiling, Bulletin board near the Narcan station, Events for parenting students, Addressing odor concerns in the Meditation Room.*

9:40 AM

VI. OSU Updates

Jeff Rensel, Director-OSU, Presents

- A. Introduce OSU Staff & Annual Report
 - a. We are pleased to share the final draft of the OSU Annual Report 2024-2025
- B. OSU Movie Nights continue this semester
 - a. Friday, Oct. 3 - Mean Girls (with Associated Students)
 - b. Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Wicked (with Student Life)
 - c. Thursday, Oct. 30 - Rocky Horror Picture Show (w/Performing Otters/SELD)
 - d. Friday, Nov. 7 - The Wild Robot (Family Friendly)

- C. The OSU is assisting with First Generation Celebration Day through a week long set of events that will be announced soon. We are currently seeking First Gen Students to share your story. Your story will be featured on Instagram from November 3rd-8th and highlighted during Otter Thursday on November 6th.
 - a. Please fill out this [google form](#) by October 9th. 
 - b. Email a high resolution picture to Jessica Sierra, jesierra@csumb.edu by October 9th.
- D. The OSU in collaboration with Student Veteran Services, will be hosting a Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 13th during the Otter Thursday program. More details coming soon.

9:43AM

VII. OC3 Updates

Rudy Medina, Director-OC3, Presents

- A. OC3 is hosting Hiking with the Affinity Centers, a new partnership with the Big Sur Land Trust.
- B. Werk Witch Drag Show - All Star Edition is next week October 10th. Tickets go live today (10/3). Show typically sells out within 24 hours so claim your tickets!
- C. MidTerm Study Night will be hosted on 10/16 - Partnership with all the Affinity Centers and the CLC
- D. Diwali is 10/18
- E. Affinity Center Otter Thursday will be on 10/23
- F. Dia de los Muertos lead up workshops start on 10/23. We will have an altar in the yellow cove of the OSU
- G. Dia de los Muertos Event will be on Thursday October 30th
- H. Cafecito with Caritos (lowrider show) - 10/25
- I. Food is Medicine: Chef Wahpepah (Keynote for Indigenous Peoples Month is 10/28 - we are doing the event a little early because of keynote availability)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Nothing at this time

9:45 AM

IX. ADJOURN

Philip motions to adjourn the meeting.
Jeff seconds the motion.
The motion passes 13-0-0 at 9:45AM.
Meeting adjourned at **9:45 AM.**

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