New A.S. board of directors elected

By Enrique Gutierrez-Sevilla
staff writer

The Associated Students election commission held the 2023 A.S. election results party on Thursday at the Student Union.

Sarah Mulhani, public health sophomore and the newly elected A.S. president, currently serves as the mental health chairwoman for Delta Sigma Phi, a fraternity at San Jose State.

"It is not only an honor but a huge responsibility," Mulhani said. "I look forward to hearing out many communities around campus in ways we can integrate cultural awareness and increase our sense of belonging."

Mulhani said he decided to run for president because of his experience in team satisfaction and public health.

"My perspective allows for a person who prioritizes student wellbeing as an A.S. senator," he said. "I aim to make A.S. more integrated with every student's input so the people on campus feel part of our transformative culture."

SJU academic senate passes resolution in solidarity with Florida

By Ralinoir de Fort-Menares
news editor

The Academic Senate passed multiple resolutions at a meeting in Engineering Building 285 on Monday afternoon.

Other agenda items during the meeting included a resolution that aims to modify the Academic Senate's Constitution, increasing the level of clarity once a resolution has passed through the senate. The resolution passed through the senate with a nearly unanimous vote in favor.

The Academic Senate also made three recommendations for the president to veto a policy, it includes a rationale that is reported back to the senate and campus community.

The final recommendation is that if the president takes no action following the 60 day deadline, then the policy would be considered inactives.

This is, simply put, a breathtaking attempt to destroy academic freedom, tenure and shared learning. The Governor of Florida intends to seize control of the curriculum and research at all of Florida's public institutes of higher education. The Governor of Florida intends to seize control of the curriculum and research at all of Florida's public institutes of higher education. This resolution was made in the Engineering Building 285 on Monday afternoon.

The Academic Senate also unanimously approved a resolution in support of academic freedom and solidarity with faculty at public Florida universities and other academic senate members.

Emeritus faculty are faculty members who have retired and choose to stay at the university following retirement. Because of the implementation of senior ID cards to access buildings on campus, emeritus faculty lost access to most buildings.

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By Rachel French
department chair of biological sciences academic senate member

This resolution was made in response to a policy that was passed in the California State University's Academic Senate in January that made three recommendations for each senate in the school system.

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By Alina Ta
SOFT GUTTER

San Jose City Mayor Matt Mahan discussed city issues at San Jose State University student organization A.S. Student Senate Hall on Tuesday night. Mahan discussed multiple aspects of his recently approved city budget.

“Let’s talk about how we can actually provide meaningful change for people in the community,” he said.

Mahan said students for Police Accountability will continue to take up the movement for city police reform.

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ELECTION

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San Jose City Mayor Matt Mahan speaks at San Jose State University student organization A.S. Student Senate.

Mayor Mahan discussed housing, policing and mental health with SJSU students.

By Alina Ta

San Jose City Mayor Matt Mahan, who spoke to students at lecture hall 119 in Washington Square last Thursday, addressed housing, policing and mental health issues with this year’s presidential election.

Election topics range from property and sales taxes. "Silicon Valley, which is great, " Mahan said. "but we actually have significantly less decentralized, the city's budget does not make the revenue per capita, " Mahan said. "I know that $6 billion sounds like a lot of money, but we decide it on a person basis, we have only 104,000 parcels."

He said the needs for a stronger community with high quality services. "I want to focus, we can be everything to everyone, Mahan said, "but we decide it on a person basis, we have only 104,000 parcels."

Sociology senior Katarina Adams who is the lead organizer in the Solutions Working Group, said, "She thinks it's important to be directed toward housing." Adams said, "I am not satisfied with the way Mahan appeared to use the city's housing provider, Silicon Valley, which is great, but with a small budget!"

Mahan said the revenue from the city's budget comes from property and sales taxes. "Our city's budget comes from property and sales taxes. "

He said, "Every high school for students but in college you go for exposure and know some of the social cultures on our campus will be a useful experience for our students." Multani said he plans to work with the student body and ensure everyone has an equal voice.

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In her book, Monroe explores the thesis of why women are big consumers of true crime stories. In 1999, she published the book "Soul Boxes: Reclaiming True Stories of Crime and Oblivion," which addressed the ethical attraction that people have for true crime genre. She said as the genre has grown, it has also shown a female audience, which is often said by people who make true crime podcasts and books.

"It can be a way of engaging with [crimes]...like a way of working through what happened to you through the prism of somebody else's story," Monroe said.

She said, when working as a journalist, she encounters people who have had terrible experiences. "I mean, this is certainly a big thing for me."

"I think there's certainly maybe an aspect of 'crime is a feature to kind of manage fear through information or knowledge,'" she said.

"I mean, this is certainly a big thing for me. Like this, it's how I deal with everything that scares me. I've tried to illuminate it read a bunch of books about it."

Monroe said the genre can consume some ways, just a way of working through trauma or maybe wrestling with maybe trauma or stories.

"I think that's interesting that the idea is, like, every 15 years, they can help reduce gun violence."

"In a way, I think that it should be spoken about as an expression of their First Amendment rights."

"I think it's dangerous to interact with true crime as entertainment because it's heavily consumed."

"Some are saying that there is no crime in going up in area, even when that is not actually true," she said.

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Sergio Jimenez, San Jose city councilmember for District 2, said he is proud of how the city has been able to introduce new projects for the city, “We're at a time now where we are at the point of receiving and welcoming more people off the street and provide more of our unsheltered residents, a pathway of permanent service.” he said, “I think this is the ultimate goal,” he said. Liccardo also said when the planning on the site, the then-city councilmember Mahan supported the project from its very beginning.

“Don't we want these to just close off walls?” Mahan said. “We want these interim housing units to be part of the neighborhood, part of the community.”

The Monterey/Branham emergency interim housing site is the sixth project the city developed to address the unhoused issue.

Mahan said during the first two years of the pandemic, the city built five shelters since 2020. Mabury Road, Filipa Avenue, Monterey/Bernal and Rue Ferrari, providing over 400 individual units, some of which serve entire families.

“27% of the people who entered one of these five units remained in stable housing after one year,” Mahan said.

This means that for every unhoused person reaching a shelter, almost two people enter in houselessness. “We need to continue to support people who are already living in housing and apartments, strong tenant protections, prevention and eviction programs to keep people housed,” she said. “So that we can continue to reduce the number of people who are falling into homelessness.”

Sergio Jimenez, San Jose city councilmember for District 2, said he is proud of how the district and San Jose have taken a leadership role in helping solve the housing crisis for the unhoused.

“Today there are no questions, addressing how you don't see people complaining with an open eye. They want this to happen! I think largely because they've discovered what we've discovered at the city,” he said. “We're at a crucial level. We need to do something and doing nothing just isn't an option anymore.”

The new site will be the third one opening in 2024. Rue Ferrari and Bernal/Monterey, have a total of 196 units to provide shelter to unhoused residents.

Once the site will open in April 2024, LifeMoves, an organization offering support to interim housing programs, will provide support services and case management.

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Mahan breaks ground on new site

San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan breaks ground at a press conference about a new construction project to combat houselessness in San Jose.

By Christylene Tran

Marae Aarons-Mele, author of “The Anxious Achiever: Turn Your Biggest Fears Into Your Ultimate Superpower” discussed how understanding anxiety and the power it has can lead to the success on Thursday during a webinar hosted by the SJSU Alumni club.

She is the host of the SJSU "Anxious Achievers" podcast for LinkedIn Pulse, and a LinkedIn, which was named one of LinkedIn’s top 10 influencers in mental health in 2022, according to the SJSU Alumni club.

Aarons-Mele said the first thing she wanted participants to look at is how anxiety can affect their mental health.

Aarons-Mele said anxiety is a powerful contributor to how people act and how they work, but it isn’t talked about enough.

“Even though my podcast is really successful and it has a big audience, it’s hard for me to get executives to come on the record with me and talk about their mental illness,” she said. “I think they worry their stock price might tank if they expose themselves.”

Aarons-Mele said that when people appear anxious and need help, it’s a sign of weakness and others will view them differently.

“We’re all feeling vulnerable and we need new models of leadership and new models of talking about it,” she said.

Aarons-Mele brought up Abraham Lincoln as an example of a powerful leader who struggled with his mental health. She said it was a well-known fact that Lincoln had depression and anxiety.

You know, Lincoln from a very young age, asked for help.

He had friends who took him in, she said. “He had people that he could lean on. He had friends and colleagues later when he was in the White House, who would help him from because he had us to lean on.”

Aarons-Mele continued by saying the former U.S. President was one of the greatest leaders because his anxiety made him an empathetic leader.

This empathy allowed him to connect with people in the Civil War including widows, grieving parents and soldiers.

“Great leaders know themselves. What do I have to do with Lincoln? Not much.”

But when you understand your anxiety, and what it’s telling you, when you learn to leverage it, I do believe that it can be a leadership superpower. It may not feel like it now but anxiety can enhance those leadership skills,” she said.

Aarons-Mele said she thinks very few Christians would ever call anxiety a superpower and she is not calling it a superpower by itself.

“We don't feel in control so anxiety is everywhere. How could it not be? And anxiety is a stress response, it’s a response to a perceived threat. It’s an ancient emotion,” she said.

Aarons-Mele said anxiety has kept people alive because it teaches us about threats and anxiety.

“And that’s why you can think of a moment when you're about to do something you really care about or you’re on a deadline or you’re about to give a talk or something that matters to you is about to happen and you feel that rush of anxiety,” she said.
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Academic senate talks new policies

By Vanessa Tran  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

San Jose State's Academic Senate held a meeting Monday afternoon in response to President Roger R. Lee's plan to build a new engineering building, where it unanimously passed a resolution that includes the creation of a statue on campus dedicated to the incarcerated Japanese Americans.

The resolution passing means San Jose State will officially recognize an involvement in the removal and incarceration of local Japanese Americans during Executive Order 9066.

Associate Students, President Nishant Prasad, said he understands the idea of having an annual day of remembrance, a constructed mural in front of Yoshida Hall, a statue that honors Japanese Americans' difficulties they faced.

"In this resolution, not only do we acknowledge our role, but we highlight individuals, individuals who had a lived experience, processed and returned back to San Jose State to serve our students," Chuang said.

"I think it's important to recognize how important it is as an institution to acknowledge this historical change in a system that wasn't designed for everyone," Prasad said.

Kenneth Peter, member of the Academic Senate and political science professor, said he welcomes all of the good work SJSU has done for Japanese Americans and he wants to acknowledge some of the wrongs they have done.

"This is the first opportunity that I think we have had to acknowledge this university's role and one of the greatest violations of civil rights for students," Peter said. "And it has relevance not only for the students and alumni involved in that and who were incarcerated, but also for the people that are the hardliners that are continuing work.

He said the first step toward this resolution was his own research. "Not only is it one of the most impactful resolutions that has ever come before this academic center," Peter said.

Victoria Taketa, SJSU alumna and former Japantown Neighborhood Association President, said it was nice to see the university implement an idea of having an annual day of remembrance, not only for granted.

"This resolution recognizes how important it is for us as an institution to move forward in our change in the system that was kept from us," she said.

Taketa said the Japantown community members visited the meeting and assisted in writing the resolution.

Peter said this solution is the first he's ever seen that has been brought to the university's attention.

She thanked the Japantown education, "I came to San Jose to fight for redress and separations for students and Japanese Americans," she said. "This resolution will bring a measure of healing that the Japanese American deserve and which the broader community can also benefit." 

The sense of senate resolution includes the creation of a statue on campus dedicated to the incarcerated Japanese Americans in front of Yoshihiro Uchida Hall and a mural at the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering Building on Monday.

"I look at the courageous stand that the Academic Senate will take in supporting this proclamation," Taketa said. "Because to think about taking a leadership and our capability in terms of speaking, emergence, marking, mobilizing communities from participating in prominent.

After this meeting at SJSU, she took a Black studies class that she had thought would be kept from her education. Taketa said she also inspired her to document the lost history of Asian Americans in the U.S.

"I want to see San Jose fight for redress and separations for students and Japanese Americans," she said. "This funding initiative is a first of its kind package of resources that includes both Rapid Rehousing is a program for individuals looking for housing who recently became homeless because of unfavorable circumstances.

"Through an innovative partnership between the office of supportive housing and affordable housing developers, the project has a pipeline to a rapid rehousing units at newly constructed affordable housing developments," Ellenberg said.

"Participants who choose to live in one of these newly developed sites will have the ability to transition in place and retain their housing after the project assistance ends." One of the biggest supporters of this resolution was the grant Preston Prince, the executive director of the Santa Clara County Housing Authority.

Prince said one of the hurdles that have been key in solving the homelessness crisis has been hiring people with lived experiences to come back to work in programs focused on addressing the issue.

"Our communities have really strong leading with lived experience," Prince said. "There are groups of people that are formally and currently homeless who are out in the communities every single day, working in alongside matrix, traditional outreach teams and helping people to get off the streets to have the basic essentials that they need to survive while they're outdoors." 

Pu said these resources will ultimately help the county address homelessness, while also giving the unhoused the resources they need to get back on their feet.

"These funds will enable San Jose and Santa Clara County to advance the goals of the community's plan to end homelessness," Pu said. "It will help to expand the supportive housing system to provide more housing resources to have shelter tools and to reduce the length of time needed to resolve their homelessness. This award will therefore complement and enhance the city and counties existing and ongoing efforts to address and solve homelessness throughout the community."
Spartans sweep UNLV at home

By Nathan Canilao

The San Jose State baseball team swept University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a three-game series over the weekend at home at Fortnite Ballpark. The Spartans defeated the Rebels by an average margin of 5 runs per game.

Friday

SUU took the first game of the series on Friday 6-2 behind a big performance from outfielder Jaron Law.

Bowling batted 3 for 5 and recorded at-bats led to a 7-3 win over UNLV. "Our pitching really led the way. " and Darren Jansen finished it. I think was handed the ball for two innings and the bullpen was the reason the game win. Spartans took the game.

Brad Sanfilippo said pitching from the bullpen was the reason the game win.

Sunday

Similar to Friday's game, SUU's hitting along with constant at-bats led to a 7-5 win over UNLV. Junior third baseman Dalton Hamchuk scored junior catcher Hamchuk on an RBI single.

The UNLV deficit to just a run in the fifth inning after Charles McAdoo hit a homer in the second inning. The Rebels took a three-run lead in the fourth inning as it scored four consecutive runs to take a commanding 6-2 lead.

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Luna y Sol brings light to SJ

#1: B. Mao, the owner for Toasty Tailor, runs a small clothing shop in his 1951 Chevy Kurbside van at Luna y Sol on Friday.

#2: Fremont native Francine-Teresa Caputi looks through a rack of clothes at one of the tents.

#3: Watsonville Mexican singer Gabi Bravo sings in Spanish and English at the pop up.

#4: Steven Alcantara, the owner and a San Jose State alumnus from 2009, exchanges clothes and cash with customers.

#5: Derek (right), an SJSU alumnus from 2020 who sells plushies, exchanges a plushie for cash with a customer.

#6: Concord native Romar Lamano owns @89Thrift on Instagram and is hanging a shirt for sale on the roof of his tent.
Listening to Waterparks’s new album, “Intellectual Property,” exploded my ears and expanded my mind. Indie rock trio Waterparks dropped their fifth studio album on Friday, containing 11 tracks that drip with aggression and intensity.

Lead singer Awsten Knight credited the concept based on his battles with religious guilt and hypersexual themes, according to a Thursday interview with the Zach Sang Show.

Although they’re two contrasting ideas, he manages to mesh them together well in this album.

In his interview with Sang, Knight said his relationship with religion has been confusing and changing over time, but he explores methods of coping and spirituality in this album. Knight’s complex lyrics paired with insane production offers a punk-introspective take.

The album starts off with “ST*RFUCKER, ” which references Waterpark’s 2019 album “FANDOM” that talked about fans who want to sleep with their favorite artists, but forget they’re actual people.

In the first verse of the song, listeners are introduced to Knight’s difficult journey with religion.

“Jesus Christ won’t text me back …/ It’s been a pleasure, It’s nice to meet you/ Maybe I’m a soul-sucker/ But you’re just a starfucker. ”

Each song dives deeper into a spiraling mentality and uses crazy instrumentals to evoke the feeling of his messy mental state.

The fourth song, “BRAINWASHED, ” is about being so obsessed with a lover, to the point where they’re stuck in your brain all the time.

Knight goes into “simp” culture in the lyrics, “I’m see-through, need you/ Why do I think you’re so cool/ Everything’s clean except for my thoughts/ Thinkin’ about me gettin’ you off/ It’s been a week, I’m still at your house. ”

According to Dictionary.com, simp is “a slang insult for men who are seen as too attentive and submissive to women, especially out of a failed hope of winning some entitled sexual attention or activity from them.”

I appreciate Knight’s vulnerability and transparency about his intrusive thoughts. Although he dresses it up with soft acoustics, he admits to being overly obsessed with a person.

On the other hand, “RITUAL, ” took me by surprise with the introduction, “What if I want to have sex before I get married?/ Well, I guess you just have to be prepared to die.”

In the first verse, “Build a bomb shelter, bite a belt for the stress/ Never knowin’ what’s next, next, ” Knight portrayed the weight of religious guilt compelling young adults to anticipate the worst to come. As someone with religious generational trauma, this verse was heavily relatable.

Organized church and religion has the ability to traumatize children with regret for acting outside secular beliefs. The lyrics that haunt me the most are, “My inner child needs a bulletproof vest and a phone that can’t text/ And twenty years rest/ Build a bomb shelter, bite a belt for the stress/ Never knowin’ what’s next, next/ Sleepin’ with my clothes on in case shit goes wrong. ”

With these lyrics, it’s evident Knight wants to heal his inner child that has been affected deeply by the sins and repentance of religion.

Although there were some very intuitive and thought-provoking tracks on the album, some fell flat and I feel inclined to skip them every time. “FUCK ABOUT IT, ” featuring blackbear, doesn’t match the overall theme of the album. His uninspiring lyrics didn’t move me like the other songs did.

This song reminded me of an immature teenager who can’t establish boundaries and ends up using sex to cope instead of communicating their feelings. While this album tackles sensitive issues, I wish there was more nuance throughout it like the album “FANDOM.” Waterparks has a history of stepping out of their audience’s comfort zone and pushing the boundaries of their music. I’d like to see more variety of music in their records as they’ve promised beforehand.

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