About 40 San Jose State community members shared their concerns with the SJSU presidential search committee on Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

The California State University Board of Trustees launched a national search for the new SJSU president after former president Mary Papazian announced her resignation on Oct. 7, 2021, concluding her tenure on Dec. 21, according to an Oct. 7, 2021 SJSU blog post.

Wednesday’s open forum was the “kickoff” of the nationwide search, said the CSU public affairs senior director Michael Uhlenkamp.

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President Clarissa Mae Calimbas of SJSU student engagement committee.

“In order to remain the committee’s responsibility to choose the next president, who will try to commit to equity and quality for everyone,” said Calimbas. “SJSU president should value the problems of increased incarceration rates, especially of poor people and minorities and often for nonviolent crimes.”

“SJSU president should act against the profit-driven industrial complex.”

The profit-driven relationship between the government, the private companies that build, manage, and maintain prisons to profit, and lobbyists regarded as the main benefactors of the prison-industrial complex.

“Crime is not about people who make low level drug offenses here… I’m talking about murderers, rapists, and people who do illegal, is allowed in the SJSU campus, and don’t deserve to be a part of society.”

“San Francisco decriminalized marijuana and proposed a system he believes would create a backflow of crime.”

“Every time you abolish a form of law and whether society would benefit from having no policing system.”

“There are no policing systems.”

“There’s a lot of people in jail over issues that are no longer issues like possession of marijuana, also mental health issues can be addressed in a completely different manner.”

There are no mental health issues among the campus community.

“I never realized until now how important the president drives the university, so I wish there were more students present.”

“Go Conducting the searches in a confidential manner for many reasons. I have just outlined, but there is a presidential advisory committee that is going to be fully engaged”, Keooster said. “The members of that committee represent a key constituency of the San Jose State University.”

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“Before the open forum, SJSU staff and facilities workers protested near the university president and chair of the search committee.”

“These students present.”

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Spartans frolic through Yosemite Park

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Right:
San Jose State student Emily Laih nears the top of Vernal Falls during a hike along the Mist Trail in Yosemite Valley on Saturday.

Below left:
SJSU outdoor adventure coordinator Tony Dianda takes a rest on a fallen tree during a hike on Saturday.

Below right:
Hikers gather atop Vernal Falls along the Mist Trail to soak in the view in Yosemite National Park on Saturday evening.

Above right:
Giant granite walls loom over countless sequoia trees on Saturday.

Above left:
SJSU sociology senior Cindy Balbuena (left) and Dutch international student and business major Boudewijn Bosveld chat during a break along the Mist Trail.

Left:
Stars fill the night sky above the tips of tall sequoia trees on Saturday night.
Café presents smart, unique flavors

By Joaquin De La Torre
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May 4th

Honey Assam Au Lait.
Piloncillo Cinnamon Latte and
that incorporate international
since 2015, according to its website.
enthusiast platform dedicated to
Jan. 12, 2021 Roasty Coffee article.
"cut" by the milk, according to a
since the acidity of the espresso is
in a drink that is more palatable
consisting of steamed milk, espresso
in the Basque Country, which is located in
"to cut" can trace its origins to
Spanish word “cotar” meaning
enjoying an espresso beverage was
and Cortado.
camping, during the pandemic.
I am always happy to see a
Café's signature drinks and consists
Pandan is an aromatic, tropical
tree found in Southeast Asia
with leaves featuring a sweet

delicious, “said Dillon Gadoury,
and everything, but it was super
usually found in any grocery
Mexican brown sugar, and is
sugar, which is sometimes called
and it’s like we just made our
Pandan Oat Milk Latte and

"I came here my freshman
year, and I had their
Ot Milk Latte and
I know that sounds really basic
and super delicate,” said Dillon Gadoury,
business marketing
The Pandan Latte is one of the
café's signature drinks and consists
of a pandan syrup, espresso and the
patrons choose their dairy or
dairy milk.

I don't always like my coffee
really sweet . . . so I ask for 50%
level sweetness, but it has this
really nice earthy nuttiness to it,
which I love,” Gadoury said.
The pandan syrup, as well as
every other syrup used at
Academic Coffee, is freshly made
on site, Nguyen said.
"A lot of customers will pop
in every now and then and they
are like ‘Oh, what’s that smell?
and it’s like we just made our
piloncillo cinnamon syrup’
he said.
Piloncillo is a Mexican cane
sugar, which is sometimes called
Mexican brown sugar, and is
usually found in any grocery
store, looking like
baked-sugar cones.
When I visited Academic
Coffee, I felt like a

The “gorgeous gorgeous” Iced Match Vanilla Latte from Academic Coffee which is located on 499 S. Second Street Downtown San Jose.

The Iced Vanilla Latte has outreach and featured a light, almost-unsweetened, vanilla flavor and a solid yet subtle iced matcha latte.

This is not surprising considering that the matcha is comparable to a ceremonial grade matcha, which is the highest grade of
matcha available, according to the café's website.

As the Iced Matcha Latte delicately danced on all of my
true taste, I rested peacefully under the protection of
the large shady tree on the corner of Fourth Street and William street where
Academic Coffee has
outdoor light pink and
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The Spruce Eats article.

The Spruce Eats article with
intended to help
amateur chefs create amazing dishes
with less confusion, according to
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When May comes around each year, a sense of dread bubbles in my stomach.

The approach of Cinco de Mayo, or May 5, means I have to deal with non-Mexicans perpetuating stereotypes and using a faux holiday commonly referred to as “Cinco de drinko” to get drunk, wear fake mustaches and wear traditional Mexican cultural garb as if it’s a Halloween costume. Get a grip. If you’re going to use the holiday as an excuse to get drunk, so be it but know what you’re celebrating and don’t mock Mexican culture while you’re enjoying tequila and mezcal.

Cinco de Mayo is a commemoration of an 1862 Mexican victory against French emperor Napoleon III and his army in the battle of Puebla, according to an Encyclopedia Britannica entry. Mexican officials instituted a temporary foreign debt repayment moratorium in 1861, which resulted in Spanish, English and French troops invading the country and demanding payment, according to the same encyclopedia entry.

Though English and Spanish troops left by April 1862, the French military remained and partnered with rich landowners, trying to establish a monarchy under Archduke of Austria Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph. Though poorly armed, a Zapotec and mestizo attack led by General Ignacio Zaragoza on May 5, 1862 left more than 1,000 French troops dead in Puebla.

The Zapotec are an indigenous group based in and around the eastern and southern parts of Oaxaca, a southern Mexican state, according to an Encyclopedia Britannica entry. Mestizo is a term used to describe people of mixed indigenous and European descent, according to a July 10, 2015 Pew Research Center article.

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To see a holiday that is either celebrated Briefly or not at all in its country of origin being blown out of proportion by people in the U.S. is confusing, but it’s especially disconcerting when paired with the gross simplification of Mexican culture often seen at Cinco de Mayo celebrations and parties. It’s nauseating how debauchery is associated with what brings pride to many Mexicans and the U.S. Mexican diaspora.

It’s especially concerning because Mexicans are often portrayed negatively and inaccurately in pop culture. The portrayal of the Mexican community in media can be demeaning and harsh, according to the Ferris State University Jim Crow Museum Mexican and Latino stereotypes webpage.

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Seremos first appeared in the 15th century, the name “seremos” meaning something that provides solace, or shade in Spanish, according to an Encyclopedia Britannica entry. They’re especially popular in Mexico and the southwest U.S. as they protect wearers from the sun, according to the same entry. Though not indigenous to Mexico, serapes are woven worn-blankets similar to ponchos, and their weaving has thrived in the country since the 18th and 19th centuries, according to a serape exhibit at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

I’m not against Cinco de Mayo celebrations. If you want to have fun, have fun, but if you intend to host or attend parties, know what you’re celebrating and don’t disrespect a vibrant and beautiful culture.

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What is Cinco de Mayo?

CINCO DE MAYO

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