Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

11 a.m. PDT Friday, August 21, 2026
Zoom link available upon request

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – Jessica Trask

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (ACTION) – Jessica Trask

IV. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION) – Jessica Trask
   A. Approval of the Minutes from June 29, 2026

V. NEW BUSINESS – Jessica Trask
   A. Cost Allocation Plan: Updates and Continued Discussion
   B. Recent federal actions and RF responses

VI. OTHER ITEMS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Roster

Seat	Name	Term	SPAC
1	**Jessica Trask** Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair Vice President, SJSU Research Foundation Board of Directors Associate Vice President for Research, SJSU	Ex-Officio	● Chair
2	**Jason Aleksander** Professor, Philosophy, College of Humanities and the Arts, SJSU	Oct. 2024- Oct. 2028	●
3	**Katy Kao** Professor, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, SJSU	Oct. 2024- Oct. 2028	●
4	**Petra Dekens** Executive Director, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, SJSU	Dec. 16, 2024- Dec. 16, 2028	●
5	**Miriam B. Goodman** Mrs. George A. Winzer Professor in Cell Biology Professor and Chair, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Stanford University	May 1, 2024- April 30, 2028	●
6	**Nathan Meier** Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Capacity and Competitiveness, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	May 1, 2024- April 30, 2028	●
7	**Mark B. Reed** Professor of Public Health, College of Health and Human Services, San Diego State University	May 1, 2024- April 30, 2028	●
8	**Julia Husainzada** '27 Data Science, minor in Business	Jan. 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026	●

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DATE: June 29, 2026

TO: SJSU Research Foundation Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee

FROM: Jessica Trask, Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair

RE: IV. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION) – Jessica Trask
A. Approval of the Minutes from June 29, 2026

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Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
1 p.m. Monday, June 29, 2026
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

J. Trask called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jessica Trask, Jason Aleksander, Katy Kao, Mark B. Reed, Nathan Meier

Absent: Petra Dekens, Julia Husainzada, Miriam B. Goodman

Attending: Eric Eshkanian

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (ACTION) – Jessica Trask

J. Trask proposed suspending the agenda presented in the packet in favor of a discussion on the budget's impact on research. M. Reed motioned to change the proposed agenda to discuss the budget impact; K. Kao seconded. The amended agenda was approved without dissent.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION)

A. Approval of the Minutes from November 12, 2025 – Jessica Trask
N. Meier moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2026; M. Reed seconded. The meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, were approved without dissent.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on the Budget Impact on Research

J. Trask discussed the revised 2025-26 Cost Allocation Plan, noting a shift in how Facilities and Administrative (F&A) returns are used to reimburse the campus. She explained that the new plan requires the Research Foundation to directly reimburse the university's general fund for various services, representing a significantly increased expense of approximately $1.8M. Combined with a drop in F&A reimbursements resulting from federal funding delays, the Research Foundation is projecting a zero balance, which will critically impact the RSCA Assigned Time program and college distributions.

A question was raised asking if the RF could withhold a portion of the anticipated payouts to colleges to create a cushion for the following year. J. Trask responded that it would need to be reviewed to see if there is a formal agreement requiring exact transfers, but that all options should be on the table.

A question was raised regarding the rationale and methodology for these specific reimbursement numbers, noting that the charges appeared significantly different from what the Tower Foundation is charged. J. Trask noted the committee's need for clarity on the methodology used.

A question was raised regarding the committee’s role in reviewing the cost allocation plan. J. Trask noted that additional information should be gathered before further discussion, including information about comparable practices at other CSU universities, clarification of the methodology used, and data related to the potential operational impacts of the budget change.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

M. Reed motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. The next Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to convene at 4 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2026, via Zoom.

DATE: June 29, 2026

TO: SJSU Research Foundation Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee

FROM: Jessica Trask, Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair

RE: V. NEW BUSINESS – Jessica Trask
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