San José State University Research Foundation

Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

3 p.m. PST Monday, November 23, 2026

Via Zoom

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
   B. Approval of the Minutes from August 21, 2026

V. NEW BUSINESS – Jessica Trask
   A. University Grants Academy (UGA) Selections and 2027 Research Programs Update
   B. FY26 Unaudited Proposal and Award Data
   C. Cost Allocation Plan: Updates and Continued Discussion

VI. OTHER ITEMS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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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: November 23, 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.

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DATE: November 23, 2026

TO: SJSU Research Foundation Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee

FROM: Jessica Trask, Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair

RE: IV. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION) – Jessica Trask
B. Approval of the Minutes from August 21, 2026

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Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
11 a.m. August 21, 2026
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER
J. Trask called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: Jessica Trask, Jason Aleksander, Katy Kao, Petra Dekens, Julia Husainzada, Miriam B. Goodman
Absent: Mark B. Reed, Nathan Meier
Attending: Eric Eshkanian

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (ACTION) – Jessica Trask
J. Trask proposed suspending the agenda presented in the packet to discuss recent developments with sponsoring agencies. The amended agenda was approved without dissent.

IV. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION)
A. Approval of the Minutes from June 29, 2026 – Jessica Trask
The approval of these minutes was postponed due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting and will be voted on in the November 4, 2026, meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Preliminary Grant and Proposal Updates
J. Trask reviewed unaudited previous-year metrics. She discussed the possible availability of unawarded research funds from Federal sponsors before the close of their fiscal year, prompting an approach that differed from the usual proposal process. The Office of Research plans a September 'grand challenges' solicitation to secure available funding sources. It was suggested to track whether federal institutes have acting or appointed directors to contextualize restrictive staff behavior. Overall, Research Foundation awards fell by approximately 50%.

B. Recent Federal Actions and Research Foundation Responses
J. Trask reported on the increase of new and stricter clauses in Federal contracts and the OSP effort to be aware of the new language in all agreements. J. Trask summarized White House OSTP priorities and the announced PI-centric grant

model. A question was raised on other agencies adopting similar guidelines; J. Trask projected they would unless blocked by upcoming continuing resolutions.

C. Cost Allocation Plan: Updates and Continued Discussion
J. Trask reported that the 2026-27 budget was approved with the cost allocation plan, but noted SJSU has flexibility to treat each auxiliary separately, arguing that the Research Foundation is a joint venture rather than a commercial auxiliary, and will draft a SPAC-endorsed recommendation framework for the Board.

Questions were raised regarding the formulas and calculations used to arrive at the figures in the Cost Allocation Plan, the departure from the previously flat fee, local uniqueness (SJSU-specific with other CSU campuses expressing apprehension), and direct conversations with the SJSU Provost on RSCA Assigned Time. J. Trask added that VPRI C. Khachikian is fully aligned with the committee.

J. Trask will also prepare a cost-share report for the SJSU CFO to answer cabinet-level questions about how cost shares are handled.

VI. OTHER ITEMS
There were no other items.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. The next Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

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DATE: November 23, 2026

TO: SJSU Research Foundation Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee

FROM: Jessica Trask, Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair

RE: V. NEW BUSINESS – Jessica Trask
A. University Grants Academy (UGA) Selections and 2027 Research Programs Update

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TO: SJSU Research Foundation Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee

FROM: Jessica Trask, Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee Chair

RE: V. NEW BUSINESS – Jessica Trask
B. FY26 Unaudited Proposal and Award Data

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C. Cost Allocation Plan: Updates and Continued Discussion

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