ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

# ASI Sustainability Projects Funding Committee 25-02

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 | 12:30-1:30pm
Location: USU 3700
Posted: Friday, February 14th, 2025

**2024/2025 Committee Voting Members**

Ashleigh Skarshaug
*Sustainability Representative*
*Chair*

Haley Burch
*CSTEM Representative*
*BOD Representative*

Eliza Valdovinos
*Student-at-Large*

Bridget Martinez
*Student-at-Large*

Miguel Angel Martinez
*Environmental Studies Major Representative*

**Advisors**

Juliana Goodlaw-Morris
*Sustainability Manager, Safety, Health and Sustainability*

Shannon Gallacher
*ASI Government Affairs Coordinator*

**Standing Invitees**

Floyd Dudley
*Facility Services*

Heather Burkland
*Energy Management & Utility Services*

Rajesh Badri
*Planning, Design, & Construction*

| ITEM | SUBJECT | PRESENTER |
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| **01** | **Call to Order** | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **02** | **Roll Call**<br>**Present:** Ashleigh S., Haley, Miguel, Eliza, Shannon, Juliana, Heather<br>**Absent:** Rajesh<br>**Tardy:** Floyd | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **03** | **Recognition of Guests**<br>None | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **04**<br>**Action** | **Approval of Agenda**<br><br>Edits at the Will of the Chair:<br>25 – 01 to 25 – 02<br>Floyd for TBD<br>Table item 08<br><br>Migel motioned to approve the agenda with the edits<br>2nd – Haley | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **05**<br>**Action** | **Approval of Minutes**<br><br>Edits at the Will of the Chair<br>Bridget absent at previous meeting<br><br>Eliza motioned to approve the agenda with the edits<br>2nd – Miguel | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **06**<br>**Information** | **Open Forum***<br><br>None | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |
| **07**<br>**Presentation** | **Review of SPF Application: The Milpa Hub**<br>**Description:** Committee will review proposed application.<br>**Fiscal Impact:** Yes ($7,000.00)<br><br>**Haley –** Is the reason for applying to continue to enhance on campus connections, building community, etc.?<br>**Alexis –** Expansion of resources to grow Dia de Los Muertos events, space management and appearance, etc.<br>**Haley –** How do you anticipate keeping engagement with space so it continues on?<br>**Alexis –** Professors hold classes in the space and hold research in that space which could help students.<br>**Juliana –** Does this look to expand into the sustainability garden? | Ashleigh Skarshaug *Chair* |

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| | **Alexis –** Yes, different spaces will allow students to utilize the spaces differently (food lab vs other gardens, etc.)<br>**Juliana –** Proposal request is for 7k but presentation asks for 3k, which is correct?<br>**Alexis –** Asking for 3k<br>**Shannon –** how will the money be utilized?<br>**Alexis –** providing food for attendees at events, swag/giveaway items for students to get involved, event advertising, etc.<br>**Shannon –** Clarification on timeline for events (funds are for this fiscal year) and also about internship and funding for that?<br>**Alexis –** Definitely one event before the end of the semester, but much of the labor for the garden and safety training will be over the summer; Internship looking to provide a stipend for students who want to get involved over the summer. | |
| **08**<br>**Presentation** | **Review of SPF Application: The Cougar Transit Center**<br>**Description:** Committee will review proposed application.<br>**Fiscal Impact:** Yes ($10,000.00)<br><br>Item tabled by Chair | Ashleigh Skarshaug<br>*Chair* |
| **09**<br>**Action** | **Closed Session, Pursuant to CA Education Code Section 89301©(1): Application Deliberation & Allocation of Funds**<br>**Description:** Committee will review proposed applications and determine appropriate allocation of funds<br>**Fiscal Impact:** Up to $10,000<br><br>Out of closed session, committee reported that:<br>Milpa Hub encouraged to reapply in March in order to utilize funds over an entire fiscal year & clarify aspects of their itemized budget<br>Cougar Transit Center not funded | Ashleigh Skarshaug<br>*Chair* |
| **10**<br>**Information** | **Announcements**<br><br>**Ashleigh S. –** Earth Day & Cougar Thrifts on 4/22/25 on<br>**Juliana –** April Earth Month events<br>**Heather –** Blue Bolt benches installed on campus with capability to charge phones & laptops; outside of USU Chavez Circle, U-Hall, ViaSat building, SBSB | Ashleigh Skarshaug<br>*Chair* |
| **11**<br>**Action** | **Adjournment**<br>The meeting was adjourned at 1:27pm by the Will of the Chair | Ashleigh Skarshaug<br>*Chair* |

* Public comment will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per guest. Chair will determine allocated amount per meeting.

I, Elaine Pollard, 25/26 ASI President & CEO, hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by Board of Directors of Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 5th, 2025 (see all minutes from 25/26)

Abigail Elaine Pollard (Jun 15, 2025 10:01 PDT)

06/15/2025

# SPF Guest Sign In

2/19/24

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Name

1. Ashley Fennell
2. Joshua Liberato
3. Melissa Chico Brito
4. Alexis Rios



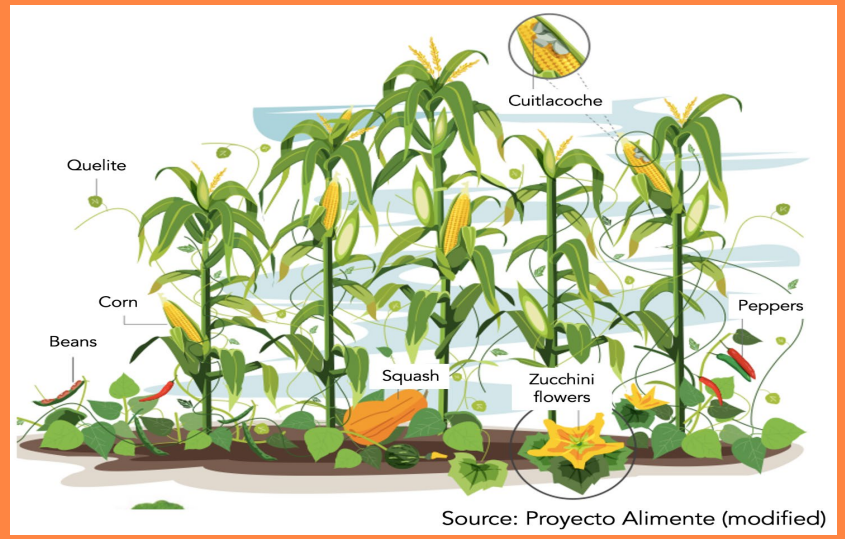
# MILPAS: CREATING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

**A PROJECT TO CENTER INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FOODS**

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# BACKGROUND

**Milpa** is a millennia-old (9,000 years old) poly-cropping system that originated in Mesoamerica and is still actively used across the Americas.






Milpa is a practice that is deeply rooted in **communal benefits biologically and culturally**. Our hope of cultivating this **multi-functional ecosystem** at CSUSM has been made a reality because of the community.

# EL CICLO DE MILPA (Universo)

## ETAPA 4

- El bosque comestible es transformado en uno de maderas duras.
- El ciclo de la milpa comienza de nuevo.

## Cultivar con las fases de la luna

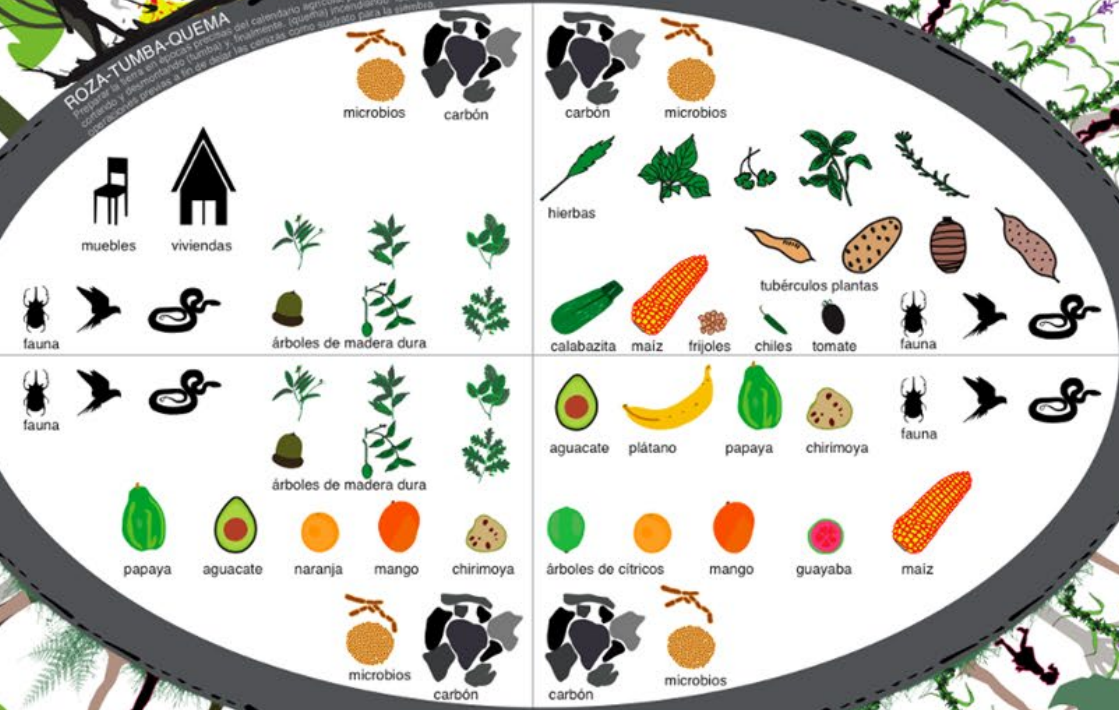



## ETAPA 1

- Dentro de los primeros dos a tres años, la trilogia mesoamericana del maiz, frijol y calabacitas son cultivados a pleno rayo de sol.

**ROZA-TUMBA-QUEMA**

Preparar la tierra en épocas previas del calendario agricola, podando y desmalezando (roza), cortando y derribando (tumba) y finalmente, (quema) incendiando los residuos de las cosechas previas a fin de dejar las cenizas como sustrato para la siembra.




## ETAPA 3

- Árboles frutales maduros que comienzan a producir
- Maderas duras, como Cedro y Caoba, son plantados para crecer dentro de las próximas epocas.

Futuras Generaciones

## ETAPA 2

- Maiz, frijol y calabacita para proveer frutos en cinco años
- Árboles frutales que necesitan mas tiempo para producir

Futuras Generaciones

Fuente: 2011 El Pilar Maya Forest Garden Network, Case Studies

ALMA MÉXICO Taller 13 Arquitectura Regenerativa



## Biodiversity

- Maintaining local macro and micro biodiversity
- Local and global climate regulation
- Biogeochemical cycling

## Human health

- Healthier diet – food security
- Active lifestyle

## Social space

- Creates community
- Mindful alternative
- Culture and art

# PROMOTION







Our goals are centered around collaborating with the academic and local community to host **educational events**. By partnering with knowledge holders to guide our **educational practices** we can cultivate inclusive sustainable education.



# EDUCATION

1. Cycle celebrations
2. Accessible resources
3. Multifunctional
4. Volunteering opportunities

# OUTREACH

The milpa at CSUSM is part of a Hub of green spaces and community partners in the county to provide diverse resources.

BUENA VISTA AUDUBON
A Chapter of the National Audubon Society




Botanical Community Development Initiatives

# FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- **Club work**
  - Student Fair org market
  - Org collaboration events
- **Research funding**
  - Grants, scholarships
- **Local community involvement**
  - Donation of knowledge and resources
  - Educational tours



| Budget Summary | |
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| Contracted service or Performances | $600 |
| Event-related expenses | $300 |
| Food | $400 |
| Swag/Giveaway items | $300 |
| Printing and duplicating | $200 |
| Promotions and outreach programs | $200 |
| Project supplies | $200 |
| Other (installations, charges, facilities, etc) | $400 |
| Internship | $400 |
| Total SPF funding requesting | $3000 |

# GOALS

- Creating Community
- Green space for everyone
- Access to food









# CONTRIBUTIONS

**THE MILPAS ARE DRIVEN BY STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF**

**Collaborators**: Obdulia Perez, Bonnie Bade, Gabriel Valle, Isidro Alvarez, Bianca Bonilla,, Diana Montiel, Laurie Schmelzer, Lucy Solomon, Marcelo Garzo-Montalvo, Alan Malfavon, Robyn Araiza, Jeani Cressi, Lily Galiano, Scott Gross, Juliana Goodlaw-Morris

**Students and their parents**! Alexis Rios, Melissa Chico, Joshua Liberato, Soni Dawa, Angela Montoya, Dylan Lopez, Irma Ramirez, Jhasmine Valencia, Victor Leon, Tony Perez, Cynthia Hernandez, Luiza Borges, Imaan Sahid