

Associated Students Executive Committee  
Humboldt State University  
Monday, January 29, 2018  
Nelson Hall East, Room 120  
Minutes #5

**Call to Order**

Mularky, A.S. President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in Nelson Hall East, Room 120.

**Roll Call**

Officers Present: Desteny Gutierrez, Joey Mularky, Tzveta Stoimenova, Paola Valdovinos

Officers Absent: Dana Carrillo, Jonathan Pena Centes, Kassandra Rice, Vincent Thomas

Advisors Present: Elijah Lechman, Jenessa Lund

Advisors Absent:

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/VALDOVINOS move to approve Agenda #5, dated January 29, 2018. APPROVED

**Chair's Report:**

Mularky thanks those that are present.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #3 November 6, 2017. – **Action Item**

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/GUTIERREZ move to approve the Minutes #3, dated November 6, 2017. APPROVED

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Business Items**

A. Meeting Attendance – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss the importance of A.S. board members attending all board and committee meetings.

Mularky emphasized the importance of the Board of Director meetings, and pointed out that a few members cannot attend due to time conflicts. Mularky said that meetings, reports, and office hours is all that is required of them. Mularky asks if those that cannot attend should be members.

Stoimenova asks if this is due to a class conflict or members are just not attending. Mularky responded that they scheduled a class during the time of the meetings and noted that in some cases it was unavoidable as they are courses for their major.

Valdovinos said that the members should have let them know in advance when they created their schedules in the previous semester. Valdovinos also said that it is unfair for those that do attend the meetings.

Lechman stated that a lack of attendance may further damage the A.S. reputation, especially for students that believe that A.S. does not do anything. Stoimenova added that these meetings are an obligation, much like a job.

Esh said that the President of Administrative Vice President should speak informally to those that cannot make meetings to see if a solution can be made. Esh also noted that if a solution cannot be made that the point system can help determine whether impeachment of members is viable. Mularky added that if a member does not wish to resign then it is Valdovinos' responsibility to add up the points and begin the impeachment process.

Gutierrez said that in their case the professor allowed them to attend an earlier class session, and added that this may be an issue for those that do not offer multiple class times. Stoimenova added that they had the same issue last semester, though they would get notes from fellow classmates for the days missed.

Stoimenova stated that attending meetings is an essential requirement, and if there is an inability to do that then members cannot fully serve students.

B. A.S. Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee – Discussion Item

The Committee will discuss possible changes to the committee charge.

Lund stated that there is \$52,000.00 in a scholarship fund intended for students that participate in community service. Lund offers the option of rolling these funds over to A.S. account to take care of any budgeting issues. Another option is to award the scholarship to those that need it.

Stoimenova added that the Theatre Department has been working on building a scholarship for Erin Henry, a student that passed away last Fall. Henry was socially conscious and involved with social justice. Stoimenova stated that a portion of this scholarship fund may go towards this scholarship.

Gutierrez asked what kind of scholarships has this fund gone to in the past. Mularky responded that the scholarship has been available to all students and listed on the Humboldt page then reviewed by a committee.

Gutierrez asked if A.S. board members can apply for the scholarship. Mularky responded that they can, but should not if they are on the reviewing committee.

[Kassandra Rice arrives at 4:25 p.m.]

Mularky noted that the committee reviews applicants that have done valuable community service. Stoimenova added that this process may be outdated because those that do community service have the time and can afford to do so. Mularky responded that a needs-based scholarship would be more beneficial for students. Gutierrez agreed that the scholarship should not be dependent on community service.

Lechman asked how many other scholarships are on a needs-based program. Mularky said that there are quite a few. Lechman stated that this scholarship should stay community service based so as to add a variety of options available for students in different financial situations. Mularky responded that students can explain their financial situation on the application. Stoimenova added that some students are in a position where FAFSA does not support them and neither do their families.

Mularky asked for perspectives on the scholarship being accumulated by student fees. Lechman responded that the money is cycled through different departments. Engel asked how much alumni donate to the school annually. Stoimenova asked how much have students been paying to contribute to this scholarship. Mularky responded that money has not been put into this fund recently, though in the past it was around \$2.00 per student. Engel asked how much of the scholarship was awarded to students. Mularky responded that each person was either awarded \$500.00 per semester.

Engel asked why this amount of money was given when few applicants were awarded. Mularky responded that the review committee decided. Engel asked how the total fund has reached \$52,000.00 without dispersing scholarships. Lund responded that in 2008-09 \$113,000.00 was put into the account initially and over the years lower amounts were deposited until it was cancelled.

Mularky note that these funds can be put towards a scholarship or allocated where they see fit. Mularky and Lund offered options for reallocation, such as: Veterans, Legal Center, and Check-It. Stoimenova said that these funds could be more useful for the college community than for individual students.

### **General Discussion**

Mularky discussed their conversation with President Rossbacher in regards to building a student fee task force. Lund added that the upcoming task force meetings will cover Category 2 fees, addressing student needs, and how to reallocate funds. Mularky also discussed the URPC deficit may increase by \$6 million with the proposed tuition increase, this will make the total deficit \$8 million by next year. There will be open forums and presentations focusing on the URPC deficit including one on the February 2, 2018 in the Goodwin Forum at 1 p.m. and another on April 13, 2018 in the Kate Buchanan Room at 1 p.m.. Lund discussed Q Fest that will occur mid-April and noted that A.S. should get involved with the program by collaborating with Jonathan Salinas, WRC, and the LGBT Club.

### **Announcements**

Lechman announced that on Thursday February 1, 2018 there will be another DACA phone bank, and asks for a few more participants.

Stoimenova announced that the period project has received funding and is closer to being an active program.

Rice announced that on February 9, 2018 there will be a Mardi Gras party from 8 to 11 p.m. at the bottom of the J.

### **Adjournment**

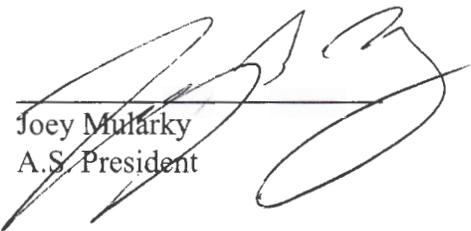
Mularky adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:51 p.m.

Recorded by:

Patric Esh

A.S. Board Coordinator

Approved by:

  
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Joey Mularky  
A.S. President