

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Meeting on Wednesday, January 30th 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #11**

Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tiffany Newton, Ryan Guy, Carrie Schaden, Nikki Kovalcheck, Carol Hurley (late), Christopher Lobo (late), Carol Balch (late)

Members Absent: Tyler Smith

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, Jason Robo, DaVonna Foy, Constance Mitchell, Rachel Rodriguez, Lladira Baez, Alan Chesbro, Keith Lambert

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Steven Butler

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: GUY/NEWTON move to approve Agenda #11. APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Robo announced that he had to leave the meeting to attend a *Focus the Nation* event. He requested that council move his appointments to the beginning of the meeting. Newton asked if Robo would be willing to make his appointments after he returned from *Focus the Nation*. Robo agreed.

MOTION: GUY/NEWTON move to amend the agenda and proceed with Legislative Vice President's appointment upon Robo's arrival. APPROVED

Special Presentation

Dr. Rollin Richmond, Humboldt State University President, thanked the council for inviting him to the meeting. Richmond addressed Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget and the State Fiscal Emergency plan. The Governor did not propose any mid-year cuts to the current state budget for the CSU. The 2008-09 State budget has a proposed reduction of 375 million in funding for the CSU system. The governor did not approve the request by the Board of Trustees to buy out the 2008-09 student fee increase. Richmond added that he sent out an e-mail to the campus community outlining the impact on HSU from the CSU reduction. HSU will have to cut 4 million from next year's budget. HSU is expecting another record enrollment year next year and any enrollment growth past the enrollment target set by the CSU will not receive augmented funding from the state. Richmond noted that the campus will do its best to protect the academic programs from any further cuts. Richmond said that the Chancellor's

office has circulated a letter signed by the Chancellor and the different presidents of the faculty and staff unions, and that there is a strong solidarity throughout the system to protect the CSU from further budget reductions. Richmond appealed to council to make sure that students and their parents contact the legislature about the importance of higher education in California. Schaden asked if Richmond will work for a funding system that will allow HSU to receive money to support high-cost programs rather than a FTES formula. Richmond replied that changing the funding structure is a difficult political fight and that the trustees are working on the development of a new strategic plan. Richmond worked behind the scenes to get the CSU strategic plan to recognize unique campuses with expensive programming. Foy asked if majors will be cut. Richmond referred the question to Interim Provost Bob Snyder. Snyder explained that there is currently no plans to cut majors and that the new program prioritization plan will allow programs to be evaluated fairly before any academic programs are cut. Mitchell asked if AS and the President's office would be willing to work on the Parent's Pledge together. Richmond said that the Parent's Pledge is a fantastic idea and he will do everything he can to support it, and that the HSU Alumni Program has created something similar for Alumni students. Baez informed the president about the march on the Capitol in April. Jesse Hughes, Student-at-Large, asked Snyder for an elaboration on a rumored hiring freeze for faculty and staff at HSU. Snyder answered that there is currently no plans to freeze hiring, although some searches may be canceled on a case-by-case basis. Guy asked how short-term budget issues will be handled until program prioritization. Snyder responded that Academic Affairs will be rolling over a small amount of money into next year's budget. Schaden asked what will happen to contracted wage increases that were negotiated in spring 2007. Richmond replied that the CSU and the Unions recognize that it's in everyone's best interest to achieve goals together in the legislature to sustain funding. Richmond is encouraged that the Chancellors office and the union leaders are working together on the budget issues.

Robo left the meeting at 3:27. Guy assumed control of the meeting as Vice-Chair

Chair's Report

Guy had no report.

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

Rachel Rodriguez addressed the council on the Music Building fire on campus yesterday. Rodriguez noted that there were no emergency signs or text messages sent out to students. Also, no information was made available to students on the website until 5:30 p.m. Rodriguez noted that students coming on to campus were unaware of emergency conditions.

Steven Wieland noted that there was no alert for students on campus during the Music Building fire. Wieland wanted to know why the campus was spending a lot of money on computer emergency notification system and not utilizing the technology. Wieland noted that there are issues of transparency on this campus and that change is needed on campus to address issues. Wieland spoke to the council that the community needs to come together to support education. Wieland commented that the university should look towards the local cannabis industry to help support the campus. Wieland also noted that the school needs to look at its strongest programs to help it raise money. Wieland said that research on cannabis should exist on campus to support the local economy and the environment.

Dr. Steven Butler, Vice President of Student Affairs, said that the reason that no text messages were sent during the Music Building fire was because there was no threat to public safety on campus. Butler noted that the reason there were so many fire trucks on campus was because one truck became stuck en-route to the emergency. Butler stated that they tried to get information on to the website as quickly as possible. Butler estimated that there is over \$100,000.00 in damage to the music building. Butler outlined the campus emergency response notifications. Text messages, sandwich boards, the HSU website and the University Center bell tower are all used to notify students of any emergency conditions on campus. The Fire Alarm systems on campus are localized to their individual buildings. Butler noted that on February 14th the campus will have another text messaging test.

Steven Dimon, student-at-large, was told that there were chemicals released in the air and that the campus should put up signs on the campus about it if they have resources to put up other safety signs.

Program Presentations

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) – Jeffrey Steuben

Jeffrey Steuben addressed the council and introduced himself as one of the CCAT co-directors. The three CCAT co-directors live in the CCAT house full time and are in charge of managing CCAT projects, demonstrations and educational activities. CCAT started in 1978 and became an AS program in 1981. CCAT is located on the south side of campus in the Buck House next to the Behavioral and Social Sciences building. Four years ago CCAT was moved into the Jenkins house temporarily and has only recently moved back into the Buck house in July of 2007, after it had been moved to make room for the Behavior and Social Sciences building. Steuben noted that the community has consistently supported CCAT. Many improvements are still being made to the Buck House and CCAT is working to complete the finishing touches of the building. Last fall, CCAT had a grand reopening to the community with 60 people in attendance. CCAT has resumed teaching classes and has approximately 6 classes per semester. Every fall CCAT hosts CCAT week which is a weeks worth of teach in's and workshops. Every week CCAT has volunteer Fridays and provides an opportunity for students to volunteer at the house. Last semester CCAT had over 50 individuals volunteer to help. CCAT also holds monthly potlucks on the first Friday of the month. CCAT continues to work with university courses to provide an outlet for students to demonstrate their projects and experiments. Future plans including building a greenhouse, a workshop and a yard where the Jenkins house used to sit.

Women's Resource Center (WRC)–Vynessa Ortiz

Vynessa Ortiz the Fiscal and Staff Coordinator of the WRC and Anna Barbara the Rosa Park Resource Room Coordinator were present on behalf of the WRC. The WRC began in the 1970's along with the creation of the Women's Studies major. It began as a way to address issues of equality for women on campus; currently the WRC works to address issues of gender, sexuality, race, class and globalization. Ortiz passed out their mission and vision statement and a copy of the *Matrix*, the WRC's newsletter. WRC creates spaces for people to look at and address issues that are occurring both locally and globally. WRC also serves as a referral service and provides students with contacts for different community organizations including the North Coast Rape Crisis Center, Humboldt Domestic Violence Service and Humboldt Breast Health Project. Last year the WRC opened the Rosa Parks Resource Library that

provides references for students interested in certain topics. WRC also provides alternative education and hosts workshops to help students learn about issues that aren't addressed in traditional classroom settings. Campus organizations including Queens of Distinction, Black Student Union and the Queer Student Union also work closely with the WRC. On February 22nd the WRC is celebrating the re-opening of the Rosa Park Resource Room. The WRC holds open meetings on Thursday's at 5:00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. Ortiz reminded council that Take Back the Night is coming up in April. The WRC office is located on the bottom floor of the Multicultural Center and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Robo resumed chairing the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to appoint Patrick Malloy to the Elections Commission. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Amy Moore to the Elections Commission. APPROVED

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to appoint Steven Dimon as the Public Relations Coordinator. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Jesse Hughes as the All-University Representative. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/SCHADEN move to appoint Porscha Cobbs as the College of Professional Studies Representative. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Tara Holloway as the Graduate Representative. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)

No appointments.

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Carol Hurley to the Board of Finance. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTSION

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HOLLOWAY move to appoint Michael Hamanaka to the University Library Committee. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTSION

Robo left the meeting at 4:50. Without objection Newton assumed the meeting as an interim chair.

A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HURLEY move to appoint Tiffany Newton to the AS Student Affairs Committee. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

Newton will serve as Mitchell’s designee on this committee.

MOTION: SCHADEN/KOVALCHECK move to appoint Tiffany Newton to the University Student Affairs Committee. APPROVED

This is Newton’s third committee. There was no objection by the Executive Committee as per AS Government Code Section 3.05. Newton will serve as Mitchell’s designee.

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HURLEY move to appoint Christopher Lobo to the Grievance Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HOLLOWAY move to appoint Amy Moore to the AS Campus and Community Service Scholarship Committee. APPROVED

Moore will be serving as Mitchell’s designee on this committee,

Official Reports (10 minutes limit each speaker, additional time at discretion of Chair)

Committee Reports

Amy Moore- reported on the University Curriculum Committee (UCC). The UCC will be discussing the German Program fate from 10-12 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5th in the Corbet Conference Room. Moore noticed that many seniors were unable to get into courses needed to graduate; this will be addressed in UCC in two weeks.

Steven Wieland – reported on the Space and Facilities Committee. The Space and Facilities Committee met in January for the first time and only one of Wieland’s requested agenda items appeared on the meeting agenda. Wieland reported that he feels that the committee is only there as a formality and most decisions have already been decided beforehand. The new Physical Education Building is almost complete and will officially be called the Kinesiology building. The Draft Plan five year update is in process. Plans for the Performing Arts Center building have been stalled until the Student Services Building construction is finished. The 24 Hour Study Lounge/ Learning Commons project can’t happen until seismic upgrades are complete on the library building.. Wieland feels that the Student Service Building should not be built until academic program buildings are renovated or built.

Newton read a written statement on behalf of Chase Piviroto. Piviroto would like to know if any members of AS have information he would like reported at the President’s Council meeting. Piviroto requested that council members contact him by e-mail at cap64@humboldt.edu.

Sarah Shoenberger –reported on the Voter Registration and Education Committee. Shoenberger reported on Getting Funky with the Vote. Shoenberger reported that different administrators from

campus will be driving students to the polls. Shoenberger handed out sign up sheets for Getting Funky with the Vote.

College Representative Reports

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

The Task-Force is soliciting ideas from Associated Students and would like to form a student committee to address student concerns.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Schaden will be meeting with the Student Access Gallery this evening and will be attending a Recreation Center Board of Directors meeting this week. The Lab Fee Committee will be meeting at a new time this semester which has yet to be announced.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Hurley had no report.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The Student Health Advisory Committee is meeting Friday at 3:00 p.m. Newton will not be able to attend this meeting but will be able to attend all other meetings this semester. The Sexual Health Advocacy Committee will be meeting in two weeks. Newton noted that the Associated Students already has a resolution regarding priority registration for athletes. Newton noted that she is excited about planning her college social.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Absent.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies

Some students in the Industrial Technology program will be going to Arizona for a design competition. The Library Committee will be meeting next week.

Cobbs-

Cobbs is excited about working with council.

Balch – All University

Balch reported that the Film Festival is still accepting submissions for the Festival. February 16th is the deadline for submissions and tickets will be available in March for the Film Festival.

Hughes –All University

Hughes is looking forward to working with the council

Graduate Studies Rep (Holloway)

Holloway reported that she will have a learning curve as a new council member and asked council for assistance. Holloway is available if anyone needs any help

Residence Hall Association Rep (Vacant)

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No Report

Elections Commissioner (Keith Lambert)

Lambert met with Tyson and Gail Wootan, Associated Director for Student Life, last week to help plan for elections.

Public Relations Coordinator (Dimon)

No report.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)

Chesbro reported that the tickets Tegan and Sara are selling well. The AS Presents committee will be having a meeting in the coming weeks.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)

Rodriguez is working to get 100 HSU students to march on the Capitol in April. Rodriguez is really looking for help with *Getting Funky with the Vote*. Rodriguez asked for council to sign up for as much as they can.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)

Rodriguez reported on behalf of Baez. Rodriguez passed out a Tuition Relief Now Petition. External Affairs may be meeting next week.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

Mitchell announced that Council is invited to join the winners of the Hunger Fighter Challenge at 6:00 p.m. for a pizza dinner. Mitchell will not be able to go to retreat due to school obligations. Mitchell reported that Ashley Foreman is working to create an Associated Students mural.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Davonna Foy)

The first Board of Finance meeting will be February 4th at 2:00 p.m. Foy is holding budget workshops next week with Tyson for budget administrators to attend on February 4th at 4:00 p.m. and February 6th at 4:00 p.m. The MCC allocation board will be having its first meeting on Friday February 1st.

President (Terra Rentz)

Rentz met with Dr. Butler and President Richmond on Monday January 28th. Richmond is interested in institutionalizing *Getting Funky with the Vote*. Rentz spoke with Richmond about alternative ways to get students to register to vote including through Web Reg. Rentz noted that the administration has been turning around their communication with students and Associated Students. Rentz will be having more

frequent meetings with President Richmond this semester. Academic Senate is creating a recommendation for a holistic approach to Budget Committee that is based on campus goals rather than department funding. Richmond has volunteered staff support to help form the AS Lobby Corps.

General Council Discussion (At this time Council members and Executives may follow-up with questions regarding reports.)

Rentz noted that the mural must go through some administrative approval by the University Center before being painted. Holloway commented to Wieland about strategies he could use in the Space and Facilities committee. Schaden noted that she will be putting the Program Prioritization task force on the next agenda.

General Council Work Session

A. A. S. Spring Retreat- Friday-Sunday, February 1-3 -Joan Tyson and Terra Rentz

Tyson announced that a couple people still need to sign up for Friday night dinner and meals at the retreat. Tyson will be posting the carpool list in the office tomorrow. . Tyson reminded students to bring things to sleep on and warm clothes. It will be cold and raining. There will be no chance for stops along the way to the campground so council members should be prepared before they leave. Tyson and Rentz are working on the agenda for the trip and will send out an e-mail on Thursday on what to bring. If you have things you would like to bring up at retreat please contact Rentz.

B. Getting Funky with the Vote, February 5th –Rachel Rodriguez

Rodriguez reminded council to sign up to volunteer for shifts for Getting Funky with the Vote.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Newton adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

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Approved by:

Jason Robo
AS Legislative Vice President