

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Meeting on Wednesday, February 27th 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #13**

Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tiffany Newton, Ryan Guy, Carrie Schaden, Nikki Kovalcheck, Tyler Smith, Christopher Lobo, Porscha Cobbs, Carol Balch, Jesse Hughes, Tara Holloway

Members Absent: Carol Hurley (unexcused)

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy, Rachel Rodriguez, Lladira Baez, Alan Chesbro (late), Keith Lambert, Steven Dimon, Jason Robo

Officers Absent: Constance Mitchell (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Steven Butler

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: GUY/HOLLOWAY move to approve Agenda #13. APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

MOTION: GUY/HOLLOWAY move to place Chair's Report before Special Presentation. APPROVED

Robo requested that Council move the Chair's Report before the Special Presentation so that he could give his report prior to leaving the meeting.

Chair's Report

Robo reported that he was elected to chair AS Government meetings by over 1,000 students and if the meetings were to continue at the scheduled time he is unable to attend and it would be an inadvertent way of removing him from office. Robo feels that it was inappropriate to set a meeting time that conflicts with his academic schedule. Robo would like to change the meeting times to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and believes that it will allow more Council members to attend the meetings. Robo announced that Vice Chair Guy will be chairing the rest of the meeting. Robo also officially called a Special Meeting for Monday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Foy noted that there is a Board of Finance meeting on Monday at 2:00 p.m. that may conflict with the Special Meeting if it were to last more than one hour. Robo replied that the Special Meeting should be less than one hour. Hughes noted that if meeting times

are going to be changed it should be done during regular meeting times. Robo responded that meetings have been held on Mondays for decades.

Robo left the meeting at 3:10 p.m., Vice Chair Guy assumed as chair of the meeting.

Special Presentation

A. HSU Librarian, Mary Kay

Mary Kay, Circulation Librarian was present and passed out her contact information and a spreadsheet that outlined the HSU Library budget for the past five years. Kay noted that libraries serve many different functions for students and the campus community. The HSU Library budget has been decreased continually since 2003-04, although the campus has received a small increase in general fund spending most of those years. The materials budget for the library has suffered the most in library budget cutbacks. Book purchases have consistently decreased due to the budget. Kay remarked that although the facility has not received any major remodels or upgrades in the last couple of decades that small improvements have been made and that the facility still serves its purpose. Recently an off campus consultant for the Learning Commons project visited the library and conveyed that the equipment resources available to students is “abysmal.” In response, Provost Snyder recently provided funding to purchase 24 new computers for the library to replace the outdated reference computers. Recently, the library has been able to get electronic versions of journals at very good prices. Kay remarked that the Interim Dean of the Library Ray Wang is in charge of the administration of library services and reports to Interim Provost Bob Snyder. Kay remarked that students should express if they think the HSU Library and references are important during difficult budget times through the University Library Committee or as a resolution in regards to Library funding. Kay also suggested that students could set up a program where a student committee could authorize materials purchased for the library through a student fee.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #12 dated February 13th, 2008—Action Item

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to approve Minutes #13 dated February 13th, 2008
APPROVED

AS AMMENDED

Hughes made a correction to his report that the University Curriculum Committee as a whole did not have a “defeatist attitude” but that some committee members expressed frustration that decisions made at the committee level are not given real consideration by the administration.

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

There was no public comment.

Program Presentations

Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) – Jessica Lamm

Lamm was present to speak about the history and the current status of the HEIF. The HEIF is a new \$10.00 student fee that was enacted last semester. The fee was originally passed by HSU students in Spring 2004 with overwhelming support in the student body elections. The fee is used to fund renewable energy projects on the HSU campus or for projects that educate that campus community on energy use. The fee is managed by the HEIF committee which is made up of students, faculty and staff. Last semester the committee created a mission statement, goals, and bylaws. The first call for funding proposals went out last month and is due back Monday, March 3rd to Plant operations. Last week the Eureka Reporter did a feature story on the HEIF. HEIF is currently focusing on more marketing of their program. More information about HEIF can be found on their website at www.humboldt.edu/~heif.

Operation U-Turn (OUT)

There was no representative from OUT able to attend the meeting.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HOLLOWAY move to appoint Tyler Smith to the Elections Commission. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SMITH move to appoint Josephine Villegas as the Residence Hall Association Representative. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)

No Appointments.

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

Absent.

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

Absent.

Old Business

- A. Resolution in Support of the California State Student Association’s March for Higher Education on April 21, 2008 in Sacramento –Action Item

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to approve the Resolution in Support of the California State Student Association’s March for Higher Education on April 21, 2008 in Sacramento
TABLED UNTIL MARCH 12, 2008

AS AMMENDED

Rodriguez introduced the Resolution and had a list of recommended amendments to the resolution.

MOTION: SMITH/COBBS move to amend the main motion by removing the first line in the 4th whereas and replace with *Executive and Legislative decisions within the state have cut the.*
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/HUGHES move to amend the amendment to include the word *State* at the beginning of the 4th whereas
APPROVED

Holloway stated that including the word *State* at the beginning of the paragraph would help to clarify the document.

MOTION: NEWTON/HOLLOWAY move to amend the motion by replacing the 5th paragraph with:
Whereas: The reductions to the CSU budget has the potential to drastically affect the affordability, accessibility and the quality of education for the CSU system as a whole and the students and citizens of California; and,
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Cobbs stated that word *citizens* did not accurately represent everyone in California. A suggestion was made to replace the word *citizens* with the word *tax-payer*. It was decided that word *resident* best represented everyone in California.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to amend the amendment to change the word *citizens* to *residents*.
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: HUGHES/NEWTON move to amend the motion and insert an additional paragraph after the 5th paragraph that reads:
FAILED
(1) ABSTENTION

Whereas: The economic prosperity within the state is an important issue in the state legislature retaining our fifth largest economy in the world.

The Council adjourned for a five minute break.

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to amend the motion to insert an additional paragraph after the 5th paragraph that reads:
APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED
(2) ABSTENTION

Whereas: The CSU system produces high numbers of educated workers that contribute directly to the economic prosperity of California in potential human capital.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to amend the amendment to remove the words *in potential human capital* APPROVED
(3) OPPOSED

MOTION: SMITH/COBBS move to table the resolution to the next meeting APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTIONS

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

Committee Reports

Chase Pivrotto reported on the Public Safety Committee and President's Council. The Public Safety Committee was unable to meet. The President's Council included a budget update and small group brainstorming on the advising and retaining of students. The President's Council is also discussing changes to the email system on campus. Pivrotto will leave information about the President's Council meeting in the AS Office.

College Representative Reports

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

A second student position is opening up on the Program Prioritization Task Force. Schaden asked Council members if they know any who would be interested to please have them contact her. The Program Prioritization Task Force meets on Monday's from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Schaden noted that students in the College of Natural Resources and Sciences have been advocating for an AS Sustainability position. Schaden will be holding a workshop about Program Prioritization in the Kate Buchanan Room on Thursday February 28th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Smith participated in the e-mail chain about setting up a new meeting time and believed that the meeting times should stay the same. The CNRS College Social will be in the Kate Buchanan Room on Wednesday March 5th at 5 p.m. Smith noted that it seems that the AS goals are getting forgotten about. Smith noted that time is running out on getting the goals done and that he suggests a workshop at the next meeting on goals.

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Kovalcheck passed out flyers for the CNRS social that she has begun to hang up. The Student Recreation Center Board of Directors met this morning and held an orientation meeting for new members and elected a Chair and Vice Chair. Kovalcheck was elected Vice Chair.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Absent.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The Sexual Health Advisory Committee met and is working on public information campaigns in both the library and the residence halls. Newton emceed the Sex Land program last night. Take Back the Night will be held on April 18th. Newton set up a Student Affairs Committee meeting but no one

attended the meeting. The CAHSS social will be next Monday from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Goodwin Forum.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Guy encouraged people to go to the special meeting called for Monday. Guy requested that the A.S. Communications Committee schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies

Lobo is working at finding a third COPS representative by the next meeting. The COPS mixer will be April 2nd in the Goodwin Forum from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cobbs – College of Professional Studies

Cobbs noted that there are potential candidates interested in the final COPS representative seat. Cobbs is working on the upcoming COPS mixer.

Balch – All University

Balch is excited about setting up their All University social and will be gearing towards students who are undeclared majors. Balch plans to talk to other people who have planned college socials. Balch is planning a German Sustainable design table for the SLAM Fest.

Hughes –All University

The University Curriculum Committee has met every week for the last four weeks. Hughes will be attending his first meeting of the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation board this week. Hughes noted that he was embarrassed by the behavior of the Legislative Vice President earlier in the meeting and that he will talk to the chair about his behavior. Hughes also felt that some of the actions in the beginning of the meeting were counterproductive

Graduate Studies Rep (Holloway)

Holloway congratulated the Council for their efficiency in meetings. Holloway felt that everyone should work to grow from the experiences that they had in this meeting. Holloway plans to attend her first President's Council meeting in March. Holloway asked if people could be more aware of others during the meeting.

Residence Hall Association (Villegas)

Residence Hall Association week will be April 6-12th. Each Residence Hall puts on an event every day during that week and it will coincide with Humboldt Weekend. Mock Rock will be held on April 12th. RHA is discussing closing one of the doors in the "J" for energy efficiency.

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Tyler Smith as Interim Vice Chair.

APPROVED

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that the outstanding student awards for 2007-08 are open for nomination. The deadline is March 26th. Students can nominate other students.

Elections Commissioner (Keith Lambert)

The Elections Commission has ordered Get out the Vote Signs. Lambert has also ordered pens and pins for election schwag. Lambert is expecting Council members to do class raps. Lambert would also like people to work with AS Programs to find interested candidates.

Public Relations Coordinator (Steven Dimon)

Dimon noted that students involved in programs are the most likely to run for office. There will be an ad in The Lumberjack every week until the elections. Dimon created a list of people to send letters to the editor about Associated Students. Dimon believes that voter turnout would be a great goal for AS. Dimon has three bands booked for the upcoming Elections night program. Posters will be available for the upcoming rally in Sacramento next week.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)

Chesbro announced that tickets for Death Cab for Cutie are on sale.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)

Rodriguez has created a CHESS application for students interested in going. Rodriguez is also working on a “Get on the Bus” application for the rally at the capitol on April 21st. There is a CSSA meeting in Channel Islands on March 7th-9th. Rodriguez needs help with some of the work she is doing and is looking for volunteers. There will be a \$10 refundable-deposit to reserve your seat on the bus for the rally on April 21st.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)

Baez has been having phone conferences with the Northern California CSSA region to arrange to have as many students as possible at the Capitol on April 21st. Lobby Corp will be meeting on Friday and the External Affairs Committee will be meeting next week at a time to be determined.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

Absent.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Davonna Foy)

Board of Finance Report –February 18th, 2008

- A. Determination by the Board of Finance as to which AS Programs will be invited to the Board of Finance meeting to answer specific questions about the 2008-09 budget request. Date of Budget Hearings is Saturday, March 1st. – Information Item
Budget Hearing for 2008-09 for selected AS Programs have been scheduled for March 1st, at which time they need to be prepared to clarify any areas in their budget request.

The Board of Finance has called in Operation U-Turn, The Multicultural Center and The Eric Rofes Center.

- B. Request from the Eric Rofes Center from Unallocated for funds in an amount not to exceed \$150.00 to fund the production of 1,500 brochures. –Information Item
The Eric Rofes Center is a new AS Special Project program. The educational brochures would contain resource and information for gay , lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identified students.
- C. Request from the Eric Rofes Center from Unallocated for funds in an amount not to exceed \$65.00 to purchase a Display Banner –Information Item
The Eric Rofes Center is a new AS Special Project program that recent acquired office space within the Warren House. The funding for a display banner will allow the center to be properly identified on campus and at recruitment events.

President (Terra Rentz)

Rentz asked for everyone to check their schedules in the office and to make any necessary changes. Rentz has made a request to the Board of Finance for 48 black fleece vests. Rentz is also looking into ordering AS Lapel Pins. The Academic Senate discussed and passed a Bill of Particulars regarding the HSU President.. Rentz is soliciting President Richmond’s help to get more students to run in the Associated Students elections. President Richmond is donating \$1000.00 to help support the cost of meals for students attending the April 21st rally. Rentz’s next meeting with Richmond is in early March and encouraged Council members to let her know if there is anything they want discussed at upcoming meetings. Rentz encouraged people to volunteer for other college socials. Rentz thanked everyone for coming together as a team. Foy and Rentz put together the President’s Recommended Budget that will be reviewed by the Board of Finance on Saturday, March 1st.

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

Cobbs announced that she would not write a letter to the Lumber Jack and asked the Council to please respect her decision. Kovalcheck mentioned that help for the social would be greatly appreciated. Schaden asked if the proposal for retention at the President’s Council was generated from the University or if it was generated just from the committee. Rentz responded that the proposal was just a brainstorming session and that HSU has one of the lowest sophomore retention rates in the CSU system. Lobo said that AS Presents is doing a great job and recommended that AS Presents incorporate more diverse performers into their lineup.

General Council Work Session

- A. Program Prioritization Time Line and Criteria

Schaden gave a presentation on the Program Prioritization Time Line and Criteria and solicited feedback on responses from Council members.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

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

Recorded by:

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Approved by:

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AS Legislative Vice President

Ryan Guy
AS Vice Chair

Tyler Smith
AS Interim Vice Chair