

**Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Friday, May 2nd 2008  
South Lounge, University Center  
Minutes #20**

**Call to Order**

Ryan Guy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Carol Hurley, Tiffany Newton, Nikki Kovalcheck, Carrie Schaden, Jesse Hughes, Josephine Villegas, Tara Holloway

Members Absent: Tyler Smith (excused), Christopher Lobo (excused), Porscha Cobbs (unexcused), Carol Balch (excused),

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy, Ryan Guy, Constance Mitchell, Lladira Baez, Steven Dimon

Officers Absent: Rachel Rodriguez (excused), Keith Lambert (excused), Alan Chesbro (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to approve Agenda #20. APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Guy explained that he called a Special Meeting so that Council would have the opportunity to take action on the HSU A.S. Protection of Student Union Act of 2008 before Wednesday's meeting. The resolution is also on the May 7<sup>th</sup>, Associated Students Council Agenda.

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

There was no Public Comment.

**Old Business**

- A. Resolution: HSU A.S. Protection of Student Union Act of 2008–Action Item  
This resolution voices A.S. opposition to Proposed Transfer of Commercial Services from HSU's Student Union, The University Center Board of Directors to Advancement and/or Reorganization within the University Center Board of Directors.



Mitchell stated that the proposed amendment to the resolution is problematic because she would like to continue her work on the University Center Board throughout the summer until the term ends at the beginning of the next academic year. Mitchell stated that she would like to continue with her opportunity to be involved in the reorganization rather than a new board member in the fall with very little knowledge about the University Center. Schaden believes that it would be problematic if a decision was made because Student board members could not consult a constituency.

MOTION: SCHADEN/KOVALCHECK move to amend the amendment to read:

*RESOLVED* *No decision be made during any meeting that might occur during the summer on the transfer of power of commercial services* NO ACTION TAKEN

Mitchell stated that one of the University Center's board's biggest issues is that they are unable to accomplish things with so many students on the board. Mitchell wants to be able to act on the issues if it comes forth during the Summer. Schaden stated that her amendment does not state that Board Members can not vote but does requests that the action not be voted on until the University is back in session. Hughes responded to Mitchell's earlier statement and replied that the current Bylaws do not cover the cost of litigation for criminal prosecution. Hughes also stated a UC Board member was taken out to lunch by members of the Advancement Foundation and The Arcata Chamber of Commerce. Hughes stated that the reorganization will account for millions of dollars over the next decade. Hughes stated he believes that private decisions and discussions are happening and that his actions to get people involved in the process has been suppressed. Hughes also stated that no where in the resolution does it state that individuals cannot participate in discussions.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/HUGHES move to amend the amended amendment to read:

*RESOLVED* *That the University Center take no official action, here defined as engaging in a vote, on this topic during the months when no official AS meetings are scheduled thus no official student body representation is occurring.* NO ACTION TAKEN

Holloway stated that she does not want to inhibit another government body. Hughes feels that the wording to the resolution is "tricky". Mitchell thinks the work that representatives could do over the summer would be important. Discussion ensued on the proposed amendments. Guy recognized that there was confusion over the amount of proposed motions on the table and suggested that Council recognize the "Gordian Knot" and start over at the main motion.

MOTION: HUGHES/SCHADEN move to recognize the Gordian Knot and renew discussions on the main motion. APPROVED  
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Holloway recognized that the discussion had become confusing and suggested that if the action is tabled until May 7<sup>th</sup> that council come prepared with amendments in written form. Hughes suggested that proposed wording for a new paragraph could state that the University Center take no official action on the proposed reorganization between the last day of the spring semester and the first day of the fall



Hughes stated that it made logical sense to table the resolution until the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Newton expressed frustration that the council spent two hours discussing the resolution but accomplished nothing. Hurley echoed Newton's sentiments. Hughes stated that he only received feedback from one person on the resolution and that the Council is making the process more complicated than it needs to be. Rentz encouraged the council to vote against tabling the resolution to Wednesday and to vote the resolution down. Holloway feels that the discussion had been productive and that she had received a lot of perspective from council members regarding the resolution during the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Guy adjourned the meeting without objection at 5::55 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen  
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Ryan Guy  
Associated Students Legislative Vice President