

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, October 19th, 2009
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #7**

Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Stefanie Chen-Welch, Kristy Eden, Kari Armstrong, Ana Parra, Nathan Rudberg, Stephanie Partlow, Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Rachel Brownell, Krystina Thurin

Officers Present: Brandon Chapin, Beth Weissbart, Joyce Tam, Aaron Wilyer, NightSnow Vogt, Elise Gerhart, Amanda Hubacek

Officers Absent: Alex Gradine (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to approve Agenda #7 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart thanked Council members for doing a good job tabling. She also commented that some Council members are forgetting to sign in when they complete their office hours and that they should remember to do so.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #6 dated October 5th, 2009 – Action Item

MOTION: PARRA/CHEN WELCH move to approve Minutes #6 dated October 5th, 2009 APPROVED

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

There was no Public Comment.

Special Presentation

Radha Webley, the Associate Director of Diversity and Inclusion, was present. Webley recently authored the *Dissecting Diversity* report for HSU which summarizes the processes of evaluating diversity on campus and begins measuring qualitative analysis. Webley noted that the report identifies a couple of issues in need of attention: The staff and faculty of HSU are relatively lacking in diversity and the retention and graduation rates for students in certain sub-groups is disproportionately low when compared to the retention and graduation rate of HSU as a whole. Webley stated that focus groups were held for students of color and disabled students, and over 60 students participated in the focus groups. Gerhart asked why retention rates were low for certain sub-groups. Webley stated it was hard to find reasons why students left, as they were difficult to reach, but stated that students within the focus groups reported that campus climate and issues inside of the classroom were issues that affected their desire to continue at HSU. Webley also stated that results from the National Survey for Student Engagement, which was administered to 400 students across the campus, noted that students from different backgrounds view the campus very differently. Webley noted that HSU, as an institution, will need to step up and do more to alleviate issues identified in the report. The administration has convened an Enrollment Management Taskforce that will work to address the issues of retention and recruitment. Webley stated that recommendations on retention should be made by the end of the Fall 2009 semester and recommendations on recruitment should be made by the end of the Spring 2010 semester.

Program Presentations

Jerri Jones, Clubs and Activities Coordinator, was ill and unable to present on behalf of Club & Program Support and the Activities Coordinating Board/MultiCultural Center Allocation Board.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)

MOTION: EDEN/RODRIGUEZ move to appoint Mario Trevino to the Diversity Program Funding Committee APPROVED

MOTION: ARMSTRONG/BROWNELL move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Michael Sundman to the Campus IT Task Force APPROVED

Sundman is in class and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: THURIN/PARRA move to appoint Michael Sundman to the Campus IT Task Force APPROVED

MOTION: EDEN/ARMSTRONG move to appoint Quinn McWatters to the Student Fee Advisory Committee for a two-year term APPROVED

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to appoint Quinn McWatters to the Associated Students Council as the All University Representative APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

MOTION: BROWNELL/THURIN move to suspend AS Government Code 6.03 to appoint Natalie Perez to the Parking and Transportation Committee
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: THURIN/ARMSTRONG move to appoint Natalie Perez to the Parking and Transportation Committee
FAILS

MOTION: CHEN WELCH/BROWNELL move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Ross Olson to the Academic Senate
APPROVED

MOTION: CHEN WELCH/THURIN move to appoint Ross Olson to the Academic Senate
APPROVED

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)

MOTION: CHEN WELCH/PARTLOW move to appoint James Robinson to the Parking and Transportation Committee
APPROVED

MOTION: RODRIGUEZ/PARTLOW move to appoint Elise Gerhart to the External Affairs Committee
APPROVED

MOTION: PARTLOW/THURIN move to appoint Rachel Brownell to the Public Safety Committee
APPROVED

MOTION: THURIN/ARMSTRONG move to appoint Rachel Brownell to the University Library Committee
APPROVED

Old Business

A. Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a System of Notification to Inform Potential Students and Current Students of Category IV Programs Evaluated for Elimination – Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University recommend, in conjunction with the Provost, that the Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) notify prospective and current students that programs in Category IV are being considered for elimination.

MOTION: EDEN/THURIN move to approve the Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a System of Notification to Inform Potential Students and Current Students of Category IV Programs Evaluated for Elimination
APPROVED
(2) OPPOSED

Weissbart opened Public Comment on the Resolution.

Dina Haigounian, a student and member of the Provosts’ Council, was present to comment. Haigounian stated that the Enrollment Management Task Force has received the issue from Snyder and plans to devise a system that would notify students that their program may be eliminated. Haigounian is

unaware of how students would be contacted but knows that efforts are being made. Notifications will also be put on the CSU mentor website.

There was no further Public Comment.

Weissbart noted that there has been discussion about the resolution format. Weissbart stated that it is not written in the typical format that AS sends resolutions. Weissbart stated that it could be tabled and brought back reformatted or it could be considered as is in this meeting.

Rudberg called for a point of order. He requested that he and Rodriguez be allowed to speak first as authors of the resolution. Rudberg stated that he wrote the resolution because he has heard from both Haigounian and from a student-at-large on the issue. Rudberg believes that it is important that students are notified during the application process if they are applying for a program that may be eliminated. Rudberg also stated that he chose to write the resolution in the current format because he felt it would convey the message better and would be less confusing for students who read it. Rudberg also noted that the Academic Senate writes their resolutions in the same format.

Rodriguez stated that Provost Snyder has indicated that the resolution would support the Provost's decision to alert incoming and current students of the potential discontinuation of their programs.

Gerhart stated that she thinks the substance of the resolution is more important than the format of the resolution. Chen Welch stated that she was in support of the intent of the resolution, but would like to have it formatted in a fashion similar to previous resolutions. Chen-Welch asked if it would be difficult to put the resolution back into the format normally used by the Associated Students. Gerhart stated that she felt the resolution should be passed at the meeting. Rudberg stated it would not take a lot of time to reformat the resolution, but he did not want to wait until the next meeting to pass it. Haigounian stated that the resolution could be amended and passed today.

MOTION: RUDBERG/THURIN move to call the previous question

APPROVED
(2) OPPOSED

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

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large

Dina Haigounian, the student representative to the Provost's Council, reported that there has been only one Provost's Council meeting since her last report. Haigounian noted that the Provost's Council discussed contingencies regarding the H1N1 Flu. It is predicted that H1N1 will affect the campus in "flashes," where a large amount of students and faculty will become sick at once. If H1N1 does flash lecture notes and class materials will be put on Moodle. Faculty members who are familiar with Moodle are being encouraged to train other faculty in its use. Haigounian also reported that Student Center does not have the ability to place holds on accounts the same way WebReg was able to. This is making it more difficult for faculty advisors to maintain advising relationships with their students. The Provost's Council is also predicting that there will be a 2-3 million dollar shortfall in the 2010-11 budget.

Chen-Welch – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Chen-Welch reported that she attended the Board of Finance meeting last week. She also met with Ian from the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center.

Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Eden reported that the WASC report has been posted online for a week and that the WASC steering committee thanked Rudberg and Chapin for their comments in the report. Eden also reported that she and her colleagues are planning to make the CAHSS College Social a no waste event.

Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Armstrong reported that she attended the Brother Ali show and was impressed with the turn out.

Romero – College of Professional Studies

Romero reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that the Women's Resource Center (WRC) will be holding an informational event on Thursday, October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The WRC will also be showing the film *Shifting Paradigms*.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies

Rodriguez reported the COPS College Social will be Friday, October 23rd from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Goodwin Forum. Rodriguez also reported that he has contacted Jan Henry, the Sports Clubs Coordinator and will be meeting with her soon. The Student Recreation Center Board of Director's has yet to set up their first meeting.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Parra reported that she met with Rudberg and Partlow last Friday to plan the CNRS College Social. The CNRS Lab Fee Committee is now full and will be planning their first meeting.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Rudberg, in his role as Vice-Chair, commented that Weissbart is forgetting to sign in when she completes her office hours and that she should remember to do so. Rudberg is also working on the CNRS College Social. Rudberg reported that he attended his first Enterprise Foundation meeting. The Enterprise Foundation is looking for ways to generate revenue to fund supplemental services for students. The revenue generated could also help offset some of the budget reductions. Supplemental services could include purchasing and managing student complexes and/or managing a student Laundromat. The Enterprise Foundation needs seed money to begin their organizational goals is considering transferring assets from the other auxiliary organization that have cash. Rudberg also reported that he attended the sit-in at the Library last Friday night. Approximately 200 students were present throughout the evening. At least 100 remained when he left at 1 a.m.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Partlow met with the Learning Center's Coordinator, Carmen Colunga, to discuss that program. The Learning Center has raised the minimum number of students needed for small group tutoring from three to four and the amount of tutoring time has been decreased from 2 hour sessions to 1 ½ hour sessions. There has also been a cap placed on the number of groups.

Brownell – At Large.

Brownell reported that she met with her liaison-ship, The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology.

McWatters – All University

No report.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)

Thurin reported that the Residence Hall Association is continuing their by-law revisions. RHA also completed a resolution regarding changes to the Residence Hall parking lot. RHA will also be considering recommendations of names for the new residences halls. The Tunnel of Oppression will be on November 4th.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson offered to meet with McWatters to orientate her to Associated Students.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)

Absent.

Public Relations (Elise Gerhart)

Gerhart reported that there was a sit in at the Library on Friday, October 16th protesting cuts to education. There will be a meeting at UC Berkeley on Saturday, October 24th about statewide cuts to higher education that Gerhart will be attending. Gerhart will be creating an official report on what AS will be doing to combat the budget cuts.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)

Hubacek reported that the Brother Ali show did very well and was at 90% of capacity. The AS Presents committee will be working on their Spring line up in the coming weeks.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)

Vogt reported that Wilyer and he attended the CSSA meeting in Fresno the weekend of October 16th – 18th. Vogt reported that on November 3rd CSSA will be holding a “bake sale for the CSU.” The money raised from the bake sale will be donated to the CSU Board of Trustee’s as a demonstration of the need for more funding. Dates are currently being determined for a march on the Capitol in Sacramento in March, 2010. Vogt also reported that CSSA is supporting Assembly Bill 656, the wellhead oil tax, to help fund the CSU system. The tax is projected to raise up to one billion dollars in revenue.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)

Wilyer reported that he attended a Lobby Corps clinic in Fresno on Friday October 16th. Wilyer stated that HSU’s lobbying strategies will be different than other campuses because of the local elected official’s stances—they are very supportive of higher education. Wilyer also reported that CSSA urged campuses to write resolutions in support of Assembly Bill 656. CSSA is also discussing textbook affordability issues across campuses and that many campuses are considering moving to E-Books. A suggestion was made at CSSA that campus presidents be interviewed about the budget situation and to have it placed on the school’s website.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

Weissbart reported that the Cabinet for Institutional Change will host campus leaders from San Diego State University and will be discussing campus governance issues. Weissbart is on the collegiality focus group and will be holding meetings with the campus community to see how collegiality can be improved. Some of the current ideas to improve collegiality include a calendar system that is easily accessible to everyone and faculty and staff set aside time for socialization.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)

Tam reported that she attended the University Center Board of Director’s meeting last Thursday. Tam attended the Student Affairs Director’s committee meeting on October 12th and a discussion was held on

a report by Dr. Rees Hughes called “Why do second year students leave HSU?”

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Absent.

President (Brandon Chapin)

Board of Finance Report – September 12th, 2009

- A. Request from the Campus Recycling Program (CRP) to expand the Budget Language for Supplies/Services-Education to include the purchase of reusable water bottles. – Information Item

The Campus Recycling Program is requesting that \$500.00 originally set aside in their Supplies/Services-Education line item to be used to purchase compostable dishware be expanded to also include the purchase of reusable water bottles.

Chapin explained that the CRP Education Coordinator would like to expand budget language to include the purchase of reusable water bottles. There was some concern with the distribution of the water bottles and CRP has agreed that they will be given away to students, although donations can be made for them.

- B. Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center Progress Report – Discussion Item
With the approval of the 2009-10 Associated Students budget, the AS Council expressed concern about the future viability of the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center. It was expressed in the budget language that future funding may be in jeopardy without clearly stated strategies as to how student involvement will increase in the program along with increased level of activity. Coordinators shall meet with the Board of Finance to provide a report on progress and a clarifying plan that will build a stronger foundation. The first meeting is to occur not later than October 19, 2009. Ian O’Brien, the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center Fiscal Coordinator, will be meeting with the Board of Finance to provide a report on the progress that the Center has made.

Chapin explained that the Board of Finance met with the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center staff regarding how they are managing the program. There was a consensus that the program is performing better than they were last year.

President (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that on Tuesday, November 10th the Academic Senate will have a meeting regarding the elimination of the Rangeland Resources and Wildland Soils major and encouraged people to attend the meeting. Chapin also reported that he was elected the chair of the Program and Facilities Committee of the University Center Board of Directors. The first of the Meet the Decision Makers Series will be this Thursday, October 22, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the South Lounge. There are four seats on the Enterprise Foundation for students and there is still an open position available. Chapin noted that one option for seed funding for the Enterprise Foundation would be to transfer assets from the University Center. Associated Students will be receiving \$22,285.35 of summer fee revenue and had budgeted for \$27,500.00 in revenue. There is a draft list of campus committees that may be suspended available.

General Council Discussion

Tam asked Chapin where the Academic Senate meets. Chapin replied that the Academic Senate meets in the Goodwin Forum on Tuesday's from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rudberg asked why the amount Associated Students will be receiving for Summer Semester is an odd number. Tyson replied that students who withdraw from the Summer Semester past a certain date receive a pro-rated refund which can result in an odd number in fee revenue. Tyson also acknowledged Chapin's work on recovering the fee revenue. Gerhart noted that a group of students organized a sit-in on Friday, October 16th, in the Library. Over 115 students attended the sit in and had a two hour meeting with the Dean of the Library and the Dean of Students. Rudberg asked Wilyer when the statewide Services to Students with Disabilities will be meeting. Wilyer replied that he was unsure of the meeting date.

General Council Work Session

- A. Meet the Decision Makers Series – Thursday, October 21st, Noon -1:00 p.m. (Brandon Chapin and Elise Gerhart)

Chapin explained that the Meet the Decision Makers event will be held on Thursday, October 21st. Gerhart will be moderating the event and refreshments will be provided. It was suggested that butcher paper banners be displayed about the event while tabling on the quad.

Announcements

Chapin introduced the *You Rock Rock*; an award that is typically passed to another person at each meeting to acknowledge their hard work. Chapin awarded the rock to Tam for the excellent work she has done in the past couple of months. Tam announced that she and Chen-Welch will be facing off in a basketball game on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. in the East Gym. Wilyer offered to assist other Council members with tabling.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:52 p.m.

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Legislative Vice President