

Associated Students Finance Committee Meeting

Humboldt State University

Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 2:30pm

Minutes #15

Via Zoom <https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/97235330682>

Meeting ID: 972 3533 0682

Password: None

This meeting was facilitated through an online Zoom format, consistent with the CA Governor's Executive Order N25-20 which suspended certain open meeting law restrictions

I. Called to Order at 2:30pm

II. Roll Call – quorum was present

- a. David Lopez, Chair - present
- b. Jeremiah Finley, A.S. President - present
- c. Roman Sotomayor, A.S. Board Member - present
- d. Gio Guerrero, A.S. Board Member - present
- e. Caroline Brooks, Student of the Association - present
- f. Joseph Reed, Student of the Association - absent
- g. Jenessa Lund, Advisor (non-voting) – arrived at 2:52pm

Others present: Cynthia Hawking (HSU Accounting-Analyst), Dan Perez-Sornia (Associated Students-Coordinator), Casey Park (Associated Students-Coordinator)

III. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved (Finley) and seconded (Sotomayor) to adopt the agenda. The motion to adopt was **APPROVED** unanimously.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved (Brooks) and seconded (Sotomayor) to adopt the [Minutes #14](#) dated December 9, 2020. The motion to adopt was **APPROVED** unanimously.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Business

- a. [Quarter 2 Financial Statements](#)

Auxiliary Accounting Analyst Cynthia Hawking presented the Quarter 2 A.S. Financial Statements to the Committee. It was noted that A.S. might need to submit some journal entries to re-class some of the expenditures. There was question to the liabilities noted in the statements. Chair Lopez responded with examples of what those liabilities are, for instance a check that's been written but not deposited, or retirement.

- b. A.S. Collabs Proposals
There were no new collaborative proposals.
- c. A.S. Club Grant Requests
There were no new grant requests.

President Finley asked the Committee for thoughts on a collaborative event with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) that might have some type of giveaway for students. This idea is in the spirit of the past spring kick-off and end of year events that A.S. has been known to do with RHA and other organizations. Chair Lopez encouraged the idea to be worked on with Student Affairs Vice President Lamar as a possible use of ASCollabs funds. It was noted that the Committee had previously talked about some kind of social media giveaway where A.S. would provide sweatshirts, mugs, and the like as prizes. There was also question to if there was any follow-up on the possibility of A.S. providing scholarships, either for basic needs or for DACA/Undocumented students. This scholarship initiative might come forward in the form of legislation or a resolution. In the interim of scholarship development, "staying warm and staying well" packages was suggested for this semester to let students know A.S. cares. Director Lund noted that the A.S. Government has \$5,000 in this year's budget for scholarships.

- d. A.S. Budget Application Update
Coordinator Park presented the [A.S. Webpage](#) where all the information for the A.S. Budget Application is hosted. Director Lund asked the Committee if they'd like to review applications as they come or in bulk on February 18th when the applications are due. Members said they would take the next week to consider the method of review.
- e. A.S. Core Program: Initial Projected Costs - Discussion
The Committee viewed a working document which is being used to project the potential costs for student employees in core programs. There was discussion around the structure and development of the programs, to which it was noted that the content of programs was under development in the Executive Committee. The Finance Committee

focused their attention to the hourly wages, discussed the pending hourly wage increases up to \$15 in 2022, and generally get to the question of, "How many employees can A.S. afford?" There was advocacy specifically around Scholars Without Borders to which staff replied that there is a drafted Student Legal Center that has a DACA/Undocumented student support branch. It was responded that there should be more consideration and outreach involved in whether that support should be stand alone, or a branch in a larger legal center. The Committee continued conversation looking at the bottom line of these projected costs and agreed to keep this as an agenda item for next meeting.

f. Banking Services – Discussion

The Committee reviewed the [A.S. Banking Price Comparison \(December 2020\)](#) that was collected by HSU's Accounting and Budget areas. Chair Lopez and Executive Director Lund spoke to the next steps in the process of potentially changing banking services. As charged by the Finance Committee, they have drafted some questions and intend to ask Wells Fargo and Coast Central Credit Union for a meeting or responses to questions about each financial institution's investment practices, policies on social justice and environmental sustainability, and extra benefits A.S. or students might receive by changing to their institution. A member suggested that Tri Counties Bank in Arcata be added to the list for consideration. Director Lund confirmed she'll request the initial quantitative information on Tri Counties to be collected by HSU's Accounting.

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved (Brooks) and seconded (Sotomayor) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.