

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, March 21, 2016
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #19

Prior to the meeting being called to the order the Council convened in a public workshop session to review the 2016-17 AS Recommended Budget. Platt went over the AS budget summary page, budget language, the recommended budget broken down by line item, and the 2016-17 Unrestricted Net Position. Platt also reviewed the next steps in the budget process.

Call to Order

Macias, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present:	Kathryn Guzman, Michael Ramirez, Jason Jones, Jesse Benefiel, Sean Sesanto, Eamon Daly
Representatives Absent:	Aisha Cissna (Excused), Alexia Siebuhr (Excused), Candace Young (Excused)
Officers Present:	Jonah Platt, Tiana Cannon, Zitlaly Macias
Officers Absent:	Juan Cervantes (Excused)
Advisors Present:	Aaron Cobas, Joan Tyson, Dr. Peg Blake
Advisors Absent:	Natasha Sanders (Unexcused), Madison Whaley (Unexcused)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: RAMIREZ/GUZMAN move to approve Agenda #19 dated March 21, 2016

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Macias asked the Council to please respect each other's comments and be concise.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: SESANTO/CANNON move to approve Minutes #18 dated March 7, 2016

APPROVED

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

There was no Public Comment.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Juan Cervantes)

No appointments.

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Jonah Platt)

No appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Zitlaly Macias)

No appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Tiana Cannon)

No appointments.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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

President (Juan Cervantes)

Absent

Administrative Vice President (Jonah Platt)

Platt reported that he is reevaluating and prioritizing his goals for the rest of the academic year.

Board of Finance Report – March 11, 2016

1. Request from the Multicultural Center for \$2,500 from Associated Students Unallocated Funds for additional event grant funding.—**Action Item**
The requested increase is because there are twenty-three grants requested.

Platt presented on the action item. Platt noted there were over twenty events that requested funding and he is a member of the AS Events Funding Committee that approved the request. All but two events had their funding approved. The request will provide funding for those two events.

MOTION: DALY/RAMIREZ move to request from the Multicultural Center for \$2,500 from Associated Students Unallocated Funds for additional event grant funding.

APPROVED

2. Request to Transfer \$1,783 from Clubs and Activities Grant to Cultural Programming Grant.— **Information Item**
Funding from the Clubs and Activities Grant needs to be transferred to Cultural Programming in order to cover all the grant applications the AS Event Funding

Committee should receive funding.

Platt presented on the information item. Platt noted the transfer of funds supports two culturally appropriate events.

3. Resolution Fixing the 2016-17 Employer Contribution for health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits for Associated Students of HSU eligible employees.—
Information Item
The Board of Finance will recommend to the AS Council the employer contribution rates for each of these insurance plans.

Tyson reported the information item will support the plan that enables AS staff to have benefits. Tyson has been working with consultants and other agencies to figure out how to implement benefit packages for the AS staff. Tyson noted the information items were tabled to the next Board of Finance meeting so she could continue to gather more information.

4. Resolution Fixing the 2016-17 Employer Contribution for retirement benefits and the vesting period for Associated Students of HSU eligible employees.—
Information Item
The Board of Finance will recommend to the AS Council the employer contribution rate and vesting period for an Associated Students retirement plan.

Platt gave Tyson the floor. Tyson provided a summary of the agenda item and her research in an appropriate retirement plan and vesting period for eligible AS employees. Blake noted the Board of Finance is reviewing the dollar amounts for insurance, but wanted to know who was reviewing the types of benefits, and the appropriate level of contributions for the AS employees. Tyson responded the Board of the Finance is reviewing the plan and is exploring different types of packages with assistance from the Wells Fargo Benefits division and a local insurance company that is also used by the Sponsored Program Foundation. Blake asked Tyson if AS is working with the HSU Human Resources (HR). Tyson responded she forwarded information to HR and is waiting for feedback from them. Blake asked Tyson to follow up with HR because they need to approve the benefits package before it comes to AS for a vote.

Student Affairs Vice President (Tiana Cannon)

Cannon reported the Student Affairs Advisory Committee will be having a meeting soon. The Committee would like to schedule an event in April. Cannon attended the UC Board meeting and had a discussion on changes in the next academic year, especially the relationship with the UC and AS. Cannon announced Spring Preview will be this Friday, March 25, 2016, and next Friday, April 1, 2016. Cannon is hoping for a strong representation from AS.

Legislative Vice President (Zitlaly Macias)

Macias attended the Academic Policy Committee. They received feedback from the U.Direct and made some changes from the recommendation. The Academic Policy Committee also discussed priority registration for Community Advocates.

Guzman – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Guzman attended the recent Lobby Corps meeting and discussed the California Higher Education Student Summit event and the Lobby Corps are planning a voter registration event in April. The University Senate discussed their constitution and bylaws, the CSU report on student food

insecurities, and the U.Direct software. Guzman is also working on student representation at the Arcata City Council and is hoping to meet with Arcata City Council Member Sophia Pereira.

Ramirez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Ramirez reported the Student Fee Advisory has not met. Ramirez announced Oh Snap! is running at full capacity. Ramirez is hoping the additional funding from AS will help provide more food. Oh Snap! runs out of food on some days, but they have been incorporating leftover food from banquets. Ramirez attended the Parking and Traffic Committee before Spring Break. The committee is working on complimentary parking policy and they are researching smart parking. Ramirez attended the Native-American Language Conference over Spring Break. The conference had many speakers who will be staying for “Big Time,” which will increase the notoriety of HSU. Ramirez announced “Big Time” will be on April 2, 2016.

Siebuhr – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent

Young – College of Professional Studies

Absent

Sesanto – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Sesanto announced the CNRS mixer will be next Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the KBR. Sesanto attended the CNRS Dean Search Committee. The committee is in the final week of accepting applications.

Benefiel – College of Professional Studies

Benefiel reported the CPS mixer is on Friday, April 8, 2016.

Jones – College of Professional Studies

No report

Cissna – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent

Daly – Graduate Representative

Daly attended the LMS Working Group. The Group reviewed feedback from faculty and students and decided to get approval from the Institutional Review Board so the surveys could be used again in the future.

External Affairs (Madison Whaley)

Absent

AS Presents (Natasha Sanders)

Absent

Elections Commissioner (Aaron Cobas)

Cobas reported the Elections Commission is conducting outreach on elections. Cobas announced KRFH will be conducting Public Service Announcements for the elections on the campus radio. Cobas is encouraging students to attend the Elections Public Forum.

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)

Blake announced 900 people are registered to attend this Friday and 600 people are registered for next Friday, April 1, 2016. Blake would appreciate AS Council members to attend the events and encourage students to enroll at HSU. Sesanto asked the times for the events. Blake events will begin at 9 a.m. and run into the afternoon. Blake also sent Esh a web link regarding the California Faculty Association Strike for the Council to read. Blake stated the HSU Administration is working to make sure the strikes will be minimally disruptive as possible to students. Blake announced a fatal vehicle collision that took the life of a HSU student and hospitalized two other students.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No report

General Council Discussion

Cannon noted to Cobas students are getting excited about the AS Elections. Guzman asked if there is a possibility for the AS Council to table during Spring Preview. Cannon said the AS Council will be tabling. Sesanto asked Guzman if they are trying to get people to run for the Arcata City Council. Guzman responded she is working on the position, but noted the member would be a non-voting member. Sesanto suggested an AS appointed non-voting member to the Arcata City Council. Daly asked Cobas about making sure students are aware of the candidate forums. Daly noted there were some issues last year regarding information not being distributed appropriately. Blake noted Macias' proper explanation of the U.Direct. Blake recommended the Macias ask Clint Rebik, HSU Registrar, to a Council meeting to discuss U.Direct in more detail. Blake noted U.Direct will be a good evolution from DARS. Ramirez recommend Dean Ayoob, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, be invited to a future Council meeting regarding U.Direct.

Daly asked if there is a place to contact AS programs. Tyson responded AS Programs contact information is on the AS website.

Guzman noted U.Direct will be a good improvement for advising. Macias noted the Degree Planning Committee does not have student representation, but they are reviewing consequences of the U.Direct milestones. Macias stated the Degree Planning Committee will report to the Academic Policy Committee, where there is student representation. Blake noted the Committee will be reviewing the U.Direct milestones. Blake discussed the "Golden Four" which are classes that every student is required to take before they complete 60 units. Currently, there are many seniors who have not taken some of those required classes, which causes class enrollment problems. The Degree Planning Committee will be reviewing consequences for not taking these classes, such as placing a hold on registration. The committee will also review current milestone and explore additional milestones so that students will be able to graduate within four years.

Announcements

Cannon announced on April 9, 2016 there will be a St. Jude Carnival on the UC Quad sponsored by Lambda Theta Alpha. Ramirez announced Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 5 p.m. Wendy Redstar will be presenting her art at the Goudi'ni Gallery. Ramirez also announced this Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, as part of the "Native pathway Speaker Series" will be in the Native American Forum. Daly announced that if AS Council voted to fund programs, who currently are budgeted to receive a reduction in funding, it would be 3.4% of the reserve, which would put it below the 30% mark (This is was follow-up statement to Dr. Blake's comments about

the reserves during the AS Budget Workshop). Guzman announced the Fall and Summer Course schedule will be available Friday, March 25, 2016. Macias announced "Take Back the Night" will be on Friday, April 8, 2016. Take Back the Night Coordinators are looking for volunteers and artists. Cobas announced AS Presents will have Van Jones on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Van Duzer Theatre.

Adjournment

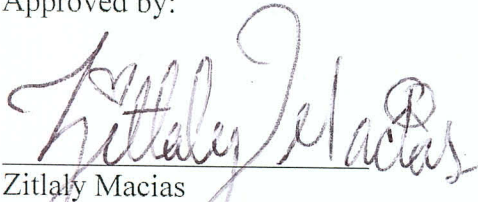
Macias adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:52 p.m.

Recorded by:

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AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Zitlaly Macias
Legislative Vice President