

Associated Students Board of Directors
Humboldt State University
Monday, March 19, 2018
U.C. Banquet Room
Minutes #18

Call to Order

Valdovinos, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Genesea Black Lanouette, Michael Freire, Maddie Halloran, Flow Lemus, Marisa McGrew

Representatives Absent: Alexis Brown (Excused), Jake Engel (Excused)

Officers Present: Dana Carrillo, Desteny Gutierrez, Joey Mularky, Kassandra Rice, Tzveta Stoimenova, Paola Valdovinos

Advisors Present: Dr. Wayne Brumfield, Jenessa Lund, Vincent Thomas

Advisors Absent: Elijah Lechman (Excused)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/FREIRE moved to approve agenda #18 dated March 19, 2018.

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Valdovinos reported that the meeting will be long.

Approval of Minutes

None.

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

There was no Public Comment.

- A. Student Union Fee Referendum - Dave Nakamura, University Center Executive Director
Nakamura will present on the Student Union Fee Referendum.

Dave Nakamura, University Center Executive Director, presented on the referendum. They explained that the University Center runs such as CenterArts and the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center. Nakamura focused on the Student Union Fee that started in 1987 and has not been adjusted since. Nakamura explained that the fee referendum is necessary because of the increase in minimum wage for student employees, deferred maintenance, support of academic classes and club events. Deferred maintenance for the building adds up to \$10 million. The current University Center fee for students is \$185, which is the third lowest cost among other CSU campuses. The UC Board of Finance and Board of Directors propose a plan that increases the Student Union fee by \$35 for two semesters, then \$50 for two semesters, and \$65 for two semesters for a total of 3 academic years.

Stoimenova asked for more details on the incremental fee increase. Nakamura responded that the total fee for the first year would be \$255, the second year would be \$285, and the third year would be \$315.

Appointments to Board of Directors and Committees

A.S. President (Joey Mularky)

No appointments.

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Kassandra Rice)

No appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Paola Valdovinos)

MOTION: RICE/STOIMENOVA moved to untable the appointment of Karleigh Shepard to the Lobby Corps. APPROVED

MOTION: RICE/FREIRE moved to table the appointment of Karleigh Shepard to the Lobby Corps. FAILED
2 AYES, 10 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

Mularky asked if Lechman has to meet those interviewed for Lobby Corps. Black-Lanouette

responded that Lechman was concerned about appointing someone that they did not know. Mularky asked what Lechman is looking for in candidates. Stoimenova added that its beneficial to have new and different points of view. Mularky noted that this decreases the time that Shepard will have on the Lobby Corps.

MOTION: BROWN/GUTIERREZ moved to appoint Karleigh Shepard to the A.S. Lobby Corps. APPROVED

Halloran noted that Lechman wanted to be the one to interview for this committee. Mularky responded that the heads of committees do not generally interview the people joining their committee. Stoimenova explained that the Board of Directors decides if a person is suitable for a committee position. Black-Lanouette added that the applications are available in the agenda that should be examined before the meeting.

Old Business

1) Request 2018-19 Recommended Associated Students Budget – **Tabled Action Item**

A.S. External Affairs

Mularky said that they requested \$19,048. Board of Finance recommended \$16,548 by reducing funds for CHESS and travelling.

A.S. Government

Mularky said that the supplies budget have been reduced by \$1,000.

A.S. Operations

Mularky said that no changes were made to this budget.

A.S. Presents

Esh said that there was a \$5,328 reduction.

A.S. Program Grants

Mularky said that there was a \$11,000 reduction because there are cultural grant options available for these programs. Lund noted that A.S. funds other grants on campus.

CCAT

Mularky said that they requested \$85,723, and Board of Finance recommended \$55,670 by reducing retreat as well as salaries and wages.

Thomas asked if this program is aware of the budget cut. Mularky responded that they have been notified. Lund added that they will also be given an opportunity to repeal.

MOTION: BLACK-LANOUE/ETTE/GUTIERREZ moved to invite CCAT. APPROVED

Check-It

Mularky said that this program has not received funding from A.S. in the past and has alternate sources available.

Rice asked how much they requested. Mularky responded that they requested \$17,160 for student wages and supplies.

Lund asked if they are still waiting to hear back from a grant. Mularky confirmed and noted the program still receive funding whether or not there is an increase of Health Center student fees. Lund asked if there are any contingencies in place. Mularky responded that if they do not receive the grant then they may request from the discretionary fund.

Valdovinos asked if representatives from this program is going to appeal. Mularky yes.

Children's Center

Mularky said that they were advised that this program has previously been funded based on a percentage of the overall budget.

Rice asked if this is the only program that is based on a percentage and why. Mularky responded that they are being funded to show continuous support.

Clubs and Activities

Mularky said that they were recommended to pay students minimum wage and have fewer hours.

Stoimenova asked if there are programs that pay more than minimum wage. Mularky responded that the Learning Center and Drop-In Pool pay more because positions are specialized.

Drop-In Pool

Mularky said that there was a reduction of four hours of operation.

Drop-In Sports

Mularky said the budget didn't change because they requested the minimum need to serve students.

Eric Rofes Queer Multicultural Resource Center

Mularky said that they asked for funds to provide more hours for student workers, though the recommendation was to keep the hours the same as previous years. Mularky also noted that they requested a budget for employee benefits, but this program does not provide benefits. Mularky added that the budget for salaries has increased because of minimum wage.

Lund noted that there is opportunity for the Multicultural Center and ERC to collaborate.

Humboldt International Film Festival

Mularky said that there was a budget reduction in travel for event judges. Mularky added that they have multiple sources of funding from IRA, a reserve, ticket profits, and fundraising. Black-Lanouette added the Board of Finance approved that the program must use their reserve funds before requesting more funds from A.S. Mularky noted that they currently have \$10,000 in their reserve and recommended that they spend \$6,000 of it before requesting from the A.S. discretionary fund.

Learning Center

Mularky said that they recommended a decrease in salaries and wages. This program may choose to pay students less or decrease hours of operations.

McGrew asked if this program has been asked to pay minimum wage. Mularky responded that the program decides how to manage their budget that is allocated to them, A.S. can only make recommendations.

McGrew asked what the wages are. Mularky responded that the students are paid \$13 an hour.

Marching Lumberjacks

Mularky said that they were funded the same amount they were last year, the budget reduction totals \$1,800.

Stoimenova asked if there are other sources of funding. Mularky responded that \$18-21,000 comes from IRA for travelling.

Stoimenova asked what A.S. funding provides for them. Mularky responded that it goes towards equipment and repairs. Stoimenova asked about the status of their class. Mularky responded that it is no longer a class, which may affect IRA funds.

Multi-Cultural Center

Mularky said that the Board of Finance reduced the program's retreat budget by \$1,700. The program receiving a larger budget because of the minimum wage increase.

Carrillo asked what the retreats were for. Mularky responded that the retreats are usually for team building.

Lund said that it appears as if there has been an \$18,000 reduction because Scholars without Borders filed for a separate budget application; whereas, previously they were a part of MCC.

Oh! Snap

Mularky said that this program receives funding from other sources including a new grant. Mularky stated that Oh! Snap requested \$15,000, though it was recommended by the Board of Finance to decrease this amount to \$10,000.

McGrew asked how much the new grant was. Mularky responded that the grant was for \$5,000. Rice added that last year they did not spend all of the money allocated to them.

Scholars without Borders

Mularky said that this program has not applied for funds in the past. Mularky stated that the Board of Finance recommended funding student wages, but not programs.

Brown asked why A.S. is only funding wages. Mularky responded that there is a lack of funds to fully fund all programs, so most programs are receiving cuts. Mularky added that it is not a good time to fund new programs. Stoimenova added that it is also risky because they do not currently have a director.

MOTION: CARRILLO/BROWN moved to invite to Scholars without Borders. APPROVED

Sports Clubs

Mularky said the program's medicaid was not funded and student wages were adjusted.

Carrillo asked how many students Sports Clubs impacts. Mularky responded that 636 students were involved with sports and the program received funding from other sources. Lund added that the students also have to pay to be on the team.

MOTION: BROWN/BLACK-LANOUELETTE moved to invite Sports Clubs. FAILED
2 AYES, 5 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS

Stoimenova was concerned with funding half of the Sports Club budget when there are other programs that need funding. Mularky responded that it is difficult to compare programs because they have different costs, purposes, and needs. Data shows that this program impacts more students than other programs.

Student Access Gallery

Mularky noted that the application was filled out incorrectly. Mularky said that there is a reduction in funding for benefits and an increase in minimum wage.

Lund asked for the updated amount. Mularky responded that the recommended budget is \$6,162. Thomas asked for clarification on their requests from previous years. Black-Lanouette responded the program has previously received about \$11,810.

Student Legal Center

Mularky noted that there is a resolution that indicates support for this program, so it was fully funded. Mularky said that they have requested minimal funds for supplies and wages.

Veterans Enrollment and Transition Service

Mularky said that this program requested funds for various outdoor activities and trips for 11-12 students attending. Mularky noted that the trips would cost \$19,000 total. Mularky added that the program also received a \$5,000 grant and \$2,000 from the Student Affairs office. The Board of Finance recommended that the program funds the least expensive trip.

WRRAP

Mularky said that the benefits line item and student wages decreased. The program may choose to cut positions or decrease hours.

Womxn's Resource Center

Mularky said that the application was filled out incorrectly; this resulted in an elimination of funds for benefits and elections.

Carrillo asked if they are aware of the application issue. Mularky responded that they have met with several people involved with this program. Stoimenova noted that they have discussed adding the Period Project to this programs budget.

YES

Mularky said that this program has decreased their own budget. Board of Finance recommended that the program receives all of the funding they requested.

Esh added that if the Board wants to alter the Board of Finance recommendation, they must invite that program to the next meeting.

Halloran asked how much would the A.S. budget be if all the programs received the proposed funding. Mularky responded that the reserves would be at 27-28%. It is recommended that the reserves are set at 30%. The revenue is the projected amount they expect to receive based on student enrollment.

New Business

No new business.

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

Mularky - President

Mularky reported on the UC Board meeting discussed their budget and the projected student fee increase. Mularky also reported that he was working on a Queer Resource Center with Lund. Mularky reported on the budget forum in the KBR on March 26, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Rice - Administrative Vice President

Rice reported on the Board of Finance meeting and proposed budgets. The meetings are now on Fridays at 3 p.m. Rice also reported the Student Fee task force will meet on March 26, 2018, at 1 p.m.

Carrillo - Student Affairs Vice President

Carrillo reported the UC Board meeting focused on budgeting. She also attended CHESS.

Valdovinos - Legislative Vice President

No report.

Gutierrez - Environmental Sustainability Officer

Gutierrez attended CHESS. Gutierrez also reported the Earth Week Planning Committee has begun advertising their events.

Stoimenova - Social Justice and Equity Officer

Stoimenova reported working on a resolution for the scholarship fund that is being consolidated into the budget. Stoimenova also reported that the Period Project is underway and supplies can be found in red solo cups, blue buckets, and pumpkin buckets.

Vacant - A.S. Presents Representative

Vacant.

Brown – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Brown reported attending CHESS and learned more about student retention.

Vacant – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Vacant.

Freire – College of Professional Studies

Freire reported that the COPS mixer will take place in the UC Lounge on March 28, at 6 p.m. Freire was interviewed on KRFH about the mixer.

Black-Lanouette – College of Professional Studies

Black-Lanouette reported the University Senate discussed WASC, a resolution regarding compensation for faculty depending on how many students they serve, and the future of the Third Street Art Gallery. Black-Lanouette also reported on the annual faculty awards. Black-Lanouette reported that the COPS mixer is on March 28, 2018 at 5 p.m. and asks for more A.S. members to assist them in running the event.

Vacant – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Vacant.

McGrew – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGrew attended the CNRS budget forum.

Lemus – At Large

Lemus reported on CHESS and would like to create a workshop where they all discuss what they have learned from the conference. Lemus reported on the Earth Week prom.

Engel – At Large

Absent.

Halloran – Graduate Representative

No report.

Thomas – Elections Commissioner

Thomas reported the commission will have a booth during the Career Fair, and a mixer with tie-dye to promote A.S. Thomas also reported that A.S. purchased a button maker.

Lechman – External Affairs

Absent.

Dr. Wayne Brumfield – Interim Vice President of Student Affairs

Lund – A.S. Executive Director

Lund reported that the Board does not have to approve the AS Government 7.03 code when approving committee appointments. Lund also attended CHES and reported that a CHES workshop could be set up during the meetings.

General Discussion

No discussion.

General Work Session

No discussion.

Announcements

Carrillo announced that True North is hosting a benefit dinner and public forum on March 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Arcata United Methodist Church. The benefit is for a family's legal fees.

Lund announced that the budget meeting on March 26, 2018 could help students improve their understanding of the HSU budget. Lund also announced the walk-out on March 21, 2018.

Gutierrez announced that the walk-out is going on during class time and it may not be beneficial for students to do that.

Black-Lanouette announced that they can share events on social media.

Adjournment

Valdovinos adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:01 p.m.

Recorded by:

Patric Esh
AS Board Coordinator

Approved by:



Paola Valdovinos
Legislative Vice President