

Associated Students Board of Directors
Humboldt State University
Monday, November 13, 2017
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #10

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, Jake Engel, Michael Freire, Brooke Holdren, Flow Lemus, Xochitl Arce Perez, Cassandra Rodriguez

Representatives Absent: Marisa McGrew (Excused)

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

Officers Absent: Jonathan Pena Centes (Excused)

Advisors Present: Jenessa Lund, Dr. Wayne Brumfield

Advisors Absent: Elijah Lechman (Excused)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: ARCE PEREZ/RICE move to approve of Agenda #10 dated November 13, 2017.
APPROVED

Chair's Report

Valdovinos reported this meeting is being live streamed and reminded Board Members to ask questions at the appropriate times.

Approval of Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes #8, October 16, 2017 – **Action Item**

MOTION: FREIRE/ARCE PEREZ move to approve Minutes #8, October 16, 2017.
APPROVED

2) Approval of Minutes #9, October 30, 2017 – **Action Item**

MOTION: ARCE PEREZ/GUTIERREZ move to approve Minutes #9, October 30, 2017.
APPROVED

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

No public comment.

Special Presentation

A. C.S.U. Board of Trustee Campus – Faculty Trustee Romey Sabalius

Trustee Sabalius presented on their experience in academics and life as a foreign student. Trustee Sabalius explains that the Board of Trustees is responsible for increasing student fees and changes academic policies.

B. Consultation with A.S. – Dr. Lisa President Rossbacher

President Rossbacher presented on opening discussions with A.S. on the future of intercollegiate athletics. She said there will not be a decision on the state of the athletics program in this presentation. President Rossbacher explains that the budget deficit is primarily due to flat fees, constant fundraising, and increasing costs for travel and staff. Last year, the University's general fund compensated for the athletics department deficit of approximately \$500,000. This year, President Rossbacher expects that the deficit will reach \$900,000 and will be paid for using the general fund. H.S.U. has also been running on a deficit of about \$6,000,000 a year. President Rossbacher notes that H.S.U. cannot continue to support the athletics department with an increasing deficit. U.R.P.C. recommends the university budget, it has been difficult for them to balance the budget. President Rossbacher understands that intercollegiate athletics is important to students and the community. Consultants suggested that the university raise student fees, though H.S.U. students pay \$525 to the athletics department through tuition and is currently the highest out of the C.S.U. system, or to cut the intercollegiate program. The community has pledged about \$300,000 for the athletics department. Another option is to cut two sports. President Rossbacher would like recommendation from student leaders on additional sources of funding and alternative options. President Rossbacher will announce a decision by December 1, 2017.

Rodriguez asked for a description on the general fund. President Rossbacher explained that the general fund is the overall state budget for the university. It incorporates half of the university budget, and the other half comes from tuition.

Stoimenova asked information comparing student fees that goes to athletics to other C.S.U. campuses. President Rossbacher responded that H.S.U. students pay twice as much as the second highest paying campus. President Rossbacher explained that other campuses do have higher tuition but the portion that goes towards athletics is significantly less than H.S.U.'s.

Arce Perez asked about the options suggested by the consultants and community fundraising. President Rossbacher explained that the focus is geared towards community fundraising and is managed by the university.

Arce Perez asked about how H.S.U. can match the funds that have been pledged by the community. President Rossbacher responded that there would be a 50/50 share if the community raised \$500,000, which has not been achieved.

Stoimenova asked about how the athletics department values social justice and supports marginalized identities. President Rossbacher responded that social consciousness as well as for

support in diversity is being discussed within intercollegiate sports programs.

Rice asked what would happen to students on scholarships. President Rossbacher responded that the students with scholarship will be able to complete the year on that scholarship, but for the next academic school year it is unknown.

Valdovinos opened the discussion for public comment:

Jared Layel, student at-large, noted the December 1, 2017 deadline is inconvenient for students looking to transfer to another school to continue to play sports. Layel asked how cutting the program would affect the underserved African-American population on campus, if 48% of the football team is African-American. President Rossbacher recognizes the issue and responded that a strategic enrollment plan is vital to maintain the enrollment levels.

President Rossbacher asked the general public when recruitment season begins. Duncan Robins, Interim Athletics Director, said November 3, usually during the sports season.

Alex Cappa, student at-large, asked how in 2008 the funding program changed to student fees due to high enrollment as a short term solution, but never returned to the original funding model even though enrollment has been in decline.

Adam Wood, student at-large, asked about the 2016-17 academic year 5-year that proposed suggested to save intercollegiate sports. President Rossbacher responded that the plan was not financially sustainable because it assumed a considerable investment from the general fund.

Jus Johnson, student at-large, asked why the campus community is just now being informed about the budget crisis when it was known of since 2007. President Rossbacher responded that the conversation has been open for many years.

Manny Machado, KIEM-TV reporter, asked if the university is prepared for 100 or so athletes to transfer elsewhere. President Rossbacher responded that the university is prepared, yet hopes it does not turn out that way. President Rossbacher noted that the deadlines have been pushed back repeatedly to give the community a chance to fundraise.

James Clark, student at-large, asked if President Rossbacher knew of the effects of cutting the football team. Clark has experienced this at another school. President Rossbacher responded that they have received many messages highlighting the relationships made by participating in football and how the sport changes lives.

Nate Thompson, student at-large, asked President Rossbacher for a plan to increase student enrollment. President Rossbacher responded that funding is going towards student recruitment and projects to increase student retention.

Omari Lyles, student at-large, asked for clarification on the status of student scholarships and how will student-athletes be supported. President Rossbacher responded that students with scholarships will be able to complete the current academic school year on that scholarship. President Rossbacher also responded that if the sport is suspended then coaches will be dedicated to helping athletes transfer and find resources. Robins added that the department will be there to assist in any transition.

Travis Voight, student at-large, asked if the \$100,000 from the G.N.A.T. is being included in the total. President Rossbacher responded that \$100,000 is not the number they were given.

Nathaniel Keith, student at-large, noted that students and student athletes have indicated that they will not be returning, as well as the difficult position student athletes are in because a decision has not been made. Keith asked why the decision is being postponed with months of planning. President Rossbacher responded that students come to H.S.U. for many reasons, other than athletics.

Adam Wood, student at-large, noted that diversity and inclusion is taught in classes, but in sports student-athletes work with people from different background and gain that experience.

Alex Cappa, student at-large, noted that if the football team does not play against Idaho then they will owe about \$250,000. Robbins responded that negotiations have taken place to reduce the liability to approximately \$10,000.

Richard Wilcox, student at-large, asked about the safety and lack of protection for diverse students. President Rossbacher responded that the university is working with the city to increase safety. Brumfield added that students of color do not feel safe on or off campus and is working on the "What's Going On" forum. Arce Perez announced the Student Safety Forum as well as other projects relevant to diversity, inclusion, and equity around the City of Arcata.

Arce Perez also said there are events being held that focus on discrimination and safety issues on campus and in the City of Arcata.

Avery Bilensky, student at-large, asked if the deadline was going to change. President Rossbacher responded that December 1, 2017 is the guaranteed deadline.

Mike Cox, community member, asked about students that have a four year scholarship and have not yet completed 4 years. Robbins responded that the scholarships are awarded annually, not every 4 years.

Alex Cappa, student at-large, asked if the President pledged money. President Rossbacher responded, "yes".

Holdren asked the general public if it was possible to work together outside of this meeting. The general consensus was that it would be possible to collaborate.

C. Children's Center – Student Representative

Each A.S. funded program presents on their purpose and function within H.S.U. The presentations are means for the Board to know more about each A.S. program.

Amy Pires-Moore, Assistant Director of the Children's Center, presented on the purpose of the Children's Center. Pires-Moore is to provide a low-cost daycare option for students with children. Pires-Moore said A.S. funds employ fifty-seven student employees. Pires-Moore indicated that most of the student employees are child development majors that need the work experience. More than 80% of the parents responded to a survey indicating that they would not be able to attend H.S.U. if there was not a Children's Center. The center is looking to renovate the outdoor play area to be able to accommodate for younger children.

D. Youth Education Services – Student Representative

Dean Sherer, Y.E.S. Representative, presented on the Y.E.S. mission and programs the department provide. Sherer provided information on specific programs that support homeless youth, juvenile youth, and elderly persons in the community. Last year 400 volunteers worked approximately 13,000 hours, which made a direct impact on the community.

E. H.S.U. Waste Reduction & Resource Awareness Program – Student Representative

This presentation has been rescheduled for December 4, 2017.

Appointments to Board of Directors and Committees

President (Joey Mularky)

MOTION: CARRILLO/ARCE PEREZ move to suspend A.S. Code 7.03 to appoint Courtney Getter to the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee. APPROVED

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MOTION: ARCE PEREZ/CARRILLO move to suspend A.S. Code 7.03 to appoint Ava Biscoe to the Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Committee. APPROVED

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Administrative Vice President (Kassandra Rice)

No appointments.

Legislative Vice President (Paola Valdovinos)

No appointments.

Student Affairs Vice President (Dana Carrillo)

No appointments.

Old Business

- 1) Resolution 2017-18-4: An Act in Support to Combine the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability with the H.S.U. Sustainability Committee. – **Action Item**
The Board will discuss and take action on a resolution that will combine to two committees into one committee.

Gutierrez presented on the resolution. Gutierrez said the combination of the two committees will make the meetings more time efficient.

MOTION: ARCE PEREZ/RODRIGUEZ move to approve resolution 2017-18-4: An Act in Support to Combine the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability with the H.S.U. Sustainability Committee. APPROVED

- 2) Resolution 2017-18-5: An Act to Change the Duties and Responsibilities of the Environmental Sustainability Officer. – **Action Item**
The Board will discuss and take action on a resolution that would change the duties and responsibilities of the Environmental Sustainability Officer.

Gutierrez presented to clarify the Environmental Sustainability Officer job duties such as being asked to be a part of a committee.

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/FREIRE move to approve resolution 2017-18-5: An Act to Change the Duties and Responsibilities of the Environmental Sustainability Officer. APPROVED

New Business

- 1) Resolution 2017-18-6: An Act to Establish a Legal Center at Humboldt State – 1st Reading
The Board will discuss the creation of a legal resource center on campus.

Holdren presented on the resolution. The purpose of the Legal Center will be to provide resources for students affected by DACA, cut federal programs, housing, public demonstrations, and health care access. There is support from HumRIGHTS and professors with connections in the local legal system. Holdren explained that they propose to make this an A.S. funded center and gain recognition from H.S.U. administration.

Mularky asked what program should be cut to provide funding for the legal center. Holdren has not considered cutting another program to get funding.

Rodriguez asked if there was a website. Holdren answered that there used to be a Legal Center on campus that was organized by a faculty member whom retired.

Mularky asked if the program is a substitute for Scholars Without Borders. Holdren answered that it is not a substitute because this center would provide resources for all students, but not legal advice:

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

To review written reports, please go to the following link:

<https://associatedstudents.humboldt.edu/node/1902>

Mularky – President

Mularky reported that he and Lechman will be attending the C.S.S.A during the next weekend. Mularky also reported that the I.R.A. committee had received a proposition to fund portions of the budget, and U.R.P.C. is attempting to reduce \$2.8 million from the budget.

Executive Committee Report – November 6, 2017

- a. Request A.S. Spring Retreat – Discussion Item
The committee will discuss spring retreat ideas and activities.

Mularky said the committee discussed a variety of ideas. He would like the Board to provide additional ideas.

b. Request A.S. Program Director's Start Date – Discussion Item

The committee will discuss changing the start date of program directors of Category II A.S. programs.

Mularky talked about changing the start date for program director. Mularky reported on implementing a new model, that was started by CCAT, into other A.S. programs so that a new director has an already established director to learn from.

c. 2016-17 Student Fees – Discussion Item

The committee will discuss student fees and a possible referendum in Spring 2018.

Mularky said the Health Center proposed an increase of student fees to the Student Fees Committee. Both the Health Facilities fees and the Health fees would total under \$300. The request has been tabled.

d. A.S. Committee Memberships – Discussion Item

The committee will discuss committee recruitment ideas/strategies.

Mularky said there has been a drop in committee applications as the semester has progressed. Mularky also reported on creating more competition and initiating prizes as an incentive to apply for committees.

Rice - Administrative Vice President

No report.

Carrillo - Student Affairs Vice President

Carrillo has attended multiple meetings including the Liaison Group meeting for Undocumented Students. Carrillo reported that at least two board members should be present at the A.S. Study Lounge at all times. Donations intended for the Napa and Sonoma Fire Relief will be given to local community shelters. Carrillo said the Napa and Sonoma Fire Relief are only accepting monetary donations. Carrillo reported on the University Senate Board of Directors meeting who are planning to implement a student fee increase of \$30 a semester for potential maintenance issues.

Valdovinos - Legislative Vice President

Valdovinos attended the Executive Committee meeting. Valdovinos and Freire are going to begin attending Student Health Advisor Committee meetings. Valdovinos asked the Board members to complete their office hours and Board reports.

Stoimenova - Social Justice and Equity Officer

Stoimenova reported that the Student Disability Committee has not convened this semester and is looking for more information.

Gutierrez - Environmental Sustainability Officer

Gutierrez reported on the first Earth Week Planning Committee meeting. They are planning to meet more regularly.

Pena Centes - A.S. Presents

Absent.

Arce Perez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Arce Perez reported on finding funds for the Student Diversity Committee. Arce Perez reported on Student Safety Forum in Goodwin Forum on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Rodriguez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

No report.

Black-Lanouette – College of Professional Studies

Black-Lanouette reported she and Freire are developing the Professional Studies College Mixer. She also said Game Night attendance is increasing and would like to see more Board members attend.

Freire – College of Professional Studies

Freire reported that the Professional Studies College Mixer will take place the week after Fall break. Freire also reported on tabling for the Mental Health taskforce.

Holdren– College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Holdren reported meeting with the Earth Week Planning Committee. Holdren reported on working on the resolution to initiate the Legal Center. Holdren plans on working with the football team and athletics department on the budget for their programs to create a connection between student athletes and A.S.

McGrew – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Lemus – At Large

Lemus reported on attending the Earth Week Planning Committee and searching for themes this year. Lemus would also like to make more connections with the football team, graduate students, and staff.

Engel – At Large

Engel reported on applying to be a part of committees. Engel is interested in the Legal Center and creating alliances with the football team.

Vacant – Graduate Representative

Vacant

Lechman – External Affairs

Absent.

Lund – A.S. Executive Director

Lund reported on the H.S.U. deficit. Lund noticed that cutting programs has not been considered as an option, and that people are more focused on creative ways to reduce costs. Student fees should reflect student needs. Lund would like to open discussions on the Student Fee taskforce and dated referendums.

Dr. Brumfield – Interim Vice President of Student Affairs

Brumfield reported on attending the upcoming Safety Forum, “What’s Going On Forum”, and a walk around campus with Delta Phi Epsilon to identify dark areas on campus that could use more lighting.

General Discussion

Stoimenova asked who will be coming from the Budget Office. Lund said Amber Blakeslee will be coming in. Freire commented that insight from Blakeslee would be valuable.

Gutierrez asked to discuss the Meliorist Comfort Bench. Esh provided the history of the Meliorist Comfort Bench. Lund said Facilities Management is beginning to develop a plan for the project and it would be in the Board’s best interest to decide if they want to continue to support the project or not.

Arce Perez commented on the decision on the Athletics Department Budgetary issues. Arce Perez said sports is a valuable method for students to find community, collaborate, and would like to make sure sports are available for students.

Black-Lanouette asked if bench would be for all H.S.U. students. Esh said yes and suggested the discussion be placed as an agenda item on the next agenda. Valdovinos agreed and said they would like the item to be placed on the agenda. Freire said he liked the project, and asked what the issues the project had. Esh responded that the two main issues were budgetary and liability issues. The project didn’t have a budget and possible risk to the persons who use the bench and to the campus community.

Stoimenova said she has some concerns regarding the athletics discussion. Stoimenova commented on the social justice and diversity aspect of the athletics discussion. Stoimenova noted the lack of minority voices even as the student-athletics speakers said the teams were diverse. Stoimenova also said the Athletic Department’s budget shouldn’t be dictated by the group’s level of diversity, but it should be discussed and practiced.

Carrillo concurred with Stoimenova and included the budgetary issues are campus wide. Carrillo added that many programs and departments are affected by the budget and the allocation of funds should be distributed to as many effected programs as possible. Carrillo also noted the respectful behavior of some of the student athletes who attended the meeting.

Rodriguez asked how the athletics budget decision will be made. President Rossbacher said she is working with other campus members to get all the information so she can make the most informed decision possible.

Arce Perez said she also recognized the lack of diverse voices from the public speakers, including non-football student-athletes. Holdren concurred and will be reaching out the student athletes to all of them can more agency within the budget issue.

President Rossbacher said there was a miscommunication regarding her purpose and goal of attending the Board meeting. Community members believed she was going to make an announcement of future of the football team. President Rossbacher said her goal to was to inform the Board and listen to the Boards perceptions and opinions.

Dr. Brumfield concurred with the lack of diverse voices from the public during the meeting.

Gutierrez said the students who came may not have had other spaces or means to voice their opinions. Gutierrez suggested there should be space for them to speak. Brumfield responded that the student athletes do have coaches who can provide accurate information so the students can be more informed. Lund noted the coaches are also affected by the budget. Valdovinos added the student athletes who came were visibly upset because they may be losing something they are passionate about. Valdovinos acknowledged some of the persons were disrespectful, but understood the reasons for their behavior. Black said she also acknowledged the students behavior, but also would like more discussions and more students involved in committees.

General Work Session

No discussion.

Announcements

Carrillo announced a DACA training on Tuesday, November 28th at 3 p.m. in the Library Fishbowl.

Adjournment

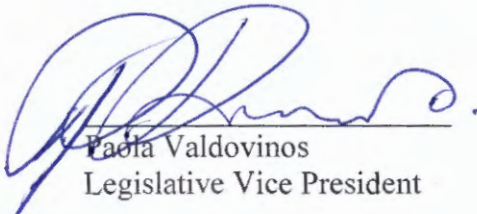
Valdovinos adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:24 p.m.

Recorded by:

Patric Esh

A.S. Board Coordinator

Approved by:



Paola Valdovinos
Legislative Vice President