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**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Wednesday, April 16th 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #18**

Approved
5-7-08

Call to Order

Ryan Guy, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carol Hurley (late), Tiffany Newton, Nikki Kovalcheck, Tyler Smith (late), Carrie Schaden, Porscha Cobbs (late), Christopher Lobo, Jesse Hughes (late), Josephine Villegas, Tara Holloway, Christopher Lobo (late)

Members Absent: Carol Balch, (excused)

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, Ryan Guy, Constance Mitchell (late), Rachel Rodriguez, Lladira Baez, Keith Lambert, Steven Dimon, Alan Chesbro,

Officers Absent: DaVonna Foy (unexcused),

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: NEWTON/HOLLOWAY move to approve Agenda #18.

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Guy reported that Hughes will be making a presentation on the University Center reorganization and council will then have a discussion.

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

Kintay Johnson, a psychology major, spoke on the resolution regarding the California State Student Association. Johnson served as a member of the Internal Affairs Committee and noted that CSSA has had a long standing issue with campuses that do not pay dues. Johnson stated that non-dues paying campuses should not be able to participate in CSSA. Johnson recommended that council support the document and make necessary changes. Johnson asked the council to be prepared for discussion when they take action on their budget at the next meeting and reminded the College Representatives that they hold power over the process as the voting members of Council.

Old Business

- A. Resolution in support of the California State Student Association (CSSA)—Action Item
The California State Student Association is the official recognized voice of the over 450,000 students in the California State University. Associated Students is a dues paying member of the CSSA

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SCHADEN move to approve the Resolution in support of the California State Student Association (CSSA).
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED
(1) ABSTENTIONS

Baez introduced the resolution and encouraged Council to change the document as they saw fit. Baez told council that if the resolution were to be approved she would present it at the CSSA meeting this coming week-end. Holloway pointed out suggestions that she thought would benefit the document. Hughes stated that he is hesitant to give support to an organization that he knows little about and will be abstaining from the resolution.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/KOVALCHECK move to strike the third paragraph. APPROVED
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Holloway feels that the third paragraph is a subjective statement that cannot be backed up. Baez suggested changing the wording to reflect that CSSA is the sole recognized voice of students. Schaden recommends removing it and substituting language with new language.

MOTION: HUGHES/NEWTON move to add a new third paragraph that reads:
APPROVED

WHEREAS, *CSSA is one of the most effective means for students to organize at the statewide level.*

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to amend the 4th paragraph to read:
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

WHEREAS, Although every campuses can make a difference individually, CSSA ~~intends~~ *strives* to provide a unified front that allows students to legitimately act at a statewide level; and,

Holloway feels hesitant using exact statements to describe CSSA. Newton stated that the word *strives* could be used instead of *intends* in the paragraph.

MOTION: NEWTON/HOLLOWAY move to amend the amendment to replace the word *intends* with the word *strives*.
APPROVED

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to amend the second paragraph by replacing the word *in* with the word *of*. APPROVED

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/KOVALCHECK move to amend the seventh paragraph by removing the words *last year alone* and replacing with *academic year 2007-08*. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTIONS

Holloway feels this would better reflect the work that CSSA has done.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/ NEWTON move to amend the 4th paragraph by adding the word *membership* after the word *CSSA*. APPROVED

Rentz suggested amending the 11th paragraph in the resolution by replacing the name of the previous CSSA Chair with the current CSSA Chair.

MOTION: NEWTON/HOLLOWAY move to amend the 11th paragraph by striking *Nadir Vissanjy* with *Dina Cervantes*.

Holloway asked Council for guidance on if the seventh paragraph sounded appropriate. Council discussed clarifying language that would help the document.

MOTION: SCHADEN/NEWTON move to amend the 7th paragraph to read as follows.

WHEREAS, In the academic year 2007-08, CSSA has taken a stance to protect the quality of education for all CSU's including Humboldt State through *statewide student actions, with a march on the capitol to commence April 21st, 2008*.

FAILS
(1) ABSTENSIONS

Newton felt that the language might sound redundant from the previous paragraph. Schaden suggested voting it down.

MOTION: NEWTON/ KOVALCHECK move to amend the 7th paragraph by adding the words *organizing statewide student* before the word *actions*. APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to amend the amendment by adding *in the form of a March on the Capitol, April 21st, 2008*. FAILS
(1) AYE
(1) ABSTENTIONS

Baez reminded Holloway that the council voted down the last motion due to redundancy in adding text about the March on the Capitol.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to amend the amendment by adding *as previously stated* at the end of the proposed paragraph APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HOLLOWAY move to amend the 6th paragraph by adding to commence on April 21st, 2008 after the words *March for Higher Education*

FAILS
AS AMMENDED
(2) AYE
(3) ABSTAIN

Guy voted against the motion.

Cobbs stated that the paragraph was beginning to sound too “wordy.”

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/NEWTON move to remove the word *to* after the words *March for Higher Education* and replace with the word *and*. APPROVED

MOTION: HUGHES/SCHADEN move to call the question on all pending motions. APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED

General Council Work Session

A. University Center Reorganization –

Hughes presented information about the history of the University Center and the current proposal for reorganization. The Student Union building was opened in 1973 and was named the University Center. Hughes stated that in 1999 Lumberjack Enterprises and the University Center merged. Hughes believes that the merger of the two auxiliaries has left devastating consequences. Hughes stated that Richmond addressed the University Center board and said that HSU can no longer rely on the state for increased funding. Hughes stated that the Advancement Foundation Board of Directors only has one student member on it and listed the members of the quoted information from University Advancement’s website. Hughes gave examples of what may happen to food services at HSU and compared it to other dining services from around the CSU who’ve contracted with outside distributors. Hughes stated that he choose to come to HSU to avoid other CSU schools that have changed their food services on campus. Hughes gave an example of CSU Chico as the only other school that has successfully fought to keep control of its student union building and encouraged AS to follow the lead of that school. Hughes feels that students should be more involved in the process and would like a special election to get the views of students regarding the transfer of student union assets.

Rentz stated that she has not decided how she feels about the proposal yet, and has not made a decision on if she supports it. Rentz stated that the plan was brought forth by President Richmond and Burt Nordstrom, the University Center Executive Director, to separate the student services provided by the University Center (Center Activities, Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, and the Student Recreation Center) so that they may be coordinated with the Office of Student Affairs. The remaining University Center services (HSU Bookstore, Dining Services and CenterArts) will be separated and will fall under a sub-board of University Advancement. Rentz stated that whenever an auxiliary organization wants to use their reserves they must receive approval of the University President. Rentz stated that excess funds from the Bookstore, Dining Service and CenterArts would be used to reinvest into new campus initiatives such as the Learning Commons or new Faculty Housing. Rentz is pushing that the

subcommittee formed under University Advancement have strong oversight and membership of students. Rentz is working with Noelle Perlmutter and Crystal Chaney, current student members of the University Center board to find out more information on the changes. Rentz stated that on April 21st at 4:00 p.m. there will be an open University Center Executive Committee meeting to discuss the proposal. The meeting will be held in the University Center Banquet Room.

Schaden stated that she'll be unable to attend the University Center Executive meeting on April 21st at 4:00 p.m., as well as many other students because of the march on the Capitol. Schaden asked for clarification on the makeup of the board or committee that would manage Dining, Bookstore and CenterArts under University Advancement. Schaden also asked for more information on how the budget for the University would be affected. Rentz stated that the University is continually receiving less support from the state and that the change may help benefit the campus by augmenting funding for student services. Schaden also asked what affect the food coalition and anti sweat shop groups would have from the proposed changes and what the make up of the new committee or board that would oversee Dining, The Bookstore and CenterArts be.

Holloway stated that she appreciated Hughes' work on putting together his presentation but clarified that parking is not managed by the University Center. Holloway believes that a ballot initiative on this issue may be needed. Holloway stated that a previous goal of the council has been better food options on campus. Holloway feels that funding the University is being put on the student's back and encouraged students to talk to student members of the University Center Board of Directors.

Mitchell thanked both Rentz and Hughes for their presentations. Mitchell stated that she serves on the University Center Board of Directors but was unaware of the University Center reorganization proposal until the Board of Directors meeting on April 10th. Mitchell stated that she was offended that there was a private meeting between Perlmutter, Chaney and Rentz with President Richmond before it was announced to the board. Mitchell stated that there is nothing in writing about who will sit on the new board or committee that will oversee Dining, The Bookstore, and CenterArts. Baez stated that she would like more information on the project before taking a position on the project.

Kintay Johnson, a student at large, commented that the University makes the most changes when students are gone during the summer and that Richmond will complete this project with or without student support. Johnson also believes that the student who sits on the Advancement Foundation do not carry the best interests of the students. Johnson also stated that the bookstore may be outsourced similar to Sonoma State University's Bookstore. Johnson stated that they scheduled the meeting on April 21st because many student leaders will be gone to Sacramento. Johnson also stated that the Associated Students could change the election dates and put an advisory vote on the ballot. Dimon stated that he agrees with what Mitchell and Johnson have said. He believes that this is a direct attempt to change the University Center without getting input from students.

Hughes stated that people within Associated Students have been hostile towards him. Hughes attended the University Center Board of Directors meeting on April 10th and that the Secretary would not provide him a copy of the proposed University Center Budget. Hughes stated that the articles of incorporation for the University Center state that the funding of programs is to be used within the interest of the students. Hughes stated that when the University Center took over Lumber Jack Enterprises, Burt Nordstrom was the Executive Director of both organizations and that Nordstrom served as Interim Vice

President of Advancement from 2004-2006. Hughes stated that when Nordstrom took over the University Center it became an entity for profit gain. Hughes stated that every time he has tried to get information from administrators he has had the door shut on him.

Rentz stated that it is hurtful to hear from council that people believe that she is selling out students. Rentz responded to Schaden's early questions that clubs who are advocating for changes should keep strong communication with the employees they are working with. Rentz stated that the structure of the Board or Committee that will oversee Dining, The Bookstore and CenterArts has not been determined, but she will seek out that information. Rentz stated that many administrators including Nordstrom, Tyson, Randi Darnall Burke and Steven Butler are all graduates from Humboldt State University and have come back to the University for their careers. Rentz stated that Associated Students is a separate 501(c)3 auxiliary organization and that any changes will not put Associated Students in a subordinate position. Rentz apologized that she did not communicate to Mitchell before the University Center Board of Director's meeting. It was not intentional.

Holloway feels that the University cannot retain students because they mislead students to get them to attend HSU, especially students from the Los Angeles area who attend EOP weekend trips. Holloway also stated that eyewitness testimony is not reliable and students need to see the proposal in writing.

Rentz yielded time to Randi Darnall Burke, Director of Academic Support Programs and Assistant to Vice President Butler. Darnall Burke stated that a lot of the information presented today was the first time she had heard it and agreed that the plan needs to be placed in writing. Darnall Burke also stated that there is some miscommunication about the proposal. Darnall Burke defended the EOP program and that EOP students are brought to the campus beforehand so that they understand that HSU is not an urban campus. Darnall Burke stated that the Student Affairs division will reduce services for the 6th year in a row and is facing a budget reduction of \$332,000.00 for the 2008-09 school year. Darnall Burke reported that she is the Associated Students meeting on behalf of Dr. Butler who is away from campus. Darnall Burke stated that if the behavior that the Council is demonstrating were in a classroom it would be referred to Student Conduct.

Johnson told the council that they are "dreaming" if they think they will receive a proposal in writing from the University.

Schaden stated that action needs to happen. Schaden suggested that students who are on campus on Monday could provide information on both the Program Prioritization meeting as well as the University Center Executive Committee meeting.

Hughes stated that this is the first disagreement he has had with the Associated Students. Hughes stated that the administration has tried to placate him and he has found it offensive. Hughes reminded the council that employees in the Associated Students office are employed by the University Center. Hughes also noted that two members of Associated Students told him that he was "crazy" and "irrational." Hughes said he has talked to hundreds of students about the University Center reorganization while campaigning. Hughes also stated that he has sent a letter to the Legislative Vice President, President and Tyson asking for a special election for students to vote on the reorganization. Hughes feels that students are being treated unfairly by the Governor, Chancellor and University President.

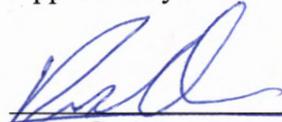
Adjournment

Guy adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:



Ryan Guy
Associated Students Legislative Vice President