

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Humboldt State University
Regular Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018
University Center Banquet Room
3:00 pm

Minutes #3

The Humboldt State University Associated Students Board of Directors met on the above date in the University Center Banquet Room, at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. Chair, Paola Valdovinos, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Representatives Present: Lindsey Graul, Nicholas Fassl, Maddie Halloran, Sarah Kanga Livingstone, Eden Lolley, Bernadette McConnell, Nathalie Rivera, Genesea Black-Lanouette

Officers Present: Jazmin Sandoval, Paola Valdovinos, Bennett Perrault, Isabel Sanchez-Pacheco

Advisors Present: Flow Lemus, Oliver Winfield-Perez, Estrella J. Corza, Jenessa Lund, Wayne Brumfield

Staff Present: Casey Park

Officers Absent: Tzveta Stoimenova

SUBJECT: Approval of Agenda #3

MOTION: It was moved (Black-Lanouette) and seconded (Lolley) to approve Agenda #3.

ACTION: Agenda #5 was approved without modification.

SUBJECT: Chair's Report – Paola Valdovinos, reporting

Office Hours – Board members should be settling into their school schedules and can establish two, standing, office hours.

Quorum – According to Government Code Section 11.02 and 11.03, quorum must be met at all regular and special meetings for official business transactions. For this Board of Directors, quorum shall be a simple majority of its filled positions to transact business, counting the Legislative Vice President, but not counting vacant voting, positions.

Devices – Electronic devices are able to be used during meetings only if the use is positively contributing to meeting work.

SUBJECT: Public Comments

Elijah Chandler – Chandler introduced the founding principles of Equity Arcata, an organization making an effort through working groups and committees to create a more inclusive and racially equitable environment. They went on to

encourage students interested in Equity Arcata work to enroll in SP380, a special course developed to incorporate students into the Equity working groups. The 1-unit course is worth one credit towards a student's upper division, Area E and will be held Wednesdays mornings from 10-10:50. The class will feature guest lecturers from the community along with giving students the opportunity to engage in groups like Student Safety, Housing Equity and Welcoming Businesses.

SUBJECT: Presentations

AS Budget, IRA Budget & Category II Student Fee Overview – Jenessa Lund, AS Executive Director, presenting

Lund explained the structure of five categories of student fees at HSU. Category II Fees cost an HSU student \$1,746 in 2017-18 and that money funds the Student Body Center (specific to HSU, the University Center), Health Facilities, Health Services, Materials, Services & Facilities (MSF), Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) and the Student Body Association (A.S.). Fees revenues are inherently tied to enrollment. The Health Facilities and Health Services Fees were increased in May 2018 through alternative consultation based on Humboldt's unique lack of accessible health services affecting students. An increase to the University Center Fee was proposed to keep pace with minimum wage increases on the spring 2018 ballot but student voters elected not to increase.

At HSU, the A.S. fee costs students \$117 annually, which accumulated in the 2017-18 school year to be \$920,000. This revenue accounts for most of the A.S. budget. Student-led and student-oriented programs apply each spring to be part of the coming school year's A.S. Budget. Last spring, the A.S. Board of 2017-18 dissolved the A.S. Community Service/Campus Scholarship fund to supplement the A.S. Budget for 2018-19 which was projected to be affected by the downturn in HSU's enrollment. A.S. also has a Reserve that currently sits between 23-29%, pending review by HSU's Budget Office.

Associated Students takes on the responsibility of managing the allocation of IRA funds according committee approval. Each student pays \$674 to IRA each year, with \$64 going to the IRA committee. A small portion goes to A.S. for that management, and the majority of the \$64 becomes the budget that the A.S.-managed IRA Committee designs. Departments, organizations and programs apply for parts of the IRA Budget in spring, as well.

HSU as an HSI - Fernando Paz, Latinx Center Director, presenting

For 100 years, HSU was a white-serving institution. For the past five years, HSU has had the designation of a Hispanic Serving Institution, or HSI. A campus becomes an HSI once 25% or more of the population self-identifies as Latinx or, federally speaking, Hispanic. Despite this increase in Latinx student enrollment, Latinx-gearred services and supportive programs were not instated or fully invested in. This trend showed aggressive recruitment but little support once enrolled. Service and support of HSU's Latinx community would enhance the experiences of all students of color. We need to better serve students of colors with empowered experiences and academic growth. Paz asserts this could start with changing the narrative on student experience, and nurturing individual's cultural experiences to become part of HSU's community's greater narrative.

This would hopefully disrupt the stresses often experienced post-graduation by students of colors and minimize the equity and achievement gaps between demographic groups. Better representation of people of color within faculty, staff and administrators would also help in producing a more culturally engaging environment. These changes will need to happen at organizational levels across campus departments and programs to create a sense of belonging for all of HSU's students of color.

The Latinx Center, Latinx Graduacion, and a Latinx Alumni Association are examples of services and events currently provided. September 17- 23, the Latinx Center will be observing National HSI Week with a variety of events. On September 20th from 3-5 PM in Goodwin Forum, students and Board members are invited to the HSI Interest Group to contribute to the conversation surrounding, "What does it mean for HSU to be an HSI?"

Basic Needs - Jen Maguire, Assistant Professor in Social Work, presenting HSU and the rest of the California State University system are experiencing many changing in regards to their students' demographics and source of college funding. This is co-occurring with increasing costs of a college education. Maguire arrived at HSU and listened to many students' experiences struggling to meet their basic needs. At the time, she addresses the issue by hiring 8 students and applying for grant funding to research the severity of the problem and pinpoint which needs were least met. In 2013, with the beginning of Oh SNAP, Maguire and her team's work caught the attention of the CSU Chancellor. With funding from the Chancellor's Office, Maguire and Rashida Crutchfield, an assistant professor in Social Work at CSU, Long Beach conducted a system wide study evaluating students' basic needs. They found about half of all students experienced some level food insecurity, with about a quarter of those actively skipping meals because lack of money. In the CSU system, about 12% of students were regularly homeless, at HSU this is 19% of all students. Students with food and housing insecurity have increased equity gaps academically that are often compounded by racial and gender divides. The survey saw students with resource insecurities often had lower attendance in classes. Their research was then compiled into a report and put to work with the CSU's Basic Needs Initiative. HSU has been a leader in this initiative work. Our housing, dining and food shelf programs are looked to by other campuses as examples. A.S. has consistently supported many of the campus's initiatives. Maguire provided the Board with the July 2018 State Assembly Report – "College Ready Hungry and Homeless" and Basic Needs Study Phase II Summary which include policy and initiative recommendations. HSU and A.S. could actively push some recommended initiatives to improve the resources at HSU.

Maguire is the chair of the Senate's University Policy Committee [UPC] and advised students interested in further developing basic needs efforts at HSU to draft a policy and bring it to the UPC.

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Board of Directors and Committees

A.S. President

MOTION: It was moved (Sandoval) and seconded (Fassl) to appoint Estrella J. Corza as the A.S. Public Relations Officer.

ACTION: The motion to appoint Estrella J. Corza was unanimously APPROVED.

MOTION: It was moved (Sandoval) and seconded (McConnell) to table the appointment of the A.S. College of Professional Studies Representative to allow time for

ACTION: The motion to table the appointment of a student to the position of A.S. College of Professional Studies Representative was APPROVED with one nay, and one abstention.

A.S. Legislative Vice President

MOTION: A.S. Board of Finance – Nathalie Rivera

ACTION: The motion to appoint Nathalie Rivera was APPROVED one nay, and no abstentions.

SUBJECT: Official Reports

President

Student Success Alliance met Thursday. The Alliance discussion centered on the GI2025 initiative to increase graduation rates and eliminate achievement gaps. Sandoval is the sole student on this Alliance, with meetings being held every two weeks. Meetings will be spent discussing the allocations of this year's GI2025 funding of \$120 million. Current actions goals are to hire 10-12 more demographically representative faculty members, and focusing curriculum on place-based learning experiences. The Cultural Centers all received base-funding this year from GI2025 moneys. GI2025 funding is limited to be spent on the Initiatives 6 pillars: Academic Preparation, Enrollment Management, Student Engagement & Well-being, Financial Aid, Data-Driven Decision Making, Administrative Barriers.

Administrative Vice President

No report.

Legislative Vice President

Two board members have not finalized their office hours. To establish hours, email Valdovinos for approval and CC Casey to be added to the Office Hours list. Sign-in and out, and hold yourselves accountable by emailing Paola regarding your absence or tardiness.

The Sheet for the committee liaison sign-up is posted and props for being well-constructed.

Valdovinos is partnered with Sanchez to draft a resolution to expand the purpose of the Earth Week Committee to a year-round committee.

Garrett Purchio and Kyle Morgan of the library approached Valdovinos to partner with A.S. to co-host a forum with the prospective City Council members.

Environmental Sustainability Officer

Sanchez co-authored a resolution to expand the name and purpose of the Earth Week Committee to become the Earth Week Every Week Committee. The expanded committee would provide environmental and sustainability focused student groups to regularly meet, year-round to collaborate and update on event planning, campaigning and strategies, as well as planning Earth Week each spring.

The Office of Sustainability reached out for Sanchez's help to develop a training for student leaders to incorporate more sustainable, ethical and appropriate practices into their clubs and programs.

Sanchez visited the MultiCultural Center Open House and heard students' mixed responses to Dining charging for single use containers and utensils. Students also wished more OZZI coins would be given out.

Student-at-Large Representatives

Graul reached out to the Student Legal Lounge to be their Board liaison.

Graul visited the Student Disability Resource Center and spoke to staff about joining the Disability, Access and Compliance Committee. They have goals of reactivating the disability support group to promote inclusion and sense of belonging.

Fassl had no report.

External Affairs Representative

Winfield-Perez developed a voter registration poster equipped with a QR code making voter registration a click-away from students. They reached out to professors to take the first 10 minutes of class time to lead classes through hard copy or online registration. They asked that the A.S. website be updated to provide links and instructions on how to register to vote.

Winfield-Perez will be the Board liaison for the YES House.

At CSSA, they are advocating for trans-health programs in the CSU and interested in expanding Project Rebound, a program to help formerly incarcerated students prepare, apply, enroll and graduate with a degree from SF State University.

AS Present Representative,

Met with ASPresents advisor Michael Moore. A talent show is in the works. Board members get complimentary ASPresents tickets for certain upcoming shows.

Graduate Representative

In the process of gaining permission to send all graduate students an email regarding A.S., A.S. programs and other community opportunities.

Halloran created and shared the program liaison Sheet, for all board members to select and reach out to an A.S. program they'll help support. Asked that board members add other campus connections at the bottom of the Sheet.

Re-joined the College of Natural Resources Strategic Planning Committee.
Looking to have Fernando present on HSI in the sciences to this committee.

College of Natural Resources & Sciences Representatives

Kanga Livingstone spoke with Resident Housing Association President about her serving as a liaison.

Lolley started the week by “taking over” the AS social media accounts.
Lolley and Black-Lanouette met with a co-director of the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology [CCAT] to strategize how to increase participation of students in CCAT’s curriculum. They plan to ask professors to incorporate CCAT classes and projects into their coursework. They also thought a kinesthetic calendar might benefit student awareness of programs and events.

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Representatives

McConnell is looking to repurpose 3rd St. Gallery supplies and is seeking input for how the soon-to-be-vacant space can best be utilized. They encourage students appreciate the final exposition at 3rd St. Gallery on Sept. 1 from noon to 9 PM and Sept. 2 noon to 5 PM.

Rivera had no report.

College of Professional Studies Representative

Black-Lanouette is CCAT’s Events and Outreach Coordinator. They met with CCAT Co-director and Lolley to address event planning and coordinating struggles. They identified general student mistrust of or pushback to the HSU Event Calendar and OrgSync. They brainstormed a kinesthetic calendar as a solution to the bureaucratic hurdles involved in event planning and outreach currently on campus.

Black-Lanouette also met with Clubs Coordinator, Molly Kresl, to address the events issue through the Clubs Orientation Training. There would be a presentation on how to access risk, policy, and reservation resources, how to fill out forms and meet the requirements for proper event preparation.

Advisors’ Report

Lund attended Equity Arcata’s bias prevention training.

Attended meetings regarding Live Scans on-campus. Live Scan costs have been covered by the University Police Department. Costs for Live Scans are increasing and UPD will no longer be able to absorb these costs.

Homecoming will occur the first week of October. A.S. initiated homecoming activities on campus and historically added to the community-building spirit of A.S. The Homecoming staff committee is interested in A.S.’s participation, especially in helping with announcements for the pep rally.

SUBJECT: Announcements

City Council Meeting regarding the Village Project – August 29 at 9 a.m.

YES Open House August 29, 2-5 p.m.

CCAT showing the Lorax August 27, starts at 6 p.m.

CCAT Open House August 28 & 29, every hour, on the hour from 1-4 p.m.

SUBJECT: Adjournment

Valdovinos adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Casey Park

A.S. Board Coordinator

Approved by:



Paola Valdovinos

Chair & Legislative Vice President