

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Monday, April 11, 2016  
University Center Banquet Room  
Minutes #21

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Representatives Present: Kathryn Guzman, Michael Ramirez, Alexia Siebuhr, Jason Jones, Jesse Benefiel, Sean Sesanto, Aisha Cissna, Eamon Daly

Representatives Absent: Candace Young (Unexcused)

Officers Present: Juan Cervantes, Tiana Cannon, Zitlaly Macias

Officers Absent: Jonah Platt (Unexcused)

Advisors Present: Natasha Sanders, Joan Tyson, Dr. Peg Blake

Advisors Absent: Aaron Cobas (Unexcused), Madison Whaley (Unexcused)

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: CANNON/SIEBUHR move to approve Agenda #21 dated April 11, 2016

APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Macias reported to respect each other's opinion and asked Council members to raise their placard if they want to speak.

**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)**

MOTION: DALY/GUZMAN move to suspend AS Government Code 7.03 to appoint Abigail Peterson to the University Senate Appointment and Election Committee.

APPROVED

MOTION: DALY/RAMIREZ move to appoint Abigail Peterson to the University Senate Appointment and Election Committee.

TABLED INDEFINITELY

MOTION: DALY/BENEFIEL move to table the appointment of Abigail Peterson to the University Senate Appointment and Election Committee indefinitely.

APPROVED

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

No appointments.

**Old Business**

- A. Resolution 2015-16-8: Resolution in Support of No Student Mandated Reporters Except Those Explicitly Stated in Title IX - **Tabled First Reading**  
This resolution states the Associated Students of HSU will recognize and support the current Title IX campaign on Humboldt State University.

Siebuhr presented on the resolution. Siebuhr has had discussions and worked on the resolution with Kim Berry, Co-Director HSU's Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, Maxwell Schunerer, Co-Director HSU's Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, Paula Arrowsmith Jones, NorthCoast Rape Crisis Team, Randi Darnall Burke, HSU Dean of Students. Siebuhr discussed the mandated reporting policy is complex and complicated. Siebuhr noted the federal policy attempts to narrow the definition of the mandated reporting policy while the State of California has attempted to broaden the policy to require as many employees as possible to be mandated reporters. Siebuhr noted that the campus has many student employees who are also mandated reporters. Siebuhr explained that there are some students who don't know if they are mandated reporters or not. Additionally, the student employee's friends don't know if they are mandated reporters either. Siebuhr explained this issue can be challenging for the students because they might have to report a situation to campus officials that was supposed to be a private conversation between friends. Siebuhr notes there is a shift in communication on campus that limits conversations between students because students don't want to violate policy nor do they want to act on a situation that was supposed to be a private conversation between friends. Siebuhr presented a letter discussing the resolution and how the mandated reporting policy silences survivors of sexual violence. The letter will be sent to the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Guzman noted she is a Retention through Academic Mentoring Program (RAMP) mentor and a mandated reporter. Guzman stated her position leaves a lot of gray area of when she can talk to friends about private situations. Sanders believes the resolution might protect rapists and sexual molesters because the situation is not being reported. Cervantes responded mandated reporting does not protect sexual assailants, but requires students to report situations that should have been private conversations between peers or friends. Cervantes suggested to Siebuhr to remove the HSU Provost and the HSU Vice President of Administration from the resolution, but include Loren J. Blanchard, CSU Vice Chancellor, and Dwight Burke, CSU Title IX Coordinator. Sesanto believes the resolution

helps to provide a separation between mentors and peers. Sesanto further explained that enabling peers to discuss personal topics without having the topic be reported. Cissna suggested including the Housing Director, Stephen St. Onge, in the last resolve. Cervantes asked Blake if there were other persons to include. Blake noted the resolution should be sent the Chancellor's Office. Daly said he received notifications from the State of California and suggests the California Senate and Assembly Representative should be included in the last resolve. Ramirez asked if the resolution is attempting to eliminate students from being a mandated reporter or clarify when student employees are mandated reporters. Siebuhr explained she would like to see both. Siebuhr would like to reduce the amount of student employees who are required to be mandated reports, but also require more training for students who have to be mandated reporters. Cervantes suggests including a resolve that states who would be a mandated reporter. Cervantes noted the resolution was well written. Blake supports the resolution.

B. Resolution of 2015-16-9: The Meliorist Comfort Bench - First Reading

This resolution states the Associated Students would support the installation of the Meliorist Comfort Bench.

Sanders presented on the resolution. Sanders noted she has had to support students who need physiological support. Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) is underfunded and needs more support. Sanders believes the bench is a method to improve relationships on campus as well as the retention and graduation rates. Cervantes supports the resolution, but suggested striking out the HSU Administration from the third whereas. Cissna suggested adding the location in the resolution. Sanders noted that she was suggested not to do that because the location might be changed after the resolution is approved. Blake noted CAPS is funded by student fee dollars, suggested Sanders fix the typos, and asked where the funding would come from. Sanders stated CAPS is in support of the resolution. Sanders also said she would seek funding from AS, and the bench would cost approximately \$200. Blake asked how the bench would be made. Sanders noted the bench can be made of most materials and it would include instructions on how to approach someone on the bench. Sanders explained there are already benches like the Meliorist Comfort Bench already in use in elementary schools, called a "buddy bench." Siebuhr suggested there be more resources for students to contact than just the campus police. Siebuhr suggests including North Coast Rape Crisis Team Victim Advocates and changing certain terms in the resolution. Ramirez supports the resolution, but wonders if the bench would be a good idea because there are students who might not have the training to help other students who would need help. Ramirez asked if someone would be there with professional training or would it only be students. Sanders noted the bench is for students who need additional support and wouldn't replace CAPS. Sanders also noted the rules and the instructions of the bench. Guzman suggested including the Crisis Help line phone number on the bench. Sanders responded the buddy bench has received a lot of positive feedback. Blake noted all the buddy benches are in elementary schools which is different than a university campus. Blake suggests Sanders reach out to CAPS. Sanders noted the CAPS Director, Jennifer Sanford, supports the bench. Ramirez suggests the bench not be public. Sanders explained the bench would be in front of the library because it is an open and visible space to protect people. Cervantes stated the bench is not to replace CAPS but a supportive tool for students. Daly advised to get a more accurate quote of the cost of the bench. Sanders stated she would build the bench herself and fund it herself if needed. Benefiel asked what the process of communication would be on the bench. Sanders noted either person can talk if there is consent. Benefiel suggests adding in the instructions that the person who is sitting down and being approached by another person approve of initiating the communication.

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

**President (Juan Cervantes)**

AS Executive Committee Report – April 8, 2016

1. Review and approval of amendments to the Associated Students Policy Statement – Administrative, Section 100, Document No. 101, Conflict of Interest Policy – **Action Item**

The amendments will update the AS Conflict of Interest Policy that makes Council members and Executives aware of their responsibilities regarding conflict of interest.

Tyson explained the item is related to the operating agreement. Tyson also explained the current conflict of interest policy needed some additional information and this policy includes more details.

MOTION: CERVANTES/SIEBUHR move to approve the Review and approval of amendments to the Associated Students Policy Statement APPROVED

Guzman noted the use of the term “he” in the policy. Guzman asked if the form could be changed to include gender neutral language. Cervantes stated the form is a state government form and suggested she talk to Whaley and the AS Lobby Corps about the issue.

2. Operating Agreement between California State University (CSU) and Associated Students of Humboldt State University – **Action Item**  
Approval of the Renewal of the Operating Agreement between the Associated Students of Humboldt State University and the California State University for a term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

Cervantes gave the floor to Tyson. The purpose of the Operating Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which an Auxiliary may operate as an auxiliary organization pursuant to California Education Code 89900 and California Code of Regulations Title 5, 42400. It defines the primary function of the auxiliary that are authorized. Tyson noted the major changes in document, including changes in the operational review and operational compliance. Tyson explained that after the AS Council approves of the agreement, the HSU President will review the agreement. If the HSU President approves the agreement it will be forwarded to the CSU Chancellor’s Office for their approval.

MOTION: SESANTO/GUZMAN move to approve the Operating Agreement between California State University (CSU) and Associated Students of Humboldt State University. APPROVED

Cissna noted in Item 12, Use of Campus Facilities, the language includes the Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation. Tyson noted the item and will make the correction.

- 2a. Facility Lease Between California State University and Associated Students of Humboldt State University – **Action Item**

Tyson presented on the item stating the document is a lease for the use of the facilities in the University Center for the Associated Students.

MOTION: RAMIREZ/CANNON move to approve the Facility Lease Between California State University and Associated Students of Humboldt State University APPROVED

3. Review and approval of Associated Students of Humboldt State University Interim Executive Director Agreement – Information Item (Juan Cervantes)  
Council will review the Associated Students of Humboldt State University Interim Executive Director Agreement which was approved by the Executive Committee.

Cervantes noted the item was not approved because the Executive Committee requested more information before they make a decision. Tyson noted there needed to be additional consultation with the AS lawyer and the AS's insurance carrier. Daly asked why the compensation was set at \$60 for the interim Executive Director. Cervantes noted the compensation was set at that amount because of the experience and training needed for the position, and AS will not be paying for benefits or their social security.

**Administrative Vice President (Jonah Platt)**

Absent.

**Student Affairs Vice President (Tiana Cannon)**

Cannon attended the UC Board meeting. Cannon is also working on the AS Finals Study Lounge and reached out to the Learning Center for tutors during the study lounge.

**Legislative Vice President (Zitlaly Macias)**

Macias attended the Academic Policy Committee. Macias noted the Academic Policy Committee sent the U.Direct resolution to the University Senate. The University Senate approved the resolution with some changes. Macias also explained the credit and no credit process for new and transfer students.

**Guzman – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Guzman reported Lobby Corps will be tabling this week and next week to register students to vote.

**Ramirez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Ramirez reported the Elections Commission will be designing a library display on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Ramirez reminded the Council voting will be on April 19, 20, and 21.

**Siebuhr – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Siebuhr reported she has been working on the resolution. Siebuhr also worked at the Take Back the Night Event, on Friday, April 8.

**Jones – College of Professional Studies**

Jones attended the IRA committee and is working on the CPS mixer.

**Benefiel – College of Professional Studies**

Benefiel reported he is working on the CPS mixer. Benefiel will be meeting with Clint Rebik, HSU Registrar, regarding the Pronoun Project.

**Young – College of Professional Studies**

Absent.

**Sesanto – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

Sesanto attended the Klamath Restoration Project meeting. Sesanto also attended the CNRS Search Committee and the Committee has been conducting phone interviews with applicants.

**Cissna – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

Cissna attended the Parking and Transportation Committee.

**Daly – Graduate Representative**

Daly reported the Humboldt International Film Festival will be on April 20 - 23, 2016. Daly attended multiple Learning Management Working Group meetings last week.

**External Affairs (Madison Whaley)**

Absent.

**AS Presents (Natasha Sanders)**

Sanders attended the AS Presents meeting and they are reviewing a lot of lectures and artists for the Fall semester schedule.

**Elections Commissioner (Aaron Cobas)**

Absent.

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

Blake reported there will be a survey created by students regarding MyHumboldt. Blake announced the Outstanding Student Awards will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Blake noted a Check IT student will be recognized at the White House for their work. A public announcement regarding the name of the student to follow.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**

No report.

**General Council Discussion**

Cervantes asked for more details on the Pronoun Project. Benefiel is working to remove pronouns on rosters and other campus documentation and will have a meeting with the Clint Rebik, HSU Registrar. Daly asked Macias about credit no credit policy discussed at the Academic Policy Committee. Blake responded there is a current policy conflict. Currently students can earn a C - or better to receive credit but in their major they need a C to receive credit. Cissna asked Ramirez about voting booths on the UC Quad. Ramirez responded the Elections Commission will possibly have voting booth in the UC South Lounge, Behavioral and Social Sciences Building, and the Library.

**General Council Work Session****Announcements**

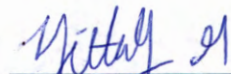
Benefiel announced Friday is a "Day of Silence." Ramirez announced Friday, April 15, in the Karshner lounge is a Swap Meet and a dance titled, "Oldies but Goodies." The proceeds will be going to the clubs involved. Cissna announced Earth Week is next week. Blake asked Benefiel about the planning for the "Day of Silence" Event on Friday, April 15. Benefiel responded there are tabling to notify people of the day, but there are not any specific plans on the day.

**Adjournment**

Macias adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:26 p.m.

Recorded by:  
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Approved by:

  
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Zitaly Macias  
Legislative Vice President