

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, February 22, 2016
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #17

Call to Order

Zitlaly Macias, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

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

Representatives Absent: Graciela Chipres (Unexcused)

Officers Present: Juan Cervantes, Jonah Platt, Tiana Cannon, Zitlaly Macias

Advisors Present: Aaron Cobas, Natasha Sanders (Late), Madison Whaley, Dr. Peg Blake (Late)

Advisors Absent: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: JONES/DALY move to approve Agenda #17 dated February 22, 2016 APPROVED

Special Presentation

A. Take Back the Night Event (Alexia Siebuhr)

Siebuhr discussed the Take Back the Night event, the vision and mission of the event, and how students can be involved. The event will take place on April 8, 2016. The planning committee has already started, but new members are welcome.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: GUZMAN/SESANTO move to approve Minutes #14 dated January 25, 2016
APPROVED

MOTION: PLATT/RAMIREZ move to approve Minutes #15 dated February 1, 2016
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: BENEFIEL/SESANTO move to approve Minutes #16 dated February 8, 2016
APPROVED

MOTION: CISSNA/DALY move to strikeout Humboldt Energy Independence Fund and include Office of Sustainability in the General Council Discussion. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Macias asked the Council to be respectful and use the placard to make a statement

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)

MOTION: PLATT/CANNON move to appoint Stephanie Blank to the Elections Commission APPROVED

MOTION: BENEFIEL/RAMIREZ move to appoint Amanda Hostrulid to the Elections Commission APPROVED

MOTION: DALY/SIEBUHR move to appoint Nathaniel McGuigen to the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee APPROVED

MOTION: CISSNA/GUZMAN move to appoint Candace Young to the Student Fee Advisory Committee APPROVED

MOTION: BENEFIEL/CISSNA move to appoint Jason Jones to the Student Fee Advisory Committee APPROVED

MOTION: DALY/JONES move to appoint Madison Whaley as Juan Cervantes designee to the Student Fee Advisory Committee APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Jonah Platt)

No Appointments

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Zitlaly Macias)

No Appointments

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

No Appointments

Old Business

- A. **Resolution In Support of Having Fruit Trees on Campus – First Reading**
 A resolution to recognize and support the Fruit Tree Alliance proposal for the inclusion of fruit trees on the Humboldt State University campus.

Whaley stated that last year around this time an idea was conceived by students on campus to plant fruit trees around campus. The students formed the Fruit Tree Alliance and developed a proposal for having fruit trees on campus. Their reason for having fruit trees on campus is because it would be a big step toward environmental consciousness and would produce organic food on campus. Alex Howard, At-Large Student, discussed that the HSU President recently signed the “Second Nature Climate Commitment” which was authored by a third party organization that is committed to environmental sustainability and accountability. Howard believes the fruit trees will be a good addition to providing environmentally sustainable practices on campus.

Whaley asked the Council for recommendations and opinions on the resolution. Jones asked Whaley what type of fruit trees will be planted on campus. Whaley responded that apple and lemon trees have been planted at Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) and the Fruit tree Alliance is working with the Facilities Management-Grounds Department to make sure the trees are appropriate for the local environment. Jones also asked how students can get involved with the project. Whaley stated students can contact her. Cervantes noted the resolution should include references to the existing garden in Housing and how the resolution would expand fruit trees to the whole campus. Ramirez discussed the Facilities Management-Grounds Department had provided recommendations to the Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program regarding the location of potential trees. Especially if the trees were on the border of the campus as it would attract more wildlife on campus. Ramirez asked if there was specific areas on campus the trees would be placed. Whaley responded that some of the locations would be at the Cyprus Apartments, near the Kinesiology building, and Founder’s Hall. Howard also noted the Fruit Tree Alliance has surveyed the campus to look for the best locations for trees, but the Facilities Management-Grounds Department does have the final decision on where the trees would be located. Cissna noted there are fruit trees near the Cyprus Apartments already, but the trees have not produce very much fruit. Whaley said she knows of the fruit trees near the apartments, but the trees have not been appropriately maintained. Ramirez asked if the project is being incorporated with the CCAT community garden. Whaley said the project and the community garden are separate projects. The community garden has been in development over the past four years and the fruit tree project started last year. Cissna pointed out a discrepancy in the departments in the resolution. Sanders noted Facilities Management doesn’t regularly respond to emails and recommended contacting individuals within the department. Whaley said she has meet with Tall Chief Comet, HSU Sustainability Director, twice.

Peg Blake and Natasha Sanders arrived at 3:35 p.m.

No public discussion

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

President (Juan Cervantes)

Cervantes attended a meeting with Mike Kirokosyan, the University Center Board of Directors Chair, Dave Nakamura, the University Center Executive Director, and the University Center Board regarding continuation of the AS/UC Agreement and seeking continued advice/advocacy from CSSA and CSU administrators. Cervantes attended the CSSA meeting and discussed California

Promise Program and various Constitution/Policy changes. Cervantes also met with Peg Blake, Vice President of Student Affairs about scheduling issues in the Native American Forum. Cervantes attended a meeting with Joyce Lopes, HSU Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Peg Blake, and HSU President Rossbacher regarding the AS/UC agreement. Cervantes and Whaley met with Michael Camann, Humboldt California Faculty Association Chapter President, about the faculty strike dates on campus. Cervantes discussed that the HSU President sent an email out to the staff, faculty, and students regarding the possible strike.

Administrative Vice President (Jonah Platt)

Platt reported on the last Board of Finance meeting.

Board of Finance Report – February 19, 2016

1. Request for \$3,000 from Associated Students Unallocated Funds for additional travel grant funding – **Action Item**
The requested increase is because student organizations are traveling farther with larger groups.

Platt reported the action item was introduced by Molly Kresl, Clubs and Activities Coordinator, and the item failed in the Board of Finance committee. Platt stated the reason the item failed was because the funding could go to funding other grants where it might be needed more.

2. Request to Transfer \$4,803 from Clubs and Activities Grant to Cultural Programming Grant – **Information Item**
Transferring \$4,803 would allow more opportunities for Cultural Programming to occur while not significantly reducing funding opportunities from the Clubs and Activities Grant.

Platt reported this item was also introduced by Molly Kresl, Clubs and Activities Coordinator, and the item failed in the Board of Finance committee. Platt stated the reason for not approving the request was because the Clubs and Activities Office has received a lot of applications for the Clubs and Activities Grants so there wasn't any reason take money away from that account line item.

3. Determination by the Board of Finance as to which AS Programs will be invited to the Board of Finance meeting to answer specific questions about their 2016-17 AS Program Budget Request. Date of Budget Hearings is Saturday, February 27, 2016 – **Information Item**

Platt reported there is a Board of Finance meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2016 for budget hearings. Platt noted the programs that were invited to the hearing were Clubs and Programming, Graduate Pledge Alliance, and Drop-In Recreation.

Student Affairs Vice President (Tiana Cannon)

Cannon attended the UC Board, Events Funding Board Committee, and will interview students for committees this week.

Legislative Vice President (Zitlaly Macias)

Macias attended the Academic Policies Committee. The Committee discussed U.Direct document in

regards to the existing milestones (Golden 4 -GE Area A and Math by 60 units) and the recommendation of two new milestones (foundational skills to prepare for advance work) be developed from each program. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 8 a.m. Macias also received her title IX T-shirt.

Guzman – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Guzman attend the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to discuss inconsistencies between the Senate Bylaws and the Constitution. Last week, Guzman attended in the International Education Committee.

Ramirez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Ramirez attended the Parking and Transportation Committee meeting and discussed smart parking on campus. Oh Snap! is open and the hours have changed, but are open every day. The Student Fee Advisory Committee is meeting Friday, February 26, 2016. The Elections Committee has met recently and has finalized the timeline and will meet again next week. Ramirez also went to the International Music Festival and met with many clubs on campus.

Siebuhr – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Siebuhr attended the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and discussed Title IX. Siebuhr has met with Cervantes and Whaley about a CSSA resolution on Title IX.

Young – College of Professional Studies

Young reported talking to student about their issues and how she can represent them. Young also talked to Multi-Cultural Center representatives about having a Game Night and will setup a date soon.

Jones – College of Professional Studies

Jones reported that he is working on the college mixer with College of Professional Studies Representatives.

Benefiel – College of Professional Studies

Benefiel reported that he is working on the college mixer. Benefiel is also working with the Registrar's Office on a project about using pronouns for students.

Sesanto – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Sesanto attended a meeting with Jen Maguire and Mira Freeman about Oh Snap! and food insecurities. Sesanto attended the first meeting for the CNRS Deans Search Committee. Sesanto announced the Arcata Planning Commission is working on five housing developments, but the meetings continue to be cancelled.

Cissna – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Cissna reported that she is working on the college mixer with Sesanto. Cissna met with the CCAT Co-Directors potentially amending CCAT budget to include additional funds for food related to "Volunteer Fridays." Cissna also met with a CCAT representative regarding a hydroponics grant opportunity from the Advancement Foundation Loyalty Fund. Cissna met with Ramirez to begin the Humboldt Energy Fund idea for smart parking on campus. Cissna is planning on attending the next Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) meeting to advocate for a re-vote on the proposed HEIF position. Cissna also submitted event grant for Earth Week.

Chipres – At Large

Absent.

Daly – Graduate Representative

Daly reported attending the Student Grievance Committee twice since the last AS meeting. Daly also attended the Sponsored Programs Foundation Board and they are working on recommendations for funding and he will chair the next meeting. Daly attended meetings for the Learning Management System Working Group which has been providing training to faculty on Canvas (a learning management system) and collecting feedback from users.

External Affairs (Madison Whaley)

Whaley attended the last CSSA meeting and discussed support legislation that best supports HSU students. During the last CSSA meeting there was a presentation on “Project Rebound” which about reintegrating prior incarcerated persons into college. Whaley will be attended the next CSSA meeting in Sacramento and the California Higher Education Student Summit. Whaley hopes to create a resolution with the AS Council on state legislation HSU students want to support.

AS Presents (Natasha Sanders)

Sanders attended the International Education Week. The Silent Disco show was a great success. Sanders contacted Matt Hodgson, HSU Webmaster, about creating a cumulative calendar of all the AS Presents events so students know of all the events on campus. Sanders has been disappointed so far with the response from Marketing and Communication, but will continue to work on the issue. Sanders also met with Michael Moore, AS Presents Advisor, and discussed foundational issues of AS Presents. The upcoming lecture by Laura Jane Grace has space for twenty students for a meet and greet after the event and AS Presents will be sending out invites to Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center, the Music Department, Queer Student Union, and the Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies. The music bench project is still in development and will continue to contact the Facilities Management about the project. The AS Presents committee has met once, but they have not met since because of scheduling conflicts. Sanders also announced the Associated Sculpture Students is hold a BBQ in the Sculpture and Ceramics Building on February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a sculpture walk in mid-April.

Elections Commissioner (Aaron Cobas)

Cobas reported that he is working on recruitment and advertising for the AS Elections. Cobas has communicated with Amy Westmoreland about advertising for the AS Elections during the Social Justice Summit. Cobas also attended the Campus Connects event two weeks ago to recruit students to the AS Elections Commission, has conducted some social media outreach, and is working on a press release with Molly Kresl, Clubs and Coordinator Advisor, and Patric Esh, Council Assistant.

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

Blake attended the meetings for Oh Snap! reporting that as of February 20, 2016, 687 students have signed up for Cal-Fresh, the Food Pantry has had 3,854 visitors, and approximately \$113,000 dollars has been spent on the Food Pantry. Blake is also working on the implementation of the HSU strategic plan and hopes to have a plan in two weeks.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Absent.

General Council Discussion

Daly asked Sesanto about information on the Arcata Planning Commission. Sesanto will provide Daly with information.

General Council Work Session**Announcements**

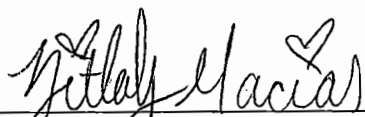
Cissna announced Power Down will happen on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Siebuhr announced that Women's History Month will be during the month of March and there will be events and activities throughout the month. Cissna also announced there was some issues with Dining Services and the real food challenge in the strategic plan. Blake provided information to Cissna about who to contact is regarding the issues, including the strategic plan website that has a comment section. Sanders announced the Clubs Calendar was useless. Platt announced the keynote speaker for the Black Liberation Month, is Felonious Monk who is presenting on the topic, "Blake Media Matters" on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room. Cissna announced working on the Climate Action Plan. Cobas announced the IX Outreach event will start at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016 on the University Quad.

Adjournment

Macias adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:12 p.m.

Recorded by:
Patric Esh
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Zifaly Macias
Legislative Vice President