Call to Order

Jacob Bloom, Associated Students President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall East, Goodwin Forum.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Nicholas Colbrunn, Ana Cortes, Jerry Dinzes, Jessie Holtz, Corinne Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Mary May, Taylor Mitchell, Lino Sanchez

Representatives Absent: Fabiola Quiroz (excused), Lino Sanchez (excused)

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo, Jacob Bloom, Forust Ercole

Officers Absent: Mark Teeter (excused)

Advisors Present: Benjamin Cox, Kobe Thompson, Joan Tyson

Advisors Absent: Dr. Peg Blake

Election of an Interim Vice Chair

The Legislative Vice President and Vice Chair were not in attendance. Bloom opened the floor to nominations.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to nominate Mary May as Interim Vice Chair

May declined the nomination

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to nominate Jerry Dinzes as Interim Vice Chair APPROVED

There were no further nominations.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to approve Agenda #10 dated December 2, 2013

APPROVED

AS AMENDED

MOTION: BLOOM/COLBRUNN move to amend the agenda to move Official Reports before Announcements

APPROVED

MOTION: DINZES/BLOOM move to amend the agenda to place the Board of Finance report
Chair’s Report

Dinzes had no report

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #9 dated November 18, 2013 – Action Item

MOTION: MAY/MITCHELL move to approve Minutes #9 dated November 18, 2013

APPROVED
AS AMENDED
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION MARTINEZ/ARREDONDO move to amend Minutes #9 by striking Live and replacing with Lights and striking a program based on hunger issues on page five

APPROVED

Bloom stated that the AS Council should consider the outcomes of the minutes discussion.

MOTION: BLOOM/HOLTZ move to insert would like to attend meetings of the before the word Labor Council in Bloom’s report on page eight

APPROVED

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

Steven Nguyen, a student at-large, was present and is interested in sitting on the IRA Committee. Nguyen has served as Bloom’s debate partner. Nguyen intends to graduate in 2015. Nguyen is an economics major and is interested in learning about how resources are allocated.

TIME CERTAIN 5:00 P.M. – Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jacob Bloom)

MOTION: BLOOM/DINZES move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to nominate Steven Nguyen to the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee

APPROVED
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Nguyen is in class and is unable to attend.

MOTION: BLOOM/KRUPP move to appoint Steven Nguyen to the IRA Committee

FAILS
(3) AYE
(6) NAY
(3) ABSTENTIONS

Cortes stated that she assisted Bloom with interviews and interviewed Cervantes for the committee and recommended that Cervantes be appointed to the committee. Bloom stated that he had asked Cortes not to interview anyone for the IRA Committee. Mitchell asked Cervantes, who was in attendance, what committees he currently sits on. Cervantes sits on the University Senate,
University Executive Committee and the AS External Affairs Committee. Mitchell asked if a Committee application had been received. Bloom stated that there was no committee application completed. Mitchell stated that he would not like to vote for a student who did not provide an application. Krupp asked Bloom why an application was not received from the candidate. Bloom stated that there is no requirement in the AS Governing Documents that requires a candidate to fill out an application.

**MOTION:** ARREDONDO/MITCHELL move to postpone the appointment of Steven Nguyen to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee

**APPROVED**

(2) NAY

**MOTION:** BLOOM/KRUPP move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Lino Sanchez as President designee

There was discussion regarding if the AS President could designate his seat on the Instructionally Related Activities Committee.

*Krupp withdrew her second of the motion.*

**A.S. Administrative Vice President (Forust Ercole)**

**MOTION:** ERCOLE/ARREDONDO move to appoint Cyrina Steward to the Lobby Corps Committee

**APPROVED**

(1) ABSTENTION

**MOTION:** ERCOLE/MAY move to appoint Nicholas Colbrunn to the President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability

**APPROVED**

(2) ABSTENTION

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)**

Absent.

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)**

No Appointments.

**Old Business**

**Board of Finance Report – Monday, November 20, 2013**

1. Request from AS External Affairs to seek exception from the AS Travel Policy to reimburse Benjamin Cox for the cost of wear and tear of his vehicle for traveling to the CSSA Meeting on October 11-13 for $135, with the option of reimbursing in an amount not to exceed $217.80 which is in addition to the $120 Cox received for gasoline reimbursement – **Action Item**

The AS External Affairs Representative is seeking to be reimbursed on a per mile basis for use of a private vehicle for travel. The Associated Students Travel Policy states that Personal vehicles will only be reimbursed for actual gas expenses supported by receipts.

**MOTION:** CORTES/COLBRUNN move to postpone the Request from AS External Affairs to
seek exception from the AS Travel Policy to reimburse Benjamin Cox for the cost of wear and tear of his vehicle for traveling to the CSSA Meeting on October 11-13 for $135, with the option of reimbursing in an amount not to exceed $217.80 which is in addition to the $120 Cox received for gasoline reimbursement.

FAILS
(2) AYE

Bloom stated that the item could be brought up again if it is tabled indefinitely. Mitchell stated that the request should be decided today so that it is not discussed in the future.

MOTION: KRUPP/COLBRUNN move to approve the request from AS External Affairs to seek exception from the AS Travel Policy to reimburse Benjamin Cox for the cost of wear and tear of his vehicle for traveling to the CSSA Meeting on October 11-13 for $135, which is in addition to the $120 Cox received for gasoline reimbursement.

FAILS
(1) AYE
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Dinzes opened the floor to public comment.

Juan Cervantes, a student at large, stated that the amount requested was substantial for wear and tear to a vehicle. Steven Nguyen, a student at large, asked for information regarding what the wear and tear to the vehicle was. Tay Triggs, the Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership, cautioned the group that their action may set a precedent.

There was no further public comment.

Mitchell stated that he has reviewed the travel policy and that the policy states that travel by private vehicle is reimbursed by actual gas expenses supported by receipts and that Cox also had the option to take a rental car. Krupp asked Cox what caused the wear and tear and stated that this would set a precedent for the organization. Mitchell stated that the travel policy will only be reimbursed for actual gas expenses supported by receipts. Mitchell stated that Cox also had the option to take a rental car. Krupp stated that the AS External Affairs position includes travel and that Cox has also received a stipend. Bloom stated that the Associated Students has recently expended $600 on newspaper advertising and pays $6 to Crystal Geyser for water service. Bloom suggested that the board reimburse Cox in an amount equal to renting a car. Cortes stated that an individual in the position should familiarize themselves with the travel policy. Dinzes stated that the organization should follow the approved policy. Cox referred to the Council to the statement he provided to the Board of Finance. Colbrunn stated that the AS Council serves 8,000 students and should not be spending so much time on the item at hand. Bloom yielded to Cervantes. Cervantes stated that the policies and the codes are available and that to make an exception would not set a good precedent. Dinzes noted the difficulty of making a decision when it would involve someone in a personal relationship.

2. Approval of a recommendation to increase the Associated Students annual fee from the current $101 ($51 Fall semester, $50 Spring Semester) per year fee to $113 ($57 Fall semester, $56 Spring semester) per year in 2014-15 and $117 ($59 Fall semester, $58 Spring semester) per year in 2015-16. The fee would remain at $117 thereafter until adjusted by a future referendum – Action Item

Action recommended to the AS Council for approval will also need to be recommended to the Student Fee Advisory Committee, presented by referendum in Spring 2014 to the Association membership and approved by the University President if the fee is
approved by a majority voting in the referendum. The proposal would increase the Associated Students fee by $6 per semester for the 2014-15 year and an additional $2 per semester for the 2015-16 year.

Ercole provided a power point that outlined the steps to increase the Associated Students fee. Ercole stated that the Board of Finance selected a fee increase over cuts to programs as many of the programs already operate on a minimal budget.

Dinzes opened the floor to Public Comment.

Steven Nguyen, a student at large, asked what program would be cut if a fee increase was not approved. Ercole responded that programs would be asked to make a supplemental budget request that would reduce their allocation by approximately 5%.

MOTION: MITCHELL/CORTES move to approve a recommendation to increase the Associated Students annual fee from the current $101 ($51 Fall semester, $50 Spring semester) per year fee to $113 ($57 Fall semester, $56 Spring semester) per year in 2014-15 and $117 ($59 Fall semester, $58 Spring semester) per year in 2015-16. The fee would remain at $117 thereafter until adjusted by a future referendum APPROVED

(2) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

Krupp stated that she works at an AS Funded Program that already has a difficult time getting by and sees a $16 increase as a reasonable amount. Tyson stated that there are some potential increases in fixed costs and that the increase provides an allocated amount of funds to allow for the potential fixed cost increases and flexibility. Thompson stated that he was in favor of the increase. May asked if there are other sources for programs to receive funding. Bloom stated that raising fees is a complex issue and that the Associated Students fee increase only benefits some students and that the AS Council should consider increasing the fee to $137. Bloom noted that the AS Council would need to commit to educating students about the fee increase. Arredondo stated that additional funding should be used to provide scholarships and that the University Center is also considering a fee increase. Dinzes stated that he is in favor of the increase and responded to May that other sources of funding for AS Programs are limited and may not be reliable. Dinzes stated that the AS has one of the lower Associated Students fees in the CSU, but that the overall cost of enrollment at HSU is higher than most other CSU’s. Holtz asked how the public will be involved in the decision. Ercole stated that the AS would host a public hearing and that the decision would move forward to the student body by referendum. Bloom described that students are customers who are forced into purchasing services that they don’t use with the Associated Students fee.

MOTION: BLOOM/COLBRUNN move to amend the recommendation to increase the Associated Students annual fee to $123 in 2014-15 and $137 in 2015-16 FAILS

(1) AYE
(3) ABSTENSIONS

Dinzes yielded to Steven Nguyen, a Student at Large. Nguyen stated that an additional student fee increase may decrease student morale. Arredondo stated that some students are against raising the fee and feel that they are unable to participate. Arredondo is against the proposed amendment and is in favor of the Board of Finance recommendation. Mitchell stated it will already be difficult to pass the originally proposed fee increase and does not think students would support an increase to $137.
Bloom stated that the AS needs flexibility and should not maintain the current status quo. Bloom stated that he could not support the smaller increase.

MOTION: CORTES/ARREDONDO move to call the question

APPROVED

After the question was called the Associated Students Council returned to a discussion on the main motion.

Dinzes yielded to Cervantes, a student-at-large. Cervantes encouraged the Council to increase the fee. Cox asked if the fee could be approved by the University President if it was not approved by referendum. Dinzes stated that the Education Code does not allow the President to increase the Associated Students fee without a majority affirmative vote of the student body.

A. Creation of a Constitution and Code Revision Committee – Action Item

The A.S. President has requested the creation of a Constitution and Code Revision Committee. AS Constitution Article V Section C #15: Powers and Duties of the Associated Students Council include the power to create committees and ad-hoc committees, and to empower those committees to accomplish goals set by the Council.

Bloom stated that he would like to make a movement to redistribute the hierarchy so that the AS can be more effective.

Dinzes opened the floor to public comment.

Juan Cervantes, a student at large, stated that he did not know if the creation of the committee was a wise use of the Council’s time. Warren Smith, a student at large, requested that the purpose of the committee be elaborated and that it was folly to create a committee without direction.

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: BLOOM/COLBRUNN move to approve the Creation of a Constitution and Code Revision Committee

APPROVED

AS AMMENDED

(2) NAY

Krupp asked Bloom to describe how the committee would be set up. Bloom stated that there should be one student at large and interested members of the Council who are able to commit to the project. Thompson stated that he agreed with Cervantes public comment. Dinzes stated that he agrees that there needs to be revisions to the Constitution and asked if the Executive Committee had considered the idea. Bloom stated that he would like a committee other than the Executive Committee to be in charge of changes to the governing documents. Krupp stated that she sees value in revising how appointments are made, but does not know if changes to the governing documents need to be made due to the Council’s experience. Arredondo stated that he would like the opportunity for Committee members to be elected directly during the AS Elections. Arredondo recommended that the Committee include co-chairs and a member from each college. Holtz stated that she was unsure why a committee was needed to draft changes as the Council is already drafting changes to documents in the meeting. Bloom also stated that he does not want to waste the entire Council’s time and that a committee could make recommendations to the Council. Krupp stated that she wants the Council to remember that there are more pressing issues of the AS Council. Tyson stated that she would like to
serve on the Committee and recommended changing the title to taskforce.

**MOTION:** DINZES/ARREDONDO move to amend the motion to strike the word Committee and replace with the word Taskforce

APPROVED

Colbrunn stated that he is in favor of reviewing the governing documents, but does not want to create an additional committee when many committee vacancies still exist.

The Council finished discussion on Old Business Item B and proceeded to vote on the amendment and the main motion.

**MOTION:** BLOOM/ARREDONDO move to postpone old Business Item’s B, C to the December 16, 2013 meeting

FAILS
(1) AYE

**MOTION:** ARREDONDO/MAY move to postpone Old Business Item B to the December 16, 2013 meeting

APPROVED

**B.** Resolution 13-14-5: Resolution for Semesterly Parliamentary Procedure Trainings and Leadership Conferences – **Action Item**

The A.S. Executive Committee has reviewed and amended the resolution and is forwarding to the AS Council for approval.

This item was tabled until the December 16, 2013 meeting.

**C.** Resolution 13-14-12: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Constitution and Elections Code – **Action Item**

The A.S. Executive Committee recommended changes to the Associated Students Constitution and Elections Code to allow the Associated Students to implement Ranked Choice Voting

The AS Council and audience reviewed a short video provided by fairvote.org that explained the ballot and tallying method used in ranked choice voting.

Dinzes opened the floor to Public Comment.

Warren Smith, a Student at Large, commented that many students do not participate in the AS Elections and that many students do not understand when to vote. Smith was favorable to the concept of ranked choice voting.

There was no further Public Comment.

**MOTION:** ARREDONDO/CORTES move to approve Resolution 13-14-12: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Constitution and Elections Code

APPROVED

Christensen reviewed the draft changes to the AS Constitution and AS Elections Code that would implement instant runoff voting. It was noted that the changes included deleting references to the runoff elections and inserting language defining instant run off voting. Christensen noted that the draft had been presented to the AS Executive Committee for feedback before being presented to the
AS Council. Dinzes noted that he would prefer the item be tabled to allow an additional review of the draft changes.

Before the Council took action on Old Business Item C the Council proceeded with a 5:00 p.m. Time Certain on the agenda: Appointments to Committees and Council. After the time certain the Council proceeded to vote on Old Business Item C.

MOTION: BLOOM move to amend the agenda by placing reports after Old Business Item C.

The motion died with the lack of a second.

D. A.S. Election Dates; April 22, 23 & 24, 2014 – Action Item
Approval of the dates for the AS General Elections as per Associated Students Elections Code, Section 13.04. Recommended dates are April 22, 23 & 24, 2014.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: COLBRUNN/HOLTZ move to approve the A.S. Election Dates: April 22, 23 & 24, 2014

Christensen stated that the dates follow the guidelines outlined in the A.S. Constitution.

General Council Work Session

A. A.S. Retreat December 7-8, 2013, Far North Climbing Gym – Discussion Item (Jessie Holtz and Jackie Martinez)

Holtz stated that the pre retreat activity had been changed to roller skating. Details about the retreat will be sent out via e-mail to the AS Council on Wednesday, December 4.

B. A.S. Study Lounge: Sunday, December 15 – Wednesday, December 18 – Discussion Item (Victor Arredondo)

Arredondo stated that the Finals Week Study Lounge will begin on Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and will also run nightly Monday, December 16 – Wednesday, December 18 from 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Food will be provided and the Learning Center will have tutoring available. Arredondo requested that the AS Council sign up for shifts.

C. A.S. Council Meeting Time Spring Semester – Discussion Item (Joan Tyson)

Tyson stated that there are significant conflicts for the AS Council’s meeting schedule for the established meeting time of Monday’s at 3:00 p.m. The Spring 2014 class schedules have been collected from current Council members and the time with the fewest conflicts is Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Council will receive an amended calendar of meeting dates at the Monday, December 16 meeting as an action item.

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

Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)
Arredondo provided a handout on the most important goals to the AS Council based on a poll of the AS Council. Arredondo will be meeting with Traci Ferdolodge, the Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, in January to discuss the Community Garden project.

**Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)**

Absent.

**MOTION:** BLOOM/COLBRUNN move to extend the meeting to 6:15 p.m. **APPROVED**

(1) NAY

(1) ABSTENTION

Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Martinez reported that she met with Teeter last Monday to discuss the Social Media plan that she is interested in pursuing to increase awareness of Associated Students and engage students online. The Social Media plan includes the implementation of an AS YouTube page and a Facebook site. A Facebook event page for study lounge has been created and Martinez invited Council members to invite students to the event. Martinez attended the first meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. The Student Success and Academic Support unit has filled all of the staff positions. Staff training has been offered on campus to educate staff and faculty members about conscious and unconscious bias. Martinez will be sitting on the Inclusive Campus Climate Subcommittee of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Martinez sent out an email to the Council regarding the opportunity to meet Dr. Larry Roper, Vice President of Student Affairs at Oregon State University on Thursday December 5th, who will discuss Student Leadership Values. Martinez will be authoring a resolution in support of the Real Food Challenge, which would request that 20% of the food provided by dining services be from the local area by 2020.

Sanchez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Absent.

May – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
No report.

Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Colbrunn reported that he has discussed the issue of compensation of YES Program Directors with students involved in the program. Colbrunn will be authoring a resolution in opposition to Fracking to present to the Council.

Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Holtz reported that she will be attending a Campus Center for Appropriate Technology meeting later today and will provide a report at the following meeting.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies
Mitchell reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

Cortes – College of Professional Studies
Cortes reported that prior to the Thanksgiving Break she interviewed nine students on behalf of AS
President who were not appointed. Cortes expressed frustration that the students were not appointed and felt that the time she committed to interviewing the students was not valued.

Quiroz – College of Professional Studies
Absent.

Berkley – At Large
Berkley reported that he attended the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting. Berkley will be contacting the Student Access Gallery, for which he serves as a liaison soon.

Dinzes – At Large
Dinzes reported that he attended a meeting of the University Center Program and Facilities Board (UCPFB). The UCPFB discussed a proposed remodel of the Depot that will cost approximately three million dollars. A student focus group will be created that will meet consistently with the design team during the design and remodeling of the facility. Dinzes stated that this will set a precedent for incorporating students into campus design projects. Dinzes was elected chair of the UCPFB. The UCPFB also discussed the completion of the South Lounge remodel which will have an effect on the AS office space. Dinzes also stated that he had some concerns regarding the CSSA Executive Director's representation of HSU’s participation in the California State Student Association Board of Directors and that the Associated Students has not missed a CSSA meeting this semester and has been actively involved.

**External Affairs (Benjamin Cox)**
Absent.

**AS Presents (Kobe Thompson)**
Thompson reported that Naomi Klein will be speaking at the Van Duzer on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Klein is being brought to campus by AS Presents and members of the AS Council will receive free tickets.

**President (Jacob Bloom)**
Bloom announced his resignation as the AS President effectively immediately and stated that he will be releasing press releases regarding his views and providing public comment to the AS Council in the future.

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

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**
Tyson had no report.

**General Council Discussion**

Dinzes stated that he has concerns with the appointment process of students and was specifically concerned with the removal of student who was appointed to the University Senate. May stated that she was unsure on her feelings regarding Bloom’s resignation but is hopeful that the Council will work more cohesively moving forward. It was clarified that upon resignation of the AS President the Administrative Vice President fulfills the role; Ercole will serve as AS President for the
remainder of the Council’s term and will need to appoint a student to the vacant Administrative Vice President position.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Dinzes adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:05 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:  

[Signature]
Jerry Dinzes  
Interim Vice Chair