Call to Order

Mark Teeter, Legislative Vice 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

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo, Forust Ercole, Mark Teeter

Advisors Present: Dr. Peg Blake, Benjamin Cox

Advisors Absent: Joan Tyson, Kobe Thompson (excused)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: HOLTZ/CORTES move to approve Agenda #11 dated December 16, 2013

APPROVED

Chair’s Report

Teeter reported that the AS Council would be considering appointments to Council and Committees and that there were multiple resolutions on the agenda and four presentations.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #10 dated December 2, 2013 – Action Item

MOTION: KRUPP/ARREDONDO move to approve Minutes #10 dated December 2, 2013

APPROVED

(1) OPPOSED

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

Jacob Bloom, a student at-large, was present and provided comment. Bloom apologized for his abrupt resignation as the AS President at the previous Council meeting but stated that it was in sync with “the plan.” Bloom stated that the core of issues plaguing students is the privatization of higher education and the war on drugs. Bloom commented that serving as Associated Students prevented him from fighting for education. Bloom stated that Associated Students is not about higher education but supports a systemic racist system. Bloom stated that he is now serving as the President of HSU’s National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Law chapter. Bloom would like the Associated Students staff to be employees of the organization, rather than employees of the
University or the University Center. Bloom advocated for a blog to be created with mandatory reports from AS Council members.

Deven Flaherty, a student at large, commented to the Council that he would like to see upgrades made to the Depot dining facility’s restroom. Dinzes stated that he would be interested in assisting Flaherty and referred Flaherty to Traci Ferdolodge, the Associate Vice President of Facilities Management. Dinzes noted that the Depot will be remodeled over the summer and there is an opportunity for Flaherty to provide input on the project.

Special Presentations

A. Joyce Lopes, Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Joyce Lopes, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, and Traci Ferdolodge, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, were present. Lopes and Ferdolodge came to the AS Council to provide information regarding tree pruning, trimming and thinning that will happen on the campus over the semester break. That will include the following:

1. Multiple Redwoods north of the YES House will be trimmed to remove deadwood.
2. One Liquidambar will be removed and two others trimmed south of Siemens Hall.
3. Two Liquidambars and four Silk Oaks will be removed west of Nelson Hall.
4. One Cedar and one Fir would be pruned east of the University Center.
5. A cedar at the northwest corner of Founders Hall will be replaced.
6. Four Douglas Firs will be trimmed east of the Art Complex.
7. Seven Liquidambars around the theater arts building will be trimmed.
8. One Siberian Elm adjacent to the Bret Harte house will be removed.
9. One apple tree next to the Parking Kiosk will be removed.
10. Two Liquidambars north of the Student Business Services Building will be removed.
11. Three Liquidambars on the south side of the East Gym will be trimmed.

Krupp thanked Ferdolodge for providing the Council with information. Ferdolodge noted that the trees maintenance was reviewed by an arborist and the botany professors on campus. Lopes noted that the campus would replace and increase the number of trees on campus. Dinzes encouraged the University to consider the canopy coverage that would be lost. It was noted that the replacement of trees would not occur directly after the pruning, but would happen at the appropriate time for the specimen. Arredondo inquired about progress on the Community Garden project. Ferdolodge stated that she will be meeting with students in the spring regarding the project.

B. Daniel Potts, Associated Students of College of the Redwoods (ASCR) President

Daniel Potts, ASCR President, was present. Potts stated that he also serves as the liaison of the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) to HSU and CSU Chico and will be attending HSU in Fall 2014. Potts stated that SSCCC can be a resource to the Associated Students on issues of concern to students. Dinzes asked Potts if ASCR will be attending the March in March demonstration in Sacramento for higher education. Potts stated that ASCR plans to take 24 students to the demonstration. Potts stated that he can be contacted at dpots641@mycr.redwoods.edu

Program Presentations
A. Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT)

Julia Wright and Casandra Kelly, CCAT Co-directors, were present on behalf of the program. CCAT is a sustainable living demonstration home and education center that demonstrates that living lightly on the earth is both practical and rewarding. CCAT offers educational opportunities which include tours, events and classes on special projects. Projects within CCAT are initiated, coordinated and executed by student employees and volunteers. More information on CCAT can be found at www.humboldt.edu/ccat

B. Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP)

Kaitlin Carney, Office Manager of WRRAP was present on behalf of the program. WRRAP provides a means for students to take responsibility for waste generated on campus and to make a positive contribution to the quality of the environment. WRRAP gives students training in composting and maintains a compost demonstration site on the East side of Redwood Bowl. The community can also utilize WRRAP's Reusable Office Supply Exchange (ROSE) located in House 55. More information about WRRAP may be found at www.humboldt.edu/wrrap

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

A.S. President (Forust Ercole)

MOTION: ARREDONDO/KRUPP move to appoint Eli Poppers to the AS Council Advisor position as A.S. Elections Commissioner APPROVED

MOTION: MAY/MITCHELL move to appoint Ana Cortes to the AS Council as the AS Administrative Vice President APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: ARREDONDO/DINZES move to appoint Cameron Sanchez to the AS Presents Committee APPROVED

MOTION: COLBRUNN/DINZES move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Steven Nguyen to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

Nguyen is in a final and is unable to attend.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/KRUPP move to appoint Steven Nguyen to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee for a two year term APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: ARREDONDO/COLBRUNN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appointment Sienna Thompson to the Disability Compliance and Access Committee APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: ARREDONDO/MAY move to appoint Sienna Thompson to the Disability Compliance and Access Committee APPROVED
MOTION: KRUPP/HOLTZ move to appoint Rashod Berkley to the International Advisory Committee

APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: MARTINEZ/MAY move to appoint Jesse Holtz to the AS Student Affairs Advisory Committee

APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: MAY/ARREDONDO move to appoint Jackie Martinez to the AS Executive Committee Council Representative Position

APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)
No Appointments

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)
No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)
No Appointments.

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

President (Forust Ercole)
Ercole reported that he has been introducing himself to members of the campus community and has been seated on boards that he holds in an ex-officio capacity.

Administrative Vice President (Vacant)

Board of Finance Report – Monday, December 9, 2013

1. Request from the MultiCultural Center (MCC) from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $655 for the purchase of a Dell OptiPlex 3010 PC for the MCC Student Staff Office—Action Item

This computer would replace the Gateway Computer that was purchased in 2006 that is no longer operable. HSU Academic Information Services has recommended replacing the unit with the Dell 3010 PC

MOTION: HOLTZ/CORTES move to approve the request from the MCC from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $655 for the purchase of a Dell OptiPlex 3010 PC for the MCC Student Staff Office

APPROVED

Arredondo stated that many students in the MCC use this computer.

2. 2014-15 AS Budget Timeline – Information Item

The Board of Finance reviewed and approved the 2014-15 AS Budget Timeline.

Ercole stated that the Board of Finance approved the 2014-15 AS Budget Timeline but will be will
be dependent on the proposed changes to the AS Council meeting schedule.

   The Board of Finance reviewed and approved the 2014-15 AS Budget Application Materials.

Ercole stated that the AS Budget Application Materials were approved for distribution to AS Programs. The Application Materials differ slightly than prior years and request two proposed budgets. One proposed budget will be based on an approved fee increase and the other budget will be based on the current fee revenue.

Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)
Arredondo reported that over fifty students attended the Study Lounge on Sunday, December 15 and attributed marketing for the high turnout. Arredondo would like to further concentrate on marketing efforts for AS and plans to work with the Student Affairs Advisory Committee on the effort. Arredondo reported that the MultiCultural Center does not have full funding for the Latino Graduation and would like to assist in securing funding. Arredondo stated that he enjoyed the retreat.

Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)
Teeter reported that he will be working on guidelines for AS Council YouTube videos. Teeter is also considering a proposal to amend the Government Code to require that Council members provide information on the program they serve as a liaison, committee meetings and objectives during their reports.

Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Martinez reported that she attended the Food Insecurity Task Force meeting. Anne Holcomb, the Executive Director for Food for People was present. Martinez stated that Food for People is interested in a pantry partnership and that it would work best if it were coordinated with an HSU department that could provide an opportunity for internships and volunteers.

Sanchez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Sanchez reported that he enjoyed the retreat. Sanchez attended a meeting of the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee. Sanchez is currently working on a proposal to allow History and Politics majors to continue to use the department computer lab.

May – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
May reported that she will be resigning from her position on the AS Council at the conclusion of this meeting.

Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Krupp reported that KRFH will begin announcing meetings of the AS Council. Krupp encouraged use of the AS Book Trade website. Krupp is interested in continuing to work on the Community Garden project and promoting the use of ZimRide. WRRAP has hired Brandon Norris as the Education Director and Jesse Carpentier as the Office Manager for Spring 2014. The Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) Committee has concluded for the Fall; Susanne Loutis will serve as chair of HEIF in Spring 2014.

Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Colbrunn corrected his report from the December 2, 2013 meeting and stated that Associated
Students provides $23,000 in hourly wages to Youth Educational Services. Colbrunn attended a meeting of the IRA Committee. The IRA Committee met and provided support for the cycling team in the amount of $3,300 for travel to North Carolina.

Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Holtz thanked May for her service. Holtz was pleased with the outcome of the AS Retreat.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies
Mitchell reported that he is interested in pursuing the purchase of sandwich boards that could be placed around campus to advertise AS Council meetings and events. Mitchell attended an Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee meeting on December 12. The first round of random drug testing of student athletes was conducted and 5% of each team was tested. Of the 20 students tested only one student tested positive for drug use. The softball field is receiving new fencing.

Cortes – College of Professional Studies
Cortes reported that she has been attending meetings of the Board of Finance. Cortes noted that the MultiCultural Center has a food bank available, but they do not have the time to distribute the food to students.

Berkley – At Large
Berkley reported that he attended and enjoyed the retreat on Saturday. Berkeley has applied to the International Program Committee.

Dinzes – At Large
Dinzes reported that he attended the retreat. The University Center (UC) Board of Directors is revising their by-laws to facilitate ranked choice voting; Dinzes would also like to include changes to the bylaws to reform how the UC Board of Directors fills vacant board seats. Dinzes stated that he is working with the President of Creekview Housing Council to secure a ping pong table.

External Affairs (Benjamin Cox)
Cox reported that the Lobby Corps met with Sofia Pereira, field representative for Assembly member Wes Chesbro and discussed CSSA legislative priorities. Cox announced that he is resigning his position and will be graduating at the end of the term.

AS Presents (Kobe Thompson)
Absent.

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)
Dr. Blake reported that The J is hosting a free pancake breakfast from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. tonight. Dr. Blake reminded students to be prepared for finals. The registrar will post fall term grades by January 9. The University will be closed December 24, 2013 – January 2, 2014. Ronnie Schwartz and Jen McGuire, professors of Social Work, have offered to assist with the food pantry program. Dr. Blake stated that she is exploring the possibility of the Food Pantry receiving IRA funds. Dr. Blake stated that she was concerned regarding May’s resignation and that May did not find the AS Council an effective way to advocate for students. Dr. Blake stated that the AS is highly effective in getting student opinions heard and that the issues AS works on are noticed by administrators. Blake noted that AS provides students opportunities to have their voices heard on different University Committees, Councils and Task Forces. Dr. Blake reiterated her support of AS and her belief in the organization’s mission.
General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Absent.

General Council Discussion

Arredondo reported that the UC Board’s Finance Committee recommended a proposal to accelerate the increase in minimum wage for employees to $10 per hour on July 1, 2014. Dinzes stated that the UC Board received the recommendation, but chose to follow the state’s minimum wage increase. UC employees will begin being paid $10 per hour on January 1, 2016. Dr. Blake stated that she will follow up with the MCC regarding funding for Latino Graduation and the MCC Food Pantry.

MOTION: DINZES/KRUPP move to recess from 4:41 – 4:46 p.m. APPROVED

Old Business

A. Spring 2014 A.S. Council Standing Rules and Meeting Time – Action Item
The Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 Section 89305.5 requires each legislative body to annually establish the time and locations for holding regular meetings. The AS Council will consider approving an adjustment to meeting dates and times for the Spring 2014 semester to Friday’s at 2:00 p.m.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: KRUPP/MITCHELL move to approve Spring 2014 A.S. Council Standing Rules and Meeting Time APPROVED

(1) OPPOSED
(3) ABSTENTIONS

Cox recommended that the Council delete portions of the standing rules that cited other governing documents.

MOTION: DINZES/KRUPP move to amend the Spring 2014 A.S. Council Standing Rules and Meeting Time to place the room in UC Banquet Room APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

Christensen noted that the Goodwin Forum would be unavailable for the meeting, but reservations have been made for the UC Banquet Room.

B. Resolution 13-14-5: Resolution for Semesterly Parliamentary Procedure Trainings and Leadership Conferences – Postponed Action Item
The A.S. Executive Committee has reviewed and amended the resolution and is forwarding to the AS Council for approval.

Cox stated that the item has been returned to the AS Council after being amended by the Executive Committee. Cox noted that the resolution requires future Associated Students Councils to attend a leadership conference and a parliamentary procedure workshop that includes information on open meeting laws.

There was no Public Comment.
MOTION: DINZES/SANCHEZ move to approve Resolution 13-14-5: Resolution for Semesterly Parliamentary Procedure Trainings and Leadership Conferences  
APPROVED  
(1) OPPOSED  
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Mitchell noted that the Council receives parliamentary procedure training at the summer orientation. Holtz noted that she was hesitant on how the conference would be carried out. Arredondo suggested that the Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership assist with support.

The Council completed Old Business Item B at 5:04 p.m. and proceeded to Appointments to Committees and Council.

C. Resolution 13-14-13: Resolution in Support for Updating Open Meetings Law for Auxiliaries of the California State University – Action Item  
The resolution resolves a request to draft and enact open meeting legislation that would protect public interests in the Auxiliaries of the CSU system.

Dinzes was present on behalf of the resolution. Dinzes stated that the resolution requests the State Legislature to create an updated open meeting law for CSU Auxiliaries. Dinzes stated that an updated law would increase student involvement and to allow for more flexibility for organizations and would include opportunities for public comment, detailed agenda item descriptions and would be similar to many of the requirements of student body organizations that follow the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Law.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: MAY/KRUPP move to approve Resolution 13-14-13: Resolution in Support for Updating Open Meetings Law for Auxiliaries of the California State University  
APPROVED  
AS AMENDED

Mitchell asked if there would be any negative aspects to an updated open meeting law. Dinzes stated that changes to the open meeting law would require auxiliary organizations to develop new practices and that it would also be important that the law be well suited for the organizations.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/KRUPP move to amend Resolution 13-14-13 by striking the word representatives and in tandem in the 12th paragraph  
APPROVED

D. Resolution 13-14-14: Resolution in Support of the Prompt Ban on Fracking in the State of California – Action Item  
The Resolution resolves the Associated Students support of the prompt adoption and implementation of a ban on fracking in the State of California.

Colbrunn was present on behalf of the Resolution. Colbrunn stated that Fracking, a way of collecting shale oil, has large negative effects on the environment. Colbrunn further noted that the Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 4 to create regulations regarding fracking, but amendments to the bill weaken the effectiveness of the regulations. Colbrunn stated that the resolution requests a ban on fracking within the state of California.
Teeter opened the floor to Public Comment.

Eric Recchia, a member of the public, provided comment in support of the resolution.

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/MAY move to approve Resolution 13-14-14: Resolution in Support of the Prompt Ban on Fracking in the State of California. APPROVED

(3) ABSTENTIONS

Berkley stated that he is aware of the negative effects of fracking, but noted that fracking has produced one million jobs in the US. Berkeley asked for additional information on the detrimental effects of fracking. Colbrunn stated that the procedure for fracking includes pumping chemicals beneath the surface and harvesting oil below ground. Dinzies stated that the environmental consequences are often not considered until after the economic benefit has been exhausted.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to extend the meeting to 6:10 p.m. APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

E. Resolution 13-14-15: An Act to Amend the Government Code, Formalizing the Appointment Candidacy Procedure—Action Item

The Act would amend the AS Government Code to require a committee application as a condition of candidacy for a committee appointment and a resume and cover letter as a condition of candidacy for appointment to the AS Council.

Cox was present on behalf of the Resolution. Cox stated that the act would amend the Government Code to formalize a practice of the Associated Students and require application materials be submitted by candidates prior to their appointment.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: HOLTZ/MITCHELL move to approve Resolution 13-14-15: An Act to Amend the Government Code, Formalizing the Appointment Candidacy Procedure. APPROVED

F. Resolution 13-14-16: An Act to Amend the Administrative Code, ensuring representation in CSSA—Action Item

The Act would amend the AS Administrative code to allow the External Affairs Representative to delegate their vote to another qualified HSU student.

Cox was present on behalf of the Resolution. Cox stated that the act would amend the Administrative Code to allow the External Affairs Representative the ability to delegate the voting power to another student. Cox stated that this would allow HSU to be represented when the External Affairs Representative is unable to attend the meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to approve Resolution 13-14-16 An Act to Amend the Administrative Code, ensuring representation in CSSA TABLED to 1/24/14
MOTION: DINZES/COLBRUNN move to postpone Resolution 13-14-16 An Act to Amend the Administrative Code, ensuring representation in CSSA to the January 24, 2014

APPROVED
(2) ABSTENTIONS

Dinzes stated that he would like additional time to consider the proposed changes.

**General Council Work Session**

A. A.S. Study Lounge: Sunday, December 15 – Wednesday, December 18 – Discussion Item

Arredondo provided a reminder to the AS Council regarding the Study Lounge and provided instructions for Council members volunteering to host the event.

B. SAVE THE DATE: AS Spring Retreat, Saturday February 1, 2014 – Discussion Item

Christensen reminded the Council that the Retreat would be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Holtz requested that the Council receive an e-mail that included the date. Christensen said he would e-mail the Council a reminder later in the week.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Teeter adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:08 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

Mark Teeter
Legislative Vice President