Call to Order

Jerry Dinzes, AS President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room. Dinzes announced Devante Smith has resigned as a College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Representative.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Akira Brathwaite, Nathaniel McGuigan, Holly Largent, Taylor Morrison, Rebecca Ingerson, Taylor Mitchell, Thomas Kupelian, Eamon Daly

Representatives Absent: Patric Esh (excused)

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes

Officers Absent: Mike Kirakosyan (excused), T.J. Singh (excused), Ana Cortes (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Juan Cervantes, Banning Ramirez

Advisors Absent: Dr. Peg Blake

Election of an Interim Vice Chair

MOTION: KUPELIAN/DALY move to nominate Taylor Mitchell as the Interim Vice Chair

Mitchell chaired for the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: KUPELIAN/DALY move to approve Agenda #13 dated January 23, 2015

Chair’s Report

Mitchell reported that there is an Old Business item and a General Council Work Session item.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #12 dated December 18, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: INGERSON/MORRISON move to approve Minutes #12 dated December 18, 2014
Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act authorized by Section 89306.)

Natashsa Sanders, a student, shared information about a social media project she is working on. Sanders would like to photograph and interview students for the project. Sanders can be e-mailed at nas472@humboldt.edu.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

MOTION: DALY/KUPELIAN move to appoint Madison Whaley to the AS Council as an At-Large Representative APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

No Appointments

Old Business

A. Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students – Tabled Action Item

The resolution requests that the University Center implement an honor tax of 1-3% in dining facilities that would fund a trust that would award scholarships to Native American students and support faculty trainings to improve awareness on campus. The resolution was specifically tabled with a pending amendment. The attached resolution includes the original language and the pending amendment is shown in italics. The Council will resume action with consideration of the pending amendment.

MOTION: KUPELIAN/MORRISON move to remove from the table and approve the amendments to the Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Cervantes stated that he and Morrison have met with Council members who have concerns regarding the resolution. Cervantes will work with Morrison and other Council members to incorporate the concerns expressed in additional amendments to the resolution and requested that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: DALY/INGERSON move to table the resolution until the February 5, 2015 meeting APPROVED

General Council Work Session
A. The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fee Reserves Expenditure Plan – Discussion Item (Jerry Dinzes)

The IRA Committee is developing an IRA Reserves expenditure plan and is seeking input and suggestions regarding possible special project options. The Council discussed the item at the December 18, 2014 meeting and requested further opportunity to discuss potential ideas for reserve expenditures. See “Humboldt State University Instructionally Related Activity Spending Requirements” and “IRA 2014-15 Fiscal Year Approved Budget” attached for more information on an IRA activity.

Dinzes stated that he has met and will be meeting with multiple members of the campus community to receive input on ideas for spending the IRA Fee reserves. Largent suggested a new net to replace the damaged net in the Recreation Center. Brathwaite suggested that field trips be considered for funding and noted that science classes have difficulty funding field trips. Dinzes noted that the IRA fee has traditionally funded travel for programs that are competing or performing while traveling. Dinzes stated that Esh suggested that funding be provided to assist students traveling to conferences to give presentations. Cervantes yielded his time to a member of the public, Natasha Sanders. Sanders suggested that funding be provided to place textbooks on reserve in the HSU Library. Dinzes stated that CCAT is interested in becoming a zero-net-energy facility and a community member has offered to assist in obtaining affordable solar energy panels.

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)

Dinzes reported that he and Tyson met with members of Facilities Management and others to discuss ideas about the AS Office remodel. Dinzes traveled with Cervantes to the State Capitol on January 12, 2015. Dinzes attended multiple meetings this week.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Absent.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Absent.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that she has been meeting with Cervantes and Dinzes to work on the Honor Tax Resolution. The Graduation Pledge Alliance is hiring two students.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that Residence Housing Association’s (RHA) first meeting is on Monday. Ingerson is working on ideas for the Hands on Learning Events that is hosted by the College of Professional Studies.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that he will provide the Council with information on Club Sports events. Mitchell will be attending the Board of Finance meeting on February 2. Mitchell is working with the
Learning Center to recruit tutors to assist athletes. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee is hosting a basketball pep rally on Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in Lumberjack Arena. Mitchell met with Dinzes to discuss a Long-Undies-Run that would be coupled with a clothing drive.

Daly – College of Professional Studies
Daly reported that he has received his nomination letter from President Rossbacher to the Sponsored Programs Foundation.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
McGuigan reported that he attended the Native American Activism Conference on Monday. McGuigan stated that the United Students of Humboldt is holding a sit-in in the Native American Forum which they have renamed the Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman Forum.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Brathwaite reported that she is working with McGuigan to plan the College of Natural Resources and Sciences (CNRS) Mixer. Brathwaite has contacted the CNRS Dean to set up a meeting. The Peace Corps will be on campus in February to talk to interested students. Brathwaite will be attending the Lobby Corps meeting next week.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kupelian reported that he will be attending the Board of Finance next week and will contact the programs that he serves as a liaison to.

Largent – At Large
Largent reported that Drop-in Recreation begins next week. The IRA Committee will begin meeting in February. Largent will be meeting with students from the Veterans Program to solicit ideas about potential expenditures of IRA fees.

Whaley – At Large
Whaley had no report.

Esh – Graduate Representative
Absent.

External Affairs (Cervantes)
Cervantes reported that he and Dinzes met with Senator Mike McGuire’s office to discuss open meeting law changes. Cervantes and Dinzes will be attending the CSSA meeting at CSU San Marcos and will discuss their proposed changes to open meeting law. The California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) is in late February and applications are available online and in the AS Office. The Lobby Corps is meeting next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the AS Office.

AS Presents (Ramirez)
Ramirez reported that the AS Presents committee is working on upcoming spring presentations including a presentation by Maral Attallah, a lecturer in the Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies department and a presentation by the Potawot Story Tellers. Ramirez continues to plan for the Arts and Music Festival in April.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)
Poppers reported that he is working on his presentation for the AS Retreat about the 2015 Elections.
Poppers has new ideas to encourage candidates to run and motivating the campus to vote. Poppers will be previewing the elections logo at the retreat. Poppers requested that the AS President and Legislative Vice President make appointments to the Election Commission.

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

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that the AS Budget Application Materials have been distributed to programs. Budget application materials are due to the AS Business Office on Wednesday, February 11 at noon.

General Council Discussion
Dinzes suggested that the College Mixers be held during the election period to encourage students to vote. Mitchell noted that last year the Associated Students did a presentation about ranked choice voting at the College of Professional Studies Hands on Learning Event. Mitchell would like to talk to Ingerson about involving housing in the upcoming pep-rally. Dinzes is working on an AS Employee-Volunteer Appreciation event that would honor students that work and volunteer at AS Programs in March. Mitchell suggested involving committee members who volunteer their service.

Announcements

A. REMINIDER: AS Spring Retreat; Saturday, January 31, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Tyson reviewed the agenda for the Spring Retreat. Topics covered will the AS Budget Process, 2015 Elections, 2014-15 Goals review and teambuilding exercises.

Adjournment

Mitchell adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:45 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:

Taylor Mitchell
Interim Vice Chair