Call to Order

Mike Kirakosyan, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

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

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes, Mike Kirakosyan, T.J. Singh

Officers Absent: Ana Cortes (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Juan Cervantes, Banning Ramirez, Eli Poppers

Advisors Absent: Dr. Peg Blake

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: MITCHELL/MORRISON move to approve Agenda #14 dated February 5, 2015 APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

Chair’s Report

Kirakosyan reviewed the Council’s attendance policy. The agenda will include multiple resolutions and appointments.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #13 dated January 23, 2015 – Action Item

MOTION: MITCHELL/DALY move to approve Minutes #13 dated January 23, 2015 APPROVED

Poppers noted that he was not listed in attendance AS AMENDED

MOTION: MITCHELL/DALY move to insert Eli Poppers as present APPROVED

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 (Jerry Dinzes)

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/DALY move to appoint Matthew Ware to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee

This appointment will expire in December 2015.

MOTION: DALY/KUPELIAN move to appoint Michelle Gibbons to the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee

Gibbons was recommended by the Residence Housing Association.

MOTION: DALY/KUPELIAN move to appoint Alex Egan to the Board of Finance

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Kirakosyan presented Cortes’ appointment on her behalf.

MOTION: ESH/KUPELIAN move to appoint Natasha Sanders to the Associated Students Lobby Corps

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

No Appointments

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

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to appoint Rebecca Ingerson to the University Senate

MOTION: DALY/MITCHELL move to appoint Madison Whaley to the Associated Students Lobby Corps

Election of Vice Chair

Kirakosyan opened the floor to nominations.

MOTION: INGERSON/MITCHELL move to nominate Taylor Mitchell as Vice Chair

Kirakosyan closed the floor to nominations.

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.*

*There was no Public Comment.*

MOTION: MORRISON/DALY move to table indefinitely Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students

Morrison stated that she and Cervantes have been working on updating the resolution and will be introducing a new resolution to the AS Council.

B. Resolution 2014-15-8: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 27: Veterans Exemption from Non-Resident Tuition –Action Item
The resolution is in support of Assembly Bill 27, a bill that would exempt non-resident Veterans from being charged non-resident tuition if they utilize GI Bill Education Benefits.

Dinzes stated that he is requesting the Council to take a position of support on Assembly Bill 27 which would bring California in compliance with Federal Law and GI Bill benefits. It would provide an exemption for non-resident veterans to non-resident tuition.

*There was no Public Comment.*

MOTION: MITCHELL/DALY move to approve Resolution 2014-15-8: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 27: Veterans Exemption from Non-Resident Tuition

Brathwaite asked for clarification on how the bill would bring the state into compliance with Federal Law. Dinzes replied that Congress approved “in-state tuition” protection that will take effect in Fall 2015 and that the state legislature will need to change the law to lower tuition and fees for non-resident veterans.

MOTION: DINZES/ MITCHELL move to amend the resolution to insert an additional paragraph after the 7th paragraph to read:

> Resolved by the members of the AS Council we request that the Assembly grant residency to our non-resident veterans who receive GI Bill Education Benefits and are continually enrolled for a one year period at the institutions of the University of California, the California State University or the California Maritime Academy

The resolution is in support of Senate Resolution 7, a non-binding resolution which condemns the disappearance and deaths of missing college students from Mexico as a
violation of human rights.

Dinzes stated that he is requesting that the AS Council take a position of support on Senate Resolution 7. Dinzes plans to draft a letter with Cervantes to provide to legislators. Cervantes stated that CSSA is also considering support of Senate Resolution 7. Senate Resolution 7 is in response to the murder of 42 college students in Mexico.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: KUPELIAN/DALY move to approve Resolution 2014-15-9: Resolution in Support of Senate Resolution 7: Mexican Human Rights APPROVED

There was no Council Discussion on the Resolution.

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)
Dinzes reported that he attended an Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) meeting on Monday. The University Resources and Planning Committee (URPC) is meeting to discuss budget strategies for the 2015-16 academic year. The RAMP program is requesting permanent funding and made a presentation to the URPC. The Legislature will be providing additional funding to the CSU system. The Chancellor's office has provided HSU with one million in loan forgiveness. The campus is also receiving $340,000 in insurance risk pool dividends. Dinzes attended the CSSA meeting at San Marcos. Dinzes met with the HSU Veterans Program which has been struggling with being identified as a cultural group to access grant funding. Dinzes has offered the Veteran's Student Association special projects funding. Dinzes attended the Program and Facilities Subcommittee of the University Center. On March 4th the Associated Students will be hosting an Associated Students Program Appreciation Event.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)
Dinzes reported on Cortes' behalf.

The Board of Finance actions from February 2 will be on the following AS Council Agenda. Cortes attended the IRA Committee meeting. The IRA Committee approved the budget application materials for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)
Singh reported that the University Center Program and Facilities Sub Board (UCPFSB) met yesterday to discuss program goals. CenterArts is seeking to utilize the West Gym more often for concerts and will be seeking to purchase barricades and a sound board for the facility. The Aquatic Center is seeking more utilization by campus programs. The UCPFSB also discussed the remodel of the Associated Students and Clubs Office. Singh is seeking additional GRE workshops for the campus and would like to explore funding options. The first spring semester Events Funding Board meeting will be tomorrow. Singh is working on a presentation on the Prison Industrial Complex at the MultiCultural Center's Social Justice Summit. Singh will be appointing a new student to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee. Singh is working with multiple AS Programs on event ideas and is interested in hosting a campus luau.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)
Kirakosyan reported that he has been attending meetings of the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan Task Force. Kirakosyan stated that there are only two students and over a dozen staff and faculty members. Kirakosyan stated that the Task Force has been doing a strength-weakness-opportunities-threats analysis of Diversity initiatives on campus. The Queer Center Development Committee has not yet met this semester. The MultiCultural Center is producing Q-Talks. The Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center is producing a queer battle of the bands event. Kirakosyan is interviewing students for the Elections Commission.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Morrison reported that she met with the Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA). GPA is tabling and doing presentations to capstone classes. Morrison continues working on the Real Food Challenge. Morrison tabled at the Clubs Fair.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies
Ingerson reported that the Student Grievance has not received any complaints this semester. Ingerson looks forward to serving on the University Senate. The Residence Housing Association has begun to meet for the semester.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies
Mitchell reported that he will be attending the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Mitchell and Dinzes will be meeting with Facilities Management to discuss the Community Garden and the AS Sandwich Boards. Mitchell assisted Singh with the Clubs Fair.

Daly – College of Professional Studies
Daly reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Sponsored Programs Foundation in the beginning of March. Daly tabled at the Clubs Fair. The deadline has passed for submissions to the Humboldt Film Festival.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
McGuigan reported that the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is meeting and will be producing a workshop for the Social Justice Summit. The Check It program is seeking volunteers for the Anniversary Party. McGuigan is coordinating with the Unified Students of Humboldt.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Brathwaite reported that she attended the first Lobby Corps meeting of the semester. Brathwaite stated that the Lobby Corps will be reaching out to local government officials. Brathwaite will be meeting with the Natural Resources and Sciences Dean and Associate Dean tomorrow. Brathwaite apologized for being unable to attend the retreat due to illness.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kupelian reported that he attended the Board of Finance meeting. Kupelian will be meeting with the Learning Center and will discuss GRE Testing Workshops. Kupelian is looking forward to improvements to the tutoring program. Kupelian will be attending the meeting with the Natural Resources and Sciences Dean with Brathwaite.

Largent – At Large
Largent reported that the Veteran’s Office would like to do a presentation to the AS Council. Largent attended the IRA meeting on Monday.
Whaley - At Large
Whaley reported that she will be attending the WRRAP staff meeting tomorrow and will be meeting with the director of the program on Wednesday. Whaley attended the Lobby Corps meeting last Thursday. Whaley is seeking to work with Morrison on the Real Food Challenge.

Esh - Graduate Representative
Esh reported that he attended the Veteran’s Focus Group for the Strategic Plan. Over 30 students attended and expressed concerns with feeling isolated on campus. There is a proposal for add/drop dates to move to two weeks from four weeks. Only ten students attended the Provost open forum for students today. There are two additional Provost meetings. Priority registration for AS Members drafted a letter.

External Affairs (Cervantes)
Cervantes reported that he attended the CSSA meeting last weekend in San Marcos. Dinzes and Cervantes authored a resolution and presented it to CSSA to encourage the CSU system to consider changes to the CSU Minimum Qualifications to be a Student Office Holder. Cervantes reported that the Board of Trustees has passed the Student Involvement and Representation Fee (SIRF) which will fund CSSA with a $2.00 annual fee from each student with an opt-out provision. Associated Students will no longer pay dues annually. Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins will be receiving the Legislator of the Year award at the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS). Dinzes and Cervantes will be traveling to Sacramento to meet with legislators tomorrow, February 6. The Lobby Corps had a successful meeting on January 29. The deadline to apply to go to CHESS is Friday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.

AS Presents (Ramirez)
Ramirez reported that the AS Presents Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. The Arts in the Quad program will include a panel on the Armenian Genocide. The AS Presents Committee was interested in hosting the Potowat Native American Storyteller event, originally scheduled for the UC Quad, at the site of the student protest and sit in. Ramirez noted that the University will not allow the facility that the protest is happening in to be scheduled. Ramirez is hopeful that the administration will lift the restriction. The Arts festival will be on Saturday, April 25 on the Special Events field from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)
Poppers thanked Council for their enthusiasm about the Elections at the retreat. Poppers is considering ideas on how to promote the election. Poppers hopes to talk about elections to AS Programs at the AS Program Appreciation Dinner. Poppers stated that the Check It Event will be an opportunity to promote the elections. Poppers tabled at the AS Clubs Fair. Poppers is working with the AS Graphic Designer. Poppers will be sending out information on council expectations for assisting with Elections.

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

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that she is working with AS Programs to ensure that they are ready to submit their budget application materials by the deadline on Wednesday, February 11 at noon.

General Council Discussion
Esh asked Council to consider their use of gender pronouns. Poppers clarified that Election Bonds are collected from candidates for office and reimbursed after the election. Brathwaite asked Singh if he is considering an additional dance around Valentine’s Day. Singh stated that he is focusing on different events. Dinzes stated that the Sponsored Programs Foundation withholds grant funding to cover the overhead of grant administration and suggested that Daly consider discussing lowering overhead costs of program that serve students to the Sponsored Programs Board of Directors. Dinzes stated that he was impressed by the Veterans focus groups. Daly encouraged students to utilize the Veterans Program Coffee Cart in the Library. Brathwaite reported that the Food Pantry is now providing additional options of food. Ramirez raised concern that hosting a Luau is cultural appropriation of Hawaiian culture. Largent stated that student Veteran’s on campus are fragmented and do not have the same community that they did when they were on active duty.

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 and January 23, 2015 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 solicited the Council for additional ideas. Dinzes stated that he has reached out to many groups on campus and received a lot of feedback. Dinzes would like to have an action item of the proposals come back to the Council for approval to be forwarded to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee. Dinzes stated that the idea of providing funding to attend presentations has found appeal by multiple individuals but concern has been brought up that only a select group of students would be able to utilize the funding. Dr. John Lee, the Dean of the College of Professional Studies, expressed concern that other colleges receive significantly more IRA funding than his college. Dinzes noted that the idea of placing texts on reserve in the library has received significant support. The College of Professional Studies is interested in purchasing concussion testing equipment that would be used by kinesiology students, but would also benefit athletes. Other previously suggested ideas included a new safety net to protect the interior facility of the Student Recreation Center from arrows used in archery, facility upgrades to Campus Center for Appropriate Technology to make the facility into a net-zero energy facility. Dinzes also stated that he is interested in IRA funding being used to benefit the Veteran’s Resource Center’s Veteran’s Transition Program.

Dinzes solicited ideas from the Council. Daly stated that he would like to provide the Business Faculty with the guidelines and information on the deadline to submit proposals. Daly is supportive of the concussion testing equipment proposal. Brathwaite was supportive of placing classroom texts in the library reserves. Brathwaite is also supportive of upgrades to CCAT. Brathwaite will solicit ideas from the CNRS Dean. Kupelian stated his support for reserve texts in the library and also shared information about openstaxcollege.org, a website for free textbooks. Esh stated that there are 400 graduate students on campus and a need for presentation funding exists. Esh also noted that presentation funding could be provided to undergraduates too. Cervantes supports reserve texts and would like preparation for other graduate exams including LSAT’s and MCATS to be considered.
Natasha Sanders, a student-at-large, suggested that replacement of classroom furnishings be considered.

**Announcements**

Esh reported that he is taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies on behalf of his daughters. Dinzes suggested that the Mixers be placed as an item on a future agenda.

**Adjournment**

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:57 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:

Mike Kirakosyan
Legislative Vice President