

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Thursday, February 19, 2015
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #15

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, Eamon Daly, Patricia Esh, Madison Whaley

Representatives Absent: Thomas Kupelian (excused)

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes, Mike Kirakosyan, T.J. Singh (late-excused)

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/DALY move to approve Agenda #15 dated February 19, 2015
APPROVED
AS AMENDED

MOTION: DALY/ESH move to amend the agenda by placing the appointments of the A.S. President after the appointments of the AS Student Affairs Vice President
APPROVED

Chair's Report

The agenda will include multiple resolutions and appointments. A Special Presentation by Mira Friedman will be provided to the Council regarding the campus food program.

Special Presentation

A. Campus Food Program (Mira Friedman, HSU Health Educator)

Julian Devlin, a student involved in the Campus Food Program and Mira Friedman were present. Devlin explained that the program started last year to provide outreach about CalFresh. In Fall 2014 the program was expanded to include a pantry in the Recreation and Wellness Center open to all

students. The Food Program also includes shuttle services to the Arcata Food Pantry on Saturdays and Cooking Classes. Since October 2014, over 755 students have used the services of the Food Program and over 1,600 pounds of food have been provided to students. Davlin explained that the campus has worked with the County Department of Health and Human Services to provide further eligibility for Cal Fresh Benefits. Any student with a work-study award is now available for Cal Fresh. Dinzes asked about the fundraising efforts for the Campus Food Program. Friedman stated that faculty, staff and alumni have donated to the program and over \$30,000 has been raised in three months.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #14 dated February 5, 2015 – **Action Item**

MOTION: MORRISON/DALY move to approve Minutes #14 dated February 5, 2015

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. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

MOTION: MITCHELL/MORRISON move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Katie Lowe to the Associated Students Elections Commission APPROVED

MOTION: MORRISON/WHALEY move to appoint Katie Lowe to the Associated Students Elections Commission APPROVED

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to appoint Madison Whaley to the Associated Students Elections Commission APPROVED

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

MOTION: DALY/ESH move to appoint Jessica Andersen to the AS Student Affairs Advisory Committee APPROVED

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to appoint Taylor Mitchell to the Associated Students Elections Commission APPROVED

MOTION: INGERSON/WHALEY move to appoint Alexis Hernandez to the AS Council as the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative APPROVED
(2) OPPOSED

MOTION: DALY/MITCHELL move to appoint Natasha Sanders to the AS Council as the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative APPROVED

MOTION: ESH/DALY move to appoint Aisha Cissna to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee APPROVED

Singh arrived at 5:42 p.m. The Council took a five minute recess.

Old Business

- A. Resolution 2014-15-10: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students –**Action Item**
The resolution requests that the University Center implement an honor tax of 1% on University Center goods and services and that a referendum be placed on the Associated Students General Election Ballot to seek the opinion on the student body regarding the honor tax.

Morrison stated that the resolution is an update of Resolution 2014-15-7. Morrison and Cervantes have incorporated the feedback from the Residence Housing Association and Council members. Cervantes stated that the largest changes include a proposed opt-out of the honor tax for students purchasing meal plans and expansion of the honor tax to all goods and services provided by the University Center. Morrison also noted that the resolution asks for a review of the program in five years by the AS Council and an additional referendum to renew the honor tax

Kirakosyan opened the floor to Public Comment.

Dominic Page, a student representative from RHA, thanked the authors for including an opt-out option for students with meal plans.

Connor Handly, a Native American student, thanked the Council for the consideration of the resolution. Handly stated that establishing a scholarship fund for native students to attend HSU would be a significant positive change for the indigenous student population at HSU.

MOTION: DINZES/WHALEY move to approve Resolution 2014-15-10: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED
AS AMMENDED

Esh asked Morrison why they decided on a five year review rather than a three year review as previously discussed. Morrison responded that they decided on a five year review as the process to implement the Honor Tax may take multiple years and provided the example of the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund which took multiple years to establish. Ingerson noted that the change in the document would also incorporate CenterArts and CenterActivities. It was noted that CenterArts and CenterActivities also receive funding subsidy from the mandatory University Center Fee. Dinzes stated that the University Center would likely consult with legal counsel to do a review of the provision. Brathwaite noted that the opt-out for the honor tax is not available for students who do not receive a meal plan. Daly asked if the authors considered expanding the honor tax proposal to the HSU Bookstore. Cervantes stated that the bookstore is leased and is under a current contract.

Brathwaite asked if other methods of opting out were considered. Cervantes stated that it was considered, but that students who live off campus have more opportunity to not eat at campus dining facilities.

MOTION: ESH/DALY move to amend the 14th paragraph by striking the word: *should* and replacing with the phrase: *do you want* FAILED

Esh stated concern over the language of the referendum. Cervantes stated that he originally considered that the Elections Commissioner and Elections Commission could design the referendum but that referendums are typically placed on the ballot by the Council. Cervantes reviewed similar measures and saw that the language typically included either the word *should* or the word *shall*. Brathwaite stated that she felt the word *should* has a more moral connotation. Sanders stated that *should* implies a responsibility of the institution and *shall* reflects a responsibility of the individual. Esh suggested that the amendment be failed and that a new amendment be considered that uses the word *shall*.

MOTION: ESH/DALY move to amend the 14th paragraph by striking the word: *should* and replacing with the phrase: *shall* APPROVED

The council returned to the original motion as amended.

Daly suggested that a surcharge on AS Presents tickets be considered. Dinzes stated that the tickets are highly subsidized and an issue would arise over subsidies and surcharges being applied together.

MOTION: INGERSON/ESH move to strike: *Dining Services, Center Activities and CenterArts* and replace with *University Center* in the ninth paragraph APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED
(2) ABSTENTION

Ingerson suggested that the individual departments be struck and replaced with the University Center. Kirakosyan asked if it would make a practical difference to change the term. Cervantes suggested that it may make a difference.

The Council voted on the amendment and returned to the original motion as amended.

Sanders asked if independent donations to the honor tax could be made. Cervantes confirmed that it could. Brathwaite asked if they have discussed the proposal of the honor tax with the HSU Book Store. Cervantes stated that they had not yet reached out to the Book Store. Brathwaite noted concern with the structure of the paragraph. Dinzes noted that the 13th paragraph requested the University Center to respect the results of the referendum.

MOTION: MITCHELL/MORRISON move to call the question APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED

- B. Resolution 2014-15-11: Resolution of Legislative Stances for Spring 2015 Session—**Action Item**
The resolution resolves twelve legislative positions on State Legislative Bills on behalf of the Associated Students.

Cervantes stated that he is requesting the Council to take a position of support on multiple legislative bills in the state legislature. This will allow the Lobby Corps and CHES participants to lobby on the particular legislation. Dinzes and Cervantes provided an overview of each bill.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to approve Resolution 2014-15-11: Resolution of Legislative Stances for Spring 2015 Session
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Dinzes requested that the Council consider an amendment to remove Assembly Bill 288 and Senate Bill 9. Dinzes noted that the bills do not directly impact higher education.

MOTION: DALY/HERNANDEZ move to amend the resolution by striking from the 5th paragraph:

YES – AB 288	<i>Holden-Public schools: College and Career Access Pathways</i>	
YES – SB 9	<i>Beall- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program</i>	APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

Brathwaite asked if a bill regarding taxing offshore drilling to support higher education is being considered. Cervantes stated that he may come back to the AS Council to request support of the bill in the future.

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to amend the first sentence of the fifth paragraph to read: *by the members of the AS Council we empower the External Affairs Representative, in consultation with the AS President, to take the following positions on legislation being proposed in California*
APPROVED
AS AMENDED

MOTION: DALY/INGERSON move to amend the amendment by striking: *empower* and replace with *authorize*
APPROVED

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)

Dinzes reported that he and Cervantes traveled to Sacramento to discuss bills of interest with legislative office. Dinzes attended a town hall event with Senator Mike McGuire. Dinzes met with President Rossbacher. Dinzes has attended meetings of the California Faculty Association. Dinzes interviewed students interested in attending the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHES) and also students applying for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Positions and the University Center Board of Directors. Dinzes met with the Lumberjack Newspaper to discuss the expansion of the *El Leanador* and would like to seek funding for journalism students to attend the NewsWire Conference for College Newspapers. Dinzes met with Council members to discuss projects. Dinzes met with Facilities Management to discuss the Community Garden project and reported that it is moving through the approval process. The University Center Board of Directors approved their goals and objectives for 2015-16 although Dinzes desires to see more sustainability efforts incorporated into the goals in the future.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Dinzes reported on Cortes' behalf.

Board of Finance Report – February 2, 2015

1. Request from the MultiCultural Center (MCC) from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$455 for the purchase of a Fujitsu ScanSnap iX500 Scanner – **Action Item**
The scanner will be used to limit the amount of paper copies made of financial records and grant documents and to allow for easier transfer of grant information to clubs and organizations.

MOTION: MITCHELL/MORRISON move to approve the request from the MultiCultural Center from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$455 for the purchase of a Fujitsu ScanSnap ix500 Scanner APPROVED

2. Request from the Associated Students Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$2,655 for costs associated with the purchase of 700 Academic Planners – **Action Item**
The Associated Students Government would provide 700 free personalized planners for students in the 2015-16 academic year. The planners would include information Associated Students Programs, events and resources for HSU students.

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to approve the request from the AS Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$2,655 for costs associated with the purchase of 700 Academic Planners APPROVED

It was noted that the Board of Finance encouraged that 100 planners be held until the Spring 2016 semester.

3. Review of 2015-16 AS Budget Timeline – Information Item
The Board of Finance reviewed the approved 2015-16 AS Budget Timeline with the Board of Finance.

Dinzes reported that the Board of Finance reviewed the 2015-16 AS Budget process.

Board of Finance Report – February 17, 2015

1. Request from Club and Program Support to transfer \$800 from the Special Projects Line Item to the Leadership Development Series Line Item – Information Item
The transfer of \$800 would allow for the Clubs Office to increase programming efforts in the Leadership Development Series by paying for the rights to a film at a leadership development session in April, 2015.

Dinzes reported that the Board of Finance approved the transfer of \$800 from the Special Projects Line Item to the Leadership Development Series Line Item in the Club and Program Support budget.

2. Request from the AS Events Funding Board to transfer \$5,000 from the Clubs and Activities

Grant to the Cultural Programing Grant – Information Item

Transferring \$5,000 would allow additional opportunities for Cultural Programming to occur on campus while not significantly reducing funding opportunities from the Clubs and Activities Grant. The Clubs and Activities Grant has a current balance of \$15,364.

Dinzes reported that the Board of Finance approved the transfer of \$5,000 from the Clubs and Activities Grant to the Cultural Programing Grant in the AS Event Funding Board budget.

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 2015-16 AS Program Budget Request. – Information Item

Dinzes reported that the Board of Finance has called in the MultiCultural Center, Club & Program Support and the AS Events Funding Board.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Singh reported that the UC Board reviewed the goals and objectives. MCC has reviewed the Social Justice Summits proposals. The International Cultural Festival will be on February 21. The AS Events Funding Board Deadline is February 26. Singh is working with the clubs office to discuss improvements to the Clubs Coordinating Council. Club Travel Grants have been exhausted for the year. The Check It anniversary event is on Saturday, February 28 and Singh is seeking volunteers. Singh is working with the MultiCultural Center on the Holi Festival. Singh is looking into student success projects.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Kirakosyan reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Planning Group has sixteen members, but only two of the members are students. Kirakosyan expressed concern about the strategic plan and noted that it feels institutional led and not student centered. Kirakosyan attended the Strategic Plan meeting on February 20 and noted that students of different cultural communities expressed that they had felt disrespected. The Queer Resource Center Development Committee will have its first meeting of the semester during the last week of February and plans to submit their proposal to Dr. Blake. The Armenian Student Association is seeking to place a plaque about the Armenian and Native American Genocide by the McKinley statue on the plaza.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that coordinators from the Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) will be meeting with the University President on April 1 to discuss the program and how it can be incorporated into the Commencement. GPA will be tabling at the Social Justice Summit on March 6 & 7. Morrison met with Ron Rudebock the Director of Dining Services, to discuss the Real Food Challenge and Meatless Mondays.

Sanders – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

No report.

Hernandez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Youth Educational Services (YES) will be hosting the Serve-a-thon on March 31. The program is seeking to fundraise \$5,000.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that she and Mitchell met with Denise Vanden Bos of the College of Professional Studies to discuss the mixer. Ingerson attended the Student Affairs Training provided by the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. Ingerson assisted Dinzes with communicating the Honor Tax plan with the Residence Housing Association. The State is considering a resolution to separate Undergraduate and Graduate courses that are utilized by students in both degree programs. The University Senate is in strong opposition to the proposal and is drafting a resolution. The Student Grievance Committee will be meeting soon.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that signs are now placed on campus for AS Meetings. Mitchell would like a sign to be placed outside of the Banquet Room. Mitchell will continue to seek additional locations. Mitchell attended the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee. Mitchell attended the open forums for the HSU Strategic Plan. Dr. Jon Lee, the Dean for the College of Professional Studies, has offered to donate \$250 for the All-College Elections Mixer

Daly – College of Professional Studies

Daly reported that he met with Dr. Rossbacher regarding the Sponsored Programs Foundation (SPF) and also met with Steve Karp, the Executive Director of the SPF. The next SPF meeting will be in March. Daly is waiting to hear from the Humboldt Film Festival.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is seeking to renew the grant they received from the Department of Justice. The Unified Students of Humboldt continue to reside in the Native American Forum.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite reported that the CNRS representatives have discussed hosting their mixer the first week election packets are available in order to encourage students to run. Brathwaite continues to seek reimbursements for students who attended the Student Sustainability Convergence. Brathwaite will be attending the CHESS Conference.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Largent – At Large

Largent had no report.

Whaley – At Large

Whaley reported that she met with the Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP) office manager last week. WRRAP will be hosting a book swap February 23-25 in the Karshner Lounge. Employees at WRRAP are interested in authoring a resolution in support of making HSU a Zero Waste Campus.

Esh – Graduate Representative

Esh reported that the search for a University Provost has concluded and that the search did not produce a new Provost. A new interim Provost will be named. Esh attended a meeting of the Graduate Collective.

External Affairs (Cervantes)

Cervantes reported that he worked with Morrison on the redrafted honor tax resolution. Cervantes and Dinzes made Legislative visits to the capital.

AS Presents (Ramirez)

Ramirez reported that he attended the Strategic Plan Open Forum and observed that the process was intimidating for students. Ramirez shared his support for indigenous students and student employees. Ramirez continues to work on the Arts in the Quad and the Spring Festival events.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)

Poppers stated that the graphic design artist has finished worked on the brochure. Poppers met with Michael Le of the Staff Council to begin planning a door decorating contest for the AS Elections. Poppers is seeking to utilize Lucky the Logger, the campus mascot to provide information about the Election.

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

Absent.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No report.

General Council Discussion

There was discussion on which cultures would be present at the Cultural Festival. It was clarified that the International Cultural Festival is an event to educate about different International Cultures. Brathwaite has discussed the IRA Reserves with the Dean of her College. Daly attended the Strategic Plan open forum.

General Council Work Session

There was no General Council Work Session.

Announcements

It was announced that Council members need to respond about the AS Program Appreciation Dinner. Dinzes thanked Rachel Brownell, the AS Office Coordinator, for observing the meeting.

Adjournment

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:48 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:



Mike Kirakosyan
Legislative Vice President