Prior to the meeting being called to the order the Council convened in a public workshop session to review the 2015-16 AS Recommended Budget.

Call to Order

Taylor Mitchell, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 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, Patric Esh, Madison Whaley, Thomas Kupelian, Natasha Sanders, Alexis Hernandez

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes, Ana Cortes, T.J. Singh

Officers Absent: Mike Kirakosyan (excused)

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

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: DALY/SINGH move to approve Agenda #17 dated March 26, 2015 APPROVED

Chair’s Report

There was no Chair’s Report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #16 dated March 5, 2015 – Action Item

MOTION: INGERSON/KUPELIAN move to approve Minutes #16 dated March 5, 2015 APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOTION: INGERSON/DALY move to strike The roll call is included on page five of the minutes. on page seven. APPROVED

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/INGERSON move to strike Brathwaite stated that it is important for the Council to be involved in programs so that they may bring experience to their position on page four and replace with Brathwaite stated that being involved in
programs is a common way that people get experience before being on Council

APPROVED

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

It was clarified that agendas are posted on the AS website and outside of the office 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

MOTION: DALY/BRATHWAITE move to appoint Rebecca Ingerson to the University Senate Executive Committee  TABLED UNTIL 4/2/2015

MOTION: DALY/SINGH move to table the appoint to the April 2, 2015 meeting  APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

Absent.

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

No Appointments.

Old Business

A. Resolution No. 2014-15-15: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to include Section 6, Non-Compensatory Stipends—Action Item

The Act would amend the AS Government Code to incorporate guidelines for Non-Compensatory Stipends received by AS Council members.

Dinzes introduced the resolution. Dinzes stated that the resolution ties the stipends of the AS Council members to HSU’s tuition and fees. The change augments the AS Presents position’s stipend. Dinzes would like to adjust the resolution to make effective on July 1, 2016.

There was no Public Comment

MOTION: CORTES/KUPELIAN move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-15: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to include Section 6, Non-Compensatory Stipends  APPROVED  (2) NAYS

MOTION: CORTES/KUPELIAN move to amend the first paragraph to read for the 2016-17 budget and amend Section 6.03 to read Effective Fiscal Year 2016-17  FAILS  (4) AYE  (8) NAY  (3) ABSTENTION
MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to amend the amendment to strike for the 2016-17 budget and replace with on July 1, 2015 

Dinzes stated that he would like that effective date to be July 1, 2015 so that the items are placed in the code.

MOTION: INGERSON/ESH move to call the question on the amended amendment 

FAILS
(4) AYE
(11) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to table the amendment 

APPROVED

Discussion was held that the amendment should be laid on the table until later in the meeting so that the Council could address concerns regarding stipend amounts.

Daly asked why the resolution reduces the amount of the stipend from 25% to 20%. Dinzes stated that he is personally in favor of increasing the amount to 25%.

MOTION: DALY/DINZES move to amend the resolution to strike 20% and replace with 25% 

APPROVED
(1) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/DALY move to amend the resolution to strike AS Presents Representative from 6.03 b and insert AS Presents Representative 6.03 c 

FAILS
(1) AYE
(1) ABSTENTION

Esh questioned if the duties increased in the AS Presents representative. Ingerson pointed out that the AS Presents Representative does a lot of planning of events as compared to an AS Council Representative. Cervantes noted that the AS Presents representative also works over the summer.

Ingerson stated that she in favor of the stipend being tied into a percentage of the fees and tuition.

MOTION DALY/KUPELIAN move to remove the tabled amendment from the table to insert Fiscal Year 2016-17 

APPROVED

Brathwaite asked if it was more work to change the budget or the resolution. Brathwaite suggested the increase in the stipends be placed before the students as a referendum. Dinzes stated that he felt the amount is small and not worthy of a referendum. Cervantes stated that Council members are elected to make decisions.

Cortes left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The Act would amend the Government Code Section 1 and would require an A.S. Executive Officer to terminate employment with any Associated Students funded and/or operated program.
Cervantes, an author, was present on behalf of the resolution. Cervantes stated that the resolution was similar to a previously considered resolution, Resolution No. 2014-15-14 which disallowed employment for AS Council members in AS funded programs. Cervantes stated that this resolution is a compromise as it only disallows employment for Executive members of the AS Council.

There was no Public Comment.


APPROVED
(7) AYES
(6) NAYS
(1) ABSTENTION

Singh noted that a Council member could volunteer for a program and still have a conflict of interest and that preventing employment would not reduce conflicts of interest. Cervantes stated that employment is an additional level of conflict and as an hourly employee the supervisor of the program could have influence over the employee. Brathwaite noted that the Board of Finance is likely to have a conflict of interest as they craft the budget and suggested that it was less necessary to prohibit employment of AS Executives and the council should instead prohibit employment by the Board of Finance.

There was no further discussion, the Council proceeded to vote. After the action item the Council recessed for five minutes.


The act would amend Section 2 of the AS Government Code to require written reports by all members and students advisors to be provided at each Associated Students Council meeting.

Dinzes, the author, was present on behalf of the resolution. Dinzes provided an example of a written report and stated that his proposal would require AS Council to submit written reports on the day of AS Council meetings. Dinzes also provided copies of proposed amendments that he has worked on with Esh. Dinzes would like to table the resolution and consider it at a future meeting, but allow discussion of the item. Dinzes noted that the amendments provided additional guidelines that provided sanctions to Council members who do not complete their reports. A Council member would be assessed a ½ point in the attendance policy.

There was no Public Comment


TABLED UNTIL 4/16/2015

Brathwaite expressed concern about the amount of paper that would be used if the reports were submitted in writing. Brathwaite suggested that an electronic submission for reports be considered. Poppers concurred with Brathwaite. Dinzes agreed with Brathwaite’s suggestion. Poppers asked how the reports will be made available. Dinzes stated that the reports may be attached to the
minutes or a separate section may be created on the website for reports.

**MOTION:** DALY/INGERSON move to table to the April 16, 2015 meeting  APPROVED

The act would amend Section 12 of the AS Government Code to require a first and second reading of any Legislation, Resolution or Proclamation.

Dinzes, the author, was present on behalf of the resolution. Dinzes stated that the resolution would amend the AS Government Code to require two meetings to pass a resolution, legislation or proclamation of the AS Council. The first meeting would allow the council to review the action item and ask questions or suggest changes prior to taking action at the following meeting. Dinzes provided proposed amendments to the resolution that he worked on with Esh and would like to incorporate into the resolution. Dinzes requested that the item be tabled and reconsidered at the AS Council meeting on April 16, 2015.

*There was no Public Comment.*

**MOTION:** BRATHWAITE/MORRISON move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-18: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to amend Section 12, Method of Legislation TABLED UNTIL 4/16/2015

**MOTION:** DALY/ESH move to table the resolution to the April 16, 2015 meeting  APPROVED

*Ingersoll left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

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

**President (Jerry Dinzes)**
Dinzes participated in the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) Co-director interview process. The IRA Committee met with the Dean of the Library to discuss the purchase of textbooks on reserve for the next three academic years. The University Resources and Planning committee is discussing the proposed HSU 2015-16 budget. Dinzes expressed concern over proposed base reductions to the 2015-16 budget. The proposed University Center 2015-16 Budget is available for review. Dinzes attended a meeting of the HSU Distance Learning committee. The Executive Committee approved monetary support for a veteran’s appreciation event, the MultiCultural Center Study Lounge and the all campus mixer. Dinzes attended the CSSA meeting at CSU Northridge. Dinzes attended the Board of Finance meeting on March 24. The University Senate Executive Committee is discussing priority registration and Dinzes is interested in providing priority registration to AS Council members to assist with selecting an AS Council meeting time. Dinzes is interested in assisting with the costs associated with campus bicycle repair stations.

**Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)**

*Dinzes reported on Cortes’ behalf.*

Board of Finance Report – March 24, 2015
1. Revisions to 2015-16 Recommended Associated Students Budget – Information Item

The Board of Finance reviewed the 2015-16 Recommended A.S. Budget. Revisions delete reference to Government Code, Section 6 in the AS Government, AS External Affairs and AS Presents program budgets and references AS General Budget Language No. 13: NON-COMPENSATORY STIPEND CRITERIA.

Dinzes reported that the Board of Finance approved changes to the 2015-16 Recommended A.S. Budget.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Singh is working with the campus transgender support group to support gender neutral bathrooms. Singh will be authoring resolutions in support of transgender students. Singh will be attending a meeting of the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee. Singh is meeting with the Clubs Coordinating Council to review applications for Advisor of the Year. Singh will be meeting with the student veteran’s community on Friday. Singh reported that the MultiCultural Center is hiring a new director and will be working closely with the new Academic Centers for Student Success next year. The California Big Time will be on Saturday, April 4. Singh continues to work on the Holi Festival. The University Center Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, April 9.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Absent.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that she has been attending meetings of the Graduation Pledge Alliance and has assisted them in conducting alumni interviews for their new Associated Students page. Morrison has received all of the dining invoices for the fall semester and will be inputting them into the Real Food Challenge calculator. Morrison will be attending the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship meeting.

Sanders – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sanders reported that she will be attending the Humboldt Film Festival (HFF) Best of the Fest event. Sanders attended the University Senate meeting will a discussion was held on changing the add/drop deadline to the third academic week of the semester. Sanders has requested the graduation rate for each major of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS) and received it from the Dean. Sanders is meeting on Friday with a representative from the New York Times.

Hernandez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Hernandez reported that he will be serving on the hiring committee for the new Youth Educational Services (YES) Coordinator. YES is also in the process of hiring new student program consultants.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported the University Senate has referred the proposal to change the add/drop date to the third week of the semester back to the Academic Policies Committee. The University Senate will discuss the proposal again at its April 7th meeting.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee met to discuss the effect of salary increases on the athletic department. Mitchell attended the Board of Finance meeting.
Daly – College of Professional Studies
Daly reported that he met with the Dean of Professional Studies and his Council colleagues. The Dean encouraged the Council members to provide a prioritized list of tasks still in progress to the incoming Council members. Daly is awaiting information on the next Environmental Health and Occupational Safety committee meeting. The Film Festival received over 80 film submissions. Daly attended the meeting of the Sponsored Programs Foundation.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
McGuigan reported that he continues to work with the Sexual Assault Prevention Committees’ policy sub-committee. The Women’s Resource Center event Take Back the Night is on April 10. McGuigan will work with Ingerson on the proposal to change the add/drop date.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Brathwaite reported that the College of Natural Resources and Sciences (CNRS) Mixer was successful. Brathwaite reported that the HSU Student Sustainability Coalition is seeking to find a meeting time that would allow for increased participation. Brathwaite met with Cervantes to discuss the AS Lobby Corps. Brathwaite is working with Morrison on the meatless Monday campaign.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kupelian reported that the CNRS Mixer was successful. Kupelian was unable to attend the Board of Finance meeting. Kupelian noted that the Armenian Student Association is planning a plaque dedication on April 24 in honor of the Native American Genocide and the Armenian Genocide adjacent to the statue of President McKinley on the Arcata Plaza.

Largent – At Large
Largent reported that the Student Fee Advisory Committee recommended approval of a $300 fee for the Environment and the Community Graduate Program. The Veterans Office will be providing a presentation to the AS Council in the future.

Whaley – At Large
Whaley reported that she met with WRRAP. The campus has begun to divert some waste to local dairy and hog farmers in the local area. Whaley will receive training on the Real Food Calculator. Whaley is assisting Morrison on a resolution that would encourage the campus not to serve meat in dining facilities on Monday. Whaley attended the information night for candidates. There is a proposal for fruit bearing trees to be placed on campus.

Esh – Graduate Representative
Esh reported that the Children’s Center is interested in presenting to the AS Council. The Integrated Curriculum Committee is proposing revisions to the University Senate Constitution. Esh is assisting Poppers with promoting the Graduate Representative position. Esh would like to work with Singh on his efforts to assist the transgender community.

External Affairs (Cervantes)
Cervantes reported that CSSA took a legislative stance against Assembly Bill 42, a bill that would prohibit mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students of the California State University from exceeding the level of the mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students in the 2014-15 fiscal year until 2018-19. CSSA also reviewed information about smartphone applications that allow students to quickly contact a university police department in an emergency situation. Cervantes and Dinzes traveled to Sacramento for a lobbying trip over spring break. Cervantes is
working with the Seventh Generation Fund on the Honor Tax proposal. Cervantes continues to work on changes to the IRA Standing Rules.

AS Presents (Ramirez)
Absent.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)
Poppers reported that over forty packets have been taken out for the AS Elections and packets must be returned by April 6. A mandatory candidate meeting will be held on April 7. Poppers has hosted two informational nights for potential candidates. The Elections Commission, in collaboration with the HSU Staff Council will be hosting a door directing contest for the AS Elections which will be judged on April 16 & 17. The Library display case will be decorated the week preceding the election.

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

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
No Report.

General Council Discussion
Sanders would like to have a tabling event for students to better understand policies that assist students on their path to graduation. Daly stated that the concussion machine proposed by the Professional Studies Dean for IRA Funding may not be effective in detecting concussion. Brathwaite offered to assist Sanders with her tabling event. The University Senate Executive Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to discuss priority registration.

General Council Work Session
There was no General Council Work Session.

Announcements
Singh will provided a sign-up sheet for tabling opportunities for Spring Preview.

Adjournment
Mitchell adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

[Signature]
Taylor Mitchell
Vice Chair