

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Friday, March 28, 2014
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #17

Prior to the meeting the Associated Students met in a public workshop to review the Proposed 2014-15 Associated Students Budget. The budget will be an action item on the April 4, 2014 agenda.

Call to Order

Lino Sanchez, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Ray Alvarez, Rashod Berkeley, Nicholas Colbrunn, Jessie Holtz, Jesse Hoskins, Corinne Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Taylor Mitchell, Jennifer Moore, Lino Sanchez

Representatives Absent: Mick Johnson (excused), Terreivia Shirley (excused)

Officers Present: Ana Cortes, Forust Ercole

Officers Absent: Victor Arredondo (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Dr. Peg Blake, Eli Poppers, Jerry Dinzes, Matt Lutwen

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: HOSKINS/MARTINEZ move to approve Agenda #17 dated March 28, 2014
APPROVED

MOTION: ERCOLE/MITCHELL move to amend Agenda #17 to place the General Council Work Session after Special Presentations
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTIONS

Chair's Report

Sanchez reported that Teeter resigned his position and that he would chair the AS Council meeting.

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

There was no Public Comment.

Special Presentations

A. HSU Community Garden (Greg Pfothenauer)

Greg Pfothenhauer, the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) Community Garden Coordinator, was present. Pfothenhauer stated that in Spring, 2011 a ballot initiative was passed in favor of the implementation of a Community Garden and that the AS Council allocated \$11,540 for the project. A site, adjacent to Jenkins House, has been selected and completion is scheduled for this Summer. Pfothenhauer noted that the project will have ADA accessibility and that applications for garden plots will be available in the fall. Space will be allocated based on demand with priority for on-campus clubs, on campus residents and students who will be present over summer break. The staff will provide an orientation to new gardeners and oversight will be handled through CCAT.

General Council Work Session

- A. A.S. Student Fee Increase Public Awareness Efforts – Discussion Item (Ana Cortes)
Cortes will update the Council on outreach activities.

Cortes stated that she emailed Council members to attend meetings of the AS Programs to explain the fee increase. Hoskins asked for an update of individuals who are managing college representative outreach. Mitchell and Krupp responded that they have assigned classes to their fellow college representatives. Moore stated that she is available to assist Krupp with presentations. Alvarez stated that students have expressed concerns that they will have to pay more to provide for the minimum wage increase that the state has mandated.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Forust Ercole)

MOTION: ERCOLE/MARTINEZ move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to
appoint Jack Davis to the AS Presents Committee APPROVED

Davis is in class and is unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: HOSKINS/ALVAREZ move to appoint Jack Davis to the AS Presents Committee
APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vacant)

Absent.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)

Absent.

Old Business

- A. Ratification of Revisions to the University Senate Constitution: University Senate Resolution #21 -13/14-CBC: Proposed Revision of University Senate Constitution; Senate Resolution #22-13/14-CBC: Proposed Amendment of the University Senate Constitution to Authorize Recall of Elected Senators; Senate Resolution #24-13/14-CBC: Proposed Amendment to the University Senate Constitution to Authorize Censure of Senator – **Action Item**
Each of the three main constituencies of the University Senate shall have the opportunity to

vote on proposed amendments to the University Senate Constitution. Approval by students will be by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of members of the Associated Students Council voting on these amendments.

Ercole, the AS President and student representative to the University Senate, was present on behalf of the item. Ercole stated that the revisions to the Constitution would allow the Senate the ability to recall and/or censure a member. Ercole explained that last year the Senate encountered a situation where they may have been able to utilize a censure or recall of a member but were unable to because a process was not codified in the Senate's governing documents.

Sanchez opened the floor to Public Comment.

Juan Cervantes, a student on the University Senate, stated that the Senate's Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed and approved the proposed changes. Cervantes urged approval of the item.

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: HOSKINS/HOLTZ move to approve Ratification of Revisions to the University Senate Constitution: University Senate Resolution #21 -13/14-CBC: Proposed Revision of University Senate Constitution; Senate Resolution #22-13/14-CBC: Proposed Amendment of the University Senate Constitution to Authorize Recall of Elected Senators; Senate Resolution #24-13/14-CBC: Proposed Amendment to the University Senate Constitution to Authorize Censure of Senator APPROVED

Lutwen stated he served on the Senate last year and that the language would have been helpful during consideration regarding the chair's removal. Dinzes stated that the Council should use the opportunity to request additional representation to the University Senate. It was noted that the opportunity was only an opportunity to ratify a document for approval or disapproval.

- B. Resolution No. 2013-14-25: Resolution of Legislative Stances for the Spring 2014 Session – **Action Item**
The AS Council will take positions of support and opposition on various bills being considered by the California State Legislature.

Dinzes stated that he is requesting the AS Council to approve bill positions listed in the resolution that would provide the AS Lobby Corps with the ability to officially advocate for or against the legislation on behalf of HSU students. Dinzes reviewed each bill with the AS Council.

Sanchez opened the floor to Public Comment.

Juan Cervantes stated that he is in support of the Resolution and the positions stated therein and acknowledged Dinzes work.

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: ERCOLE/ALVAREZ move to approve Resolution No. 2013-14-25: Resolution of Legislative Stances for the Spring 2014 Session APPROVED
(2) NAY
(2) ABSTAIN

Colbrunn and Holtz expressed concern that support of SB 1017, Taxation: Oil Severance Tax Law could be interpreted as support for the consumption of the oil industry. Berkely stated that he did not view support of SB 1017 as support of the oil industry. Sanchez yielded to Cervantes who expressed his support for SB 1017 and that the Oil Severance Tax would mitigate damage caused by oil production. Lutwen was concerned that if the CSU were to profit off of Oil Production it would be difficult for members of the CSU community to criticize the oil industry. Hoskins stated that much of the oil produced in California is shipped to other locations and that excise taxes on cigarettes is similar to the proposed Oil Severance Tax. Hoskins stated that California is the only state not taxing oil production and the state is viewed as hospitable to the oil industry. Poppers suggested that the bill not be included for support or opposition.

MOTION: COLBRUNN/HOLTZ move to strike *SB1017: Taxation: Oil Severance Tax Law*
 FAILS
 (3) AYE

MOTION: MITCHELL/ERCOLE move to call the question on Resolution 2013-14-25
 FAILS
 (4) AYE

Moore asked Dinzes for clarification on SCA5. Dinzes stated that if SCA5 were approved it would place an initiative before California voters that would repeal California Proposition 209 which banned the use of race, sex, color, ethnicity and national origin in recruitment, admissions and retention programs at California' public universities and colleges.

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

President (Forust Ercole)

Ercole reported that incoming HSU President, Dr. Lisa Rassbacher will be attending the April 4, 2014 AS Council meeting. Ercole requested that Council members turn in their petitions in opposition to the restructure of campus auxiliaries. Ercole stated that the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee met on March 24.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)

Absent.

Legislative Vice President (Vacant)

Absent.

Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Martinez attended the Graduate-Undergraduate mixer and discussed the AS Elections. Martinez attended the Elections Commission meeting. Martinez will be meeting with Morgan King and Tall Chief Comet, from the Office of Sustainability, to discuss the Real Food Challenge. Martinez will be meeting with President Richmond to get support for the Real Food Campus Commitment. Martinez will co-facilitate a presentation on April 9 about the Real Food Challenge. Martinez reported that there will be an article authored about the Real Food Challenge that will be published in HSU Now.

Sanchez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sanchez reported that he is interested in serving as the Legislative Vice President for the remainder of the year.

Hoskins – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Hoskins reported that he was unable to attend the Elections Commission meeting. Hoskins is organizing outreach efforts for his college and is working with fellow council members to plan the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Mixer that will be held on April 11 in the University Center, South Lounge. The Planet Matters conference will be held on Saturday, March 29 in Eureka at the Wharfinger Building and will host candidates for the County Board of Supervisors.

Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

No report.

Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Colbrunn reported that he attended the State Capitol with the Lobby Corps on Wednesday, March 19. A conference on Fossil Fuel Divestment will be held the weekend of April 4-6 in San Francisco. Colbrunn noted that incoming HSU President, Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher, has a strong background in science and geology and has a strong background in the university system.

Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Holtz reported that the College of Natural Resources and Sciences mixer will be held on Thursday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that he attended an Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee (IAAC) meeting prior to spring break. The IAAC is discussing improvements to lighting on the soccer field and upgrading the track in Redwood Bowl. The College of Professional Studies Mixer is next Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Shirley – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Berkley – At Large

Berkley reported that the California Big Time will be on Saturday, April 5. The Hip Hop conference keynote speaker is speaking today at 5:30 p.m. and will address community empowerment.

Moore – At Large

Moore has completed eight class raps. Moore is working on fliers for the Associated Students. Moore is serving on the Library Dean Search Committee and has been communicating with students about what qualities they would like in a Library Dean. Moore is available to complete additional class raps. Moore has turned in petitions against the restructure of the HSU auxiliaries to Ercole.

Alvarez – Graduate Representative

Alvarez attended a Marching LumberJacks (MLJ's) rehearsal. The MLJ's will be performing at the

Arcata Theater Lounge next month. Alvarez attended the AS Campus Community Service Scholarship Committee Meeting. The Graduate-Undergraduate mixer was successful. Alvarez will meet with the Graduate Student Collective on April 1.

External Affairs (Jerry Dinzes)

Dinzes reported that members of the Associated Students Lobby Corps attended the Senate Higher Education Committee and testified on Wednesday, March 19. Dinzes continues to work with members of CSSA on policy stances of the organization.

AS Presents (Mathew Lutwen)

Lutwen will be attending the HSU Hip Hop Conference; the Conference received a grant from the Associated Students funding board. on April 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Lutwen will be providing training on how to be an effective committee member. Lutwen attended a Sacramento Lobby Corps trip over Spring Break where three students testified at a Senate hearing on issues of sexual assault on university campuses. AS Presents is discussing performances for the Fall semester.

Elections Commissioner (Eli Poppers)

Poppers reported that a list of tabling opportunities is available in the AS Office. Poppers received approval from the Library to allow tabling on the ground floor. Elections Commission members of will be attending college mixers to table. An e-mail from Ercole and President Richmond was sent to the campus about the opportunities to serve on the AS Council.

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

Absent.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No report.

General Council Discussion

Ercole announced the vacancy for the Legislative Vice President position. Moore enjoyed talking to potential students at Spring Preview.

Announcements

Holtz announced a critical mass bike ride that begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Far North Climbing Gym.

Adjournment

Sanchez adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:56 p.m.

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Approved by:


Lino Sanchez

Vice Chair