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: Nathaniel McGuigan, Holly Largent, Taylor Morrison, Rebecca Ingerson, Taylor Mitchell, Eamon Daly, Patric Esh, Madison Whaley, Natasha Sanders, Alexis Hernandez

Representatives Absent: Thomas Kupelian (excused), Akira Brathwaite (excused)

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Kirakosyan asked the Council to consider a main motion to approve and reorder Agenda #18 to place Appointments to Committee and Council after General Council Discussion.

MOTION: SINGH/DALY move to approve Agenda #18 dated April 2, 2015 and reorder Agenda #18 to place Appointments to Committee and Council after General Council Discussion

APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOTION: ESH/DALY move to amend Agenda #18 by striking 10 minute limit each speaker and replace with 2 minute limit each speaker in Agenda Item #IX

APPROVED

Chair’s Report

Kirakosyan reported that Cortes will chair the meeting for Old Business Item #A.

Special Presentation

A. HSU Children’s Center (Susan Rosen)

Susan Rosen, Director of the Children’s Center, was present on behalf of the program. Rosen explained that the Children’s Center enrolls 150 children from 120 families. 70% of the families served are HSU students. The Children’s center has two preschool classes for children ages 3-5 and three toddler classes for children 1-3. In the fall the Children’s center will open an infant classroom for children aged three months to one year through a partnership with Early Head Start. Rosen noted that the AS funds assist in supporting approximately 80 student assistants.
Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act authorized by Section 89306.)

There was no Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Review and Approval of the 2015-2016 Associated Students Budget—Action Item

Council is scheduled to act at this meeting on the 2015-2016 Associated Students recommended budget. If A.S. Program Directors wished to appeal the Board of Finance’s recommendation to Council, they were to do so no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015. Each program that appeals will be given five minutes to make their presentation to Council and Council will be given five minutes to ask questions. No adjustments will be made until all of the programs requesting appeals have been heard.

It is also possible that Council may decide to call in programs for which they have questions. If that happens, programs selected will be asked to appear at the following A.S. Council meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. If a program is not called in by Council, and the program does not appeal, the program will not have their recommended budgets altered. (Please note: for a program to be called in by Council, at least a majority of the members present must vote to do so.)

Following hearing appeals, Council will make a motion to approve the recommended budget, proceed through budget language and each A.S. Program providing an opportunity for discussion; questions and comments followed by a vote on the whole document—minus any programs called in by Council.

Cortes opened Public Comment on the Budget.

There was no Public Comment.

1. The following program is appealing the Board of Finance recommendation. They will have five minutes to make their presentation, after which Council will have five minutes for a question and answer period.

   a. Student Engagement & Leadership (Tay Triggs)

Tay Triggs, Associate Dean of Student Engagement & Leadership, was present on behalf of the appeal. Triggs requested that the Council amend the AS Budget to provide full funding for a memorandum of understanding between the Associated Students and Student Engagement & Leadership. Triggs stated that the additional $2,000 that she is appealing for will go towards wages for student assistants in the Clubs & Activities Office. Triggs provided a copy of the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget and the Clubs & Activities Office Budget.

Hernandez asked if the $7,000 provided from Associated Students all went to the Clubs & Activities Office. Triggs confirmed that the funding was all used for the Clubs & Activities Office. Largent asked Triggs what a reduction in funding would do. Triggs stated that the reduction in funding would reduce staffing or require her to seek additional funding elsewhere. Cervantes asked Triggs to
explain the travel funding in the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget. Triggs stated that her budget allocates $6,000 for travel and the funding was provided to students of YES to attend a conference in Long Beach. Triggs noted that in the prior fiscal year Travel funding was used to purchase software.

MOTION: DALY/SINGH move to review and approve the 2015-16 Associated Students Budget APPROVED

Cortes stated that the budget is revised to reflect approval of the stipend resolution that was approved. If any change was to be made to the budget the Council would need to call in a program.

2015-16 Budget Language (Applies to all programs receiving A. S. funds)

No discussion.

AS External Affairs $18,880
No discussion.

AS General Operations $241,600
No discussion.

AS Government $101,325
No discussion.

AS Insurance $8,000
It was clarified that the premium for AS Insurance has been reduced for 2015-16 and covers general liability and student travel.

AS Presents $106,425
No discussion.

AS Programming Grants $55,000
No discussion.

CCAT $55,670
No discussion.

Children’s Center $43,495
No discussion.
Dinzes requested the Club and Program Support budget be reviewed with the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget and the Unallocated Budget.

Drop-In Recreation $28,435
No discussion.

Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center $10,210
No discussion.

Graduation Pledge Alliance $4,435
No discussion

Humboldt Film Festival $10,370
No discussion.

Learning Center Tutorial Program $19,115
No discussion

Marching Lumberjacks $5,800
No discussion

MultiCultural Center $42,440
It was clarified that the Board of Finance called in the MultiCultural Center to discuss the proposed budget and that the MCC did not appeal the recommended budget.

Oh Snap! Campus Food Program $5,000
No discussion

Sports Clubs $30,775
No discussion

Student Access Gallery $11,025
No discussion

WRRAP $35,320
No discussion.
Women's Resource Center $27,530
No discussion.

YES $66,003
No discussion.

Student Engagement & Leadership $5,000
Dinzes requested the Student Engagement & Leadership budget be reviewed with the Club and Program Support budget and the Unallocated Budget.

Computer Equipment Replacement $3,500
No discussion.

AS Campus/Comm. Service Scholarship $10,000
No discussion.

Unallocated $10,847
Dinzes asked that the Unallocated budget be reviewed after discussion of Student Engagement & Leadership and Clubs & Activities Budget.

The Council began discussion of the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget. Dinzes noted that the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget that was provided did not outline the expenditures of the $7,000 subsidy provided by AS in the 2014-15 fiscal year. Dinzes also stated that the funding AS provides is for costs associated with professional staff time used for advising services as outlined in the memorandum of understanding between HSU and the Associated Students and that the memorandum of understanding does not outline that the funding will be used for student wages in the Clubs & Activities Office. Dinzes stated that the Student Engagement & Leadership Department is viewing the funding as an overall revenue source for their department. Dinzes stated that it was disingenuous that the Department of Student Engagement & Leadership would threaten that they would cut student employment if they do not receive the full funding from the Associated Students for advising services. Dinzes likened the movement of money to a shell game. Dinzes noted that overall funding for Student Engagement & Leadership and the Clubs & Activities Office had been increased from the previous fiscal year and that $3,000 had been earmarked in unallocated to be used for programming upon approval of the AS Board of Finance and AS Council in 2015-16. Dinzes also stated that the Club Office could have requested student wages in their program budget. Dinzes stated that providing funding to Student Engagement & Leadership is similar to writing a blank check and that the individual payables are not approved by the AS Administrative Vice President. Dinzes also noted that the University Planning and Resources Committee received a recommendation that the state request an additional $100,000 from a campus auxiliary for costs associated with the Clubs & Activities Office. Dinzes also noted that the URPC discussed seeking an additional $475,000 - $500,000 to be assessed on the four auxiliaries for services provided. Dinzes noted that the university spends over $1,000,000 in travel. Dinzes also noted that a recent
report of the California Faculty Association showed that the budget for Administrator salaries has increased 42% over the last 10 years and that the budget for tenure-line faculty had only increased 1% over the same time period. Dinzes summarized that he felt a reduction of student wages in the Clubs & Activities Office was an unfair assessment of the situation and that the University’s budget of $124,000,000 could provide $2,000 for student wages in the Clubs & Activities Office.

Cortes stated that the Board of Finance considered the item carefully and that the goal of the Board of Finance was to increase transparency. Cortes noted that the Board of Finance received a memo from Triggs requesting continued funding for Student Engagement & Leadership and that other AS funded programs provide a full budget application. Cortes explained that each year the Associated Students execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University for the Elections Advising and Student Programming provided by Student Engagement & Leadership. Cortes stated that in the 2014-15 year the budget for Student Engagement & Leadership was reduced from $7,500 to $7,000 because of a lack of programming by SEALs. Cortes stated that this year the Board of Finance was concerned about the transparency of the funding provided. Cortes explained that the Administrative Vice President typically approves each payable of AS funded programs; Cortes noted that placing funding for leadership programming in the Unallocated Budget would provide for increase transparency as the Clubs & Activities Office would apply for the Unallocated funding which would be reviewed by the Board of Finance and the AS Council. There was discussion if the Clubs & Activities Office could request the unallocated funding for students assistant wages. Cortes replied that the Clubs & Activities Office hires student assistants to assist in the daily operation of the office, but the Board of Finance could consider a request for student programmers. Mitchell stated that the budget handed out by Triggs was the first time a budget has been provided by Student Engagement & Leadership. Cortes brought up that the Clubs & Activities Office had a desire to provide additional programming.

Dr. Blake yielded to Randi Darnall Burke, Dean of Students. Darnall Burke stated that if the budget for Student Engagement & Leadership were to be reduced there would need to be a determination on which service should be cut from the Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Blake stated that budget information for the division of Student Affairs is available to AS Council members upon request. Dr. Blake clarified that the URPC is attempting to address a 4.2 million dollar deficit and is seeking ways to bridge the deficit. Dr. Blake stated that the URPC is attempting to address a 4.2 million budget deficit and solicited ideas from the campus community and a proposal was to charge auxiliaries for campus business services, such as payroll or accounting, which they utilize. Cervantes suggested that the discussion regarding the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget is about creating a transparent process and avoid a funneling process. Daly suggested that the AS Council call in the Clubs & Activities Office to consider creating a line item for hourly wages. Dinzes noted that the Clubs & Activities Program was called in and that they did not address a concern about funding their hourly student assistants. Dinzes also noted that $5,000 would adequately cover the costs associated with the advising assistance provided by Student Engagement & Leadership. Esh asked Dinzes if the Clubs Coordinator was aware of the appeal. Dinzes stated that Triggs supervises the Clubs Coordinator and they could communicate.

*Mitchell left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.*

**MOTION:** DALY move to call in Club and Program Support.

*There was no Second. There was no further discussion on the Club and Program Support Budget.*
Dinzes stated that he would prefer to fund AS program employees and not provide subsidy to the state for student wages.

MOTION: DALY/SINGH move to call in Student Engagement & Leadership to the April 16, 2015 meeting

FAILS
AS AMENDED
(2) AYE
(10) NAY

A roll call vote was requested on the motion.

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There was discussion on the current 2014-15 Memorandum of Understanding language. Daly asked for a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding to be read. Dinzes read the Memorandum of Understanding orally.

Sanders stated that the Unallocated would provide additional detail. Cervantes stated that the budget is not a punitive process but rather a prioritization process. Cervantes stated that other programs, including YES, asked for additional funds for student employment.

MOTION: INGERSON/DALY move to amend the motion to insert and request the budgets and expenditures of Student Engagement & Leadership for the prior two fiscal years

APPROVED
(6) AYE
(6) NAY

Kiraksoyan voted in favor of the motion.

Cervantes asked Darnall Burke for an accounting of how reimbursements are spent and if the expenditures of the subsidy funds could be provided. Darnall Burke confirmed that she could provide the requested items.

The Council proceeded to vote on the amendment to the motion to calling in Student Engagement & Leadership and then voted on calling in Student Engagement & Leadership as amended. The motion failed. There was no further discussion on the Student Engagement & Leadership Budget.

Cortes returned to discussion on the Unallocated budget. Cortes clarified that $3,000 has been placed in the Unallocated budget for programming for the Clubs & Activities Office. The Clubs & Activities Office will be able to submit requests for the funding to the Board of Finance.

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There was no further discussion on the Unallocated Budget

There was no further discussion on the 2015-16 AS Recommended Budget. The Council proceeded to vote on the Budget as a whole without any amendments.

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)
Dinzes reported that IRA Committee approved $7,500 for a reserve textbook pilot program for the University Library. Dinzes attended the AS Campus Community Service Scholarship Committee. Dinzes attended the University Resources Planning Committee.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)
Cortes thanked the Council for their work on the AS Budget.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)
Singh reported that he is working on a resolution in support of transgender students and a resolution in support of student veterans. Singh reported that he met with the Clubs & Activities Coordinator to discuss concerns brought up by students that veterans are not identified as a cultural group. Singh continues to work on a project to have one of the restrooms in the Natural Resources and Sciences Building changed into a gender neutral bathroom. The AS Events Funding Board meets on April 3. AS will be tabling for Spring Preview and Singh encouraged the Council to volunteer.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)
Kirakosyan reported that the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center will be hosting the Queer Battle of the Bands event on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room. Kirakosyan will be sending out an e-mail to Council members regarding their office hour attendance. Kirakosyan attended a CSSA meeting at Northridge on March 20-22.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Morrison reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance met with President Rossbacher to share information about the program and President Rossbacher has agreed to have students stand at the ceremony if they have taken the pledge. Morrison is starting outreach for the Meatless Monday campaign. Morrison is working with Cervantes on promoting the Honor Tax proposal.

Sanders – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Sanders reported that she met with the New York Times representative who is interested in selling an online subscription service to the University. Sanders noted that the program did not seem to be a beneficial way to spend student fee money.

Hernandez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Hernandez reported that he attended the AS Campus Community Service Scholarship Committee. Hernandez reported that the Youth Educational Services (YES) program participated in Serve-a-Thon and over 100 students assisted the Jefferson Project in Eureka with painting, weeding and planting. Hernandez is investigating a way to recognize the YES coordinator who is retiring at the end of the academic year.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies
Ingerson reported that the Dean of Professional Studies will pay to print posters of important issues
for the future AS Council. Ingerson attended a University Resources and Planning Committee meeting with Cervantes and Dinzes. The Residence Housing Association is completing their programming for the year. The University Senate will be considering changing the Add/Drop deadline from the fifth week in the semester to the third week in the semester on Tuesday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies
Absent.

Daly – College of Professional Studies
Daly reported that he has posted fliers for the Film Festival. Daly assisted the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center with applying for a HSU Diversity Grant.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
McGuigan reported that the Women’s Resource Center’s Take Back The Night event will be on April 10. McGuigan will be working with Ingerson on the Add/Drop deadline proposal. McGuigan attended a meeting of the Academic Police Committee.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent

Largent – At Large
Largent reported that she attended the Instructionally Related Activities Committee meeting. Largent is working on proposed resolutions.

Whaley – At Large
Whaley reported that she met with the Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP). WRRAP is creating a competition to see which HSU Major is most sustainable. Whaley is assisting Morrison with the Meatless Monday initiative. Whaley has been trained on the Real Food Challenge calculator.

Esh – Graduate Representative
Esh reported that he is working with Sing on the resolution for Veteran’s. Esh attended the meeting with the New York Times representative with Sanders.

External Affairs (Cervantes)
Cervantes reported that he has finished drafting proposed standing rules for the Instructionally Related Activities Committee that would require a majority of students present to vote. Cervantes is assisting Check It to see if there are funding opportunities for the program from the IRA reserves. Cervantes will attend a CSSA meeting in San Francisco April 10-12.

AS Presents (Ramirez)
Ramirez reported that the Native American Story Teller, part of Arts on the Quad, will be on the University Center Quad on April 3 at Noon. The band Seventh Generation Rise will perform on the University Center Quad on Friday, April 10. Maral Attalah will provide a lecture on the Armenian Genocide on Thursday, April 23. Saturday, April 25 is the Arts Festival.
Elections Commissioner (Poppers)
Poppers reported that candidate election packets are due on Monday and a mandatory candidate meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m. The Elections Commission will meet on Friday to remind candidates about the deadline to run.

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)
Dr. Blake reported that the Outstanding Student Awards are on Wednesday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room. A Candle Light Vigil to commemorate victims of the bus accident will be held on Friday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Founders Hall courtyard.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
No report.

General Council Discussion
Dr. Blake stated that if the Council were to host an event to discuss the University Budget they should consider inviting a representative from the University Budget Office to assist. Dinzes informed Singh that there are two additional restrooms on the second floor of Harry Griffith Hall that could be considered for gender neutral bathrooms. Ingerson stated that most students who she has spoken to about the add/drop date change are against the proposal. Dr. Blake stated that HSU is the only institution that she has worked at that has allowed students to add or drop up until the fifth week of the semester and that it can inhibit a student’s success. Dr. Blake noted that the add/drop date change would coincide with the financial aid freeze date.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)
MOTION: DALY/HERNANDEZ move to remove from the table and appoint Rebecca Ingerson to the University Senate Executive Committee  
APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)
No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)
MOTION: MORRISON/CORTES move to appoint Alexis Hernandez to the University Senate  
APPROVED  
(1) NAY  
(2) ABSTENTIONS

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)
No Appointments.

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

Singh announced the Holi Festival may be canceled or changed due to weather. The California Big Time event will be on campus this weekend. The Student Sustainability Coalition will meet from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday in the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology Basement. The All College Mixer will be held on Tuesday, April 21.

Adjournment

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:21 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

[Signature]

Mike Kirakosyan
Legislative Vice President