

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Friday, April 4, 2014  
University Center Banquet Room  
Minutes #18

**Call to Order**

Lino Sanchez, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

**Roll Call**

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

Representatives Absent: Nicholas Colbrunn (excused). Mick Johnson (excused)

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo, Ana Cortes, Forust Ercole

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

**Special Presentations**

A. Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, Incoming Humboldt State University President

Dr. Blake introduced Dr. Rossbacher and her husband Dallas Rhodes to the AS Council. Each Council member had the opportunity to introduce themselves to Dr. Rossbacher. Dr. Rossbacher, introduced herself and stated that her undergraduate work and graduate work is in Geology. Dr. Rossbacher stated that she came to California originally for graduate work and lived in California for twenty years prior to becoming the University President of Southern Polytechnic State University in Georgia. Dr. Rossbacher stated that at her current University she meets with the student body president often and also meets with student leaders from various groups to discuss how students and she can work together to meet the goals of the University and looks forwards to working with students at HSU. Lutwen asked Rossbacher about what she found most striking about HSU. Dr. Rossbacher stated that the most striking item of the campus is the physical appearance and how welcoming the campus has been to her through social media outreach.

Shirley asked Dr. Rossbacher what she plans to do to address the improvement of retention rates on campus. Dr. Rossbacher responded that retention rates can be improved through effective and available advising, outreach to students who are struggling and the implementation of an early alert warning system. Arredondo encouraged Dr. Rossbacher to become familiar with the HSU Veteran's program and inquired about her philosophy on shared governance. Dr. Rossbacher stated that she believes strongly in shared governance and values different and diverse opinions. Rossbacher further stated that everyone has a responsibility to participate in the discussion and to provide respect for others when working towards a consensus. Hoskins urged Dr. Rossbacher to make connections with the student body and develop relationships with students. Krupp asked Dr. Rossbacher for a commitment to continuing HSU's legacy as an environmentally friendly campus. Dr. Rossbacher

acknowledged that HSU has led efforts among universities in environmental stewardship, is impressed with HSU’s commitment to the environment and noted that she has signed the Presidents’ Climate Commitment on behalf of her current university. Martinez stated that she has been spearheading the Real Food Challenge Initiative at HSU and asked Dr. Rossbacher if she would sign a commitment to shift 33% of HSU’s food budget to ecologically/community/local food. Rossbacher stated that she would need to know more about the commitment, but that the concept sounded good.

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: HOSKINS/MITCHELL move to approve Agenda #18 dated April 4, 2014  
APPROVED

MOTION: HOSKINS/CORTES move to amend Agenda #18 by placing Old Business Item B & C before Old Business Item A  
APPROVED

**Chair’s Report**

Sanchez reported that he would be chairing the meeting as the Vice Chair.

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

There was no Public Comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #16 dated March 14, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: HOSKINS/ARREDONDO move to approve Minutes #16 dated March 14, 2014  
APPROVED  
AS AMMENDED  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: ARREDONDO/ALVAREZ move to amend Minutes #16 to strike the word “...attend all” and replace with the word “...attend any” in Public Comments  
APPROVED  
(6) ABSTENTIONS

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A.S. President (Forust Ercole)**  
No Appointments

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

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vacant)**  
No Appointments

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)**  
No Appointments

**Old Business**

- B. Review and approval of temporary changes for the 2013-14 year to the Associated Students Policy Statement – Personnel, Section No. 300, Document No. 302, Annual Performance Appraisal of the General Manager – **Action Item**  
The amendments will change the policy to incorporate written, rather than verbal, comments from members of the Associated Students Council and Executives. This policy would be a change for the current year as the Vice President of Student Affairs is unable to meet with the AS Council to receive verbal input.

Dr. Blake was present to speak on behalf of the business item. Dr. Blake stated that under the currently policy the AS Council would go into a closed session to provide an evaluation of the General Manager. Dr. Blake stated that she is unable to attend a meeting of the AS Council to solicit feedback on the performance of the General Manager. The changes to the policy will allow Dr. Blake and Ercole to receive council feedback prior to the General Manager's evaluation.

*There was no public comment.*

MOTION: HOSKINS/KRUPP move to approve temporary changes for the 2013-14 year to the Associated Students Policy Statement – Personnel, Section No. 300, Document No. 302, Annual Performance Appraisal of the General Manager APPROVED

Krupp stated that it is important to have the opportunity for the Council to recap the year in closed session and requested that Dr. Blake use closed sessions in the future. Dinzes stated that it is important to have a consistent policy year-to-year. Alvarez yield to Jacob Bloom, a student at large. Bloom asked if there would be an opportunity for former members of the AS Council to provide feedback. Dr. Blake stated that the policy doesn't provide consideration of former members. Cortes commented that personal incompetence shouldn't be confused with others performance.

*Mitchell left the meeting.*

- C. Review and Approval of amendments to the Associated Students Policy Statement – Administrative, Section 100, Document No. 101, Conflict of Interest Statement for Council Members and Executives – **Action Item**  
The amendments will update the AS Conflict of Interest that make Council members and Executives aware of their responsibilities regarding conflict of interest.

Tyson was present on behalf of the item. Tyson stated that the Associated Students received a finding from the CSU Compliance Audit that recommended that the AS update the Conflict of Interest policy that detail steps that are taken to report a conflict of interest. The updated policy would be expanded to include relevant sections of the education code. Tyson stated that the policy would also detail the current practice of the conflict of interest acknowledgements that are collected from Council members and kept on file in the Associated Students business Office. Tyson noted that the AS Executive Committee approved the policy changes unanimously.

*There was no public comment.*

MOTION: HOSKINS/CORTES move to approve amendments to the Associated Students Policy

Statement – Administrative, Section 100, Document No. 101, Conflict of Interest  
Statement for Council Members and Executives

APPROVED

Ercole stated that the change was a necessary update. There was no further discussion.

- A. Review and Approval of the 2014-2015 Associated Students Budget as presented to the Associated Students Council on March 14, 2014 – **Action Item**  
Council is scheduled to act at this meeting on the 2014-2015 Associated Students Recommended Budget. The Council received no appeals from A.S. Programs.

*Cortes opened the floor to Public Comment;*

Juan Cervantes, a student at large, commented that he was not in favor of the approval of the AS Budget without a fee increase. Jay Canton, a student at large, commented that he was not in favor of the increased allocation to the AS Presents budget and felt that it was wasteful, ineffective and that other programs that develop community could better utilize the funds. Jacob Bloom, a student at large, commented that it is not hard to build an event for free and advised a reduction to the AS Presents budget. Bloom also commented that the AS Council should evaluate the CenterArts budget of the University Center and that AS Presents is operated through CenterArts and that students on the UC Board could discontinue CenterArts. Kelsay Higdon, a member of the AS Elections Commission, Roosevelt Institute and a Women’s Resource Center Employee, stated that she only recently learned about the budget and was in attendance to support the Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program, the Women’s Resource Center and Youth Educational Services and that the programs were important to build a stronger community.

*There was no further public comment.*

Cortes stated that the Council would proceed with a motion to approve the AS Budget with a Fee Increase and review each program budget, then approve the budget, with exception to any programs called in for further consideration to the April 11, 2014 meeting. After the AS Council dispenses the AS Budget with a Fee Increase they would proceed with a motion to approve the AS Budget without a Fee Increase and review each program budget, then approve the budget, with exception to any programs called in for further consideration to the April 11, 2014 meeting

MOTION: HOSKINS/ERCOLE move to approve the 2014-2015 Associated Students Budget  
with a fee increase as presented to the Associated Students Council on March 14,  
2014

APPROVED  
(1) NAY

**2014-15 Budget Language (Applies to all programs receiving A. S. funds)**

No discussion.

**AS External Affairs** **\$24,150**

No discussion.

**AS General Operations** **\$237,000**

No discussion.

**AS Government** **\$87,925**

No discussion.

**AS Insurance** **\$9,800**

No discussion.

**AS Presents** **\$102,245**

Cortes stated that the proposed increase included a small increase in artist fees and that the balance of the increase was based on the proposed increase to the minimum wage. Holtz yielded to Jacob Bloom, a student at large. Bloom stated that it would not hurt to “trim the fat.” Dinzes stated that he has been critical of AS Presents in the past but acknowledged Lutwen’s hard work. Dinzes would like the AS Presents position to be an elected position. Lutwen noted that many of the shows produced by AS Presents are free and do not receive gate revenue. Holtz asked if the employees affected by the minimum wage increase for AS Presents were students. Ercole confirmed that the production staff of AS Presents are students. Lutwen stated that the increase of \$4,000 in artist fees would provide for approximately two Depot shows. Dinzes stated that the Council should consider including language that ensures equal funding for the Fall and Spring semesters. Dinzes also noted that \$385,000 in student fee is used to support CenterArts through the University Center Budget.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to call in AS Presents to the April 11, 2014 meeting to answer questions regarding their program budget with a fee increase APPROVED  
(1) NAY  
(1) ABSTENTION

**AS Programming Grants** **\$55,000**

No discussion

**CCAT** **\$54,235**

Berkley asked why CCAT did not receive their full request. Ercole stated that the Co-Directors requested to receive pay in addition to free housing. The Board of Finance chose to provide an additional position to assist with house management tasks.

**Children’s Center** **\$40,828**

No discussion.

**Club and Program Support** **\$27,735**

No discussion

**Drop-In Recreation** **\$25,225**

No discussion.

**Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center** **\$6,330**

No discussion.

**Graduation Pledge Alliance** **\$4,015**

Holtz asked why the Graduation Pledge Alliance received more funding then requested. Cortes stated that the Graduation Pledge Alliance ran out of supplies and were unable to provide ribbons and pledges to all graduates.

**Humboldt Film Festival** **\$9,620**

No discussion.

**Learning Center Tutorial Program** **\$19,113**

No discussion.

**Marching Lumberjacks** **\$5,800**

No discussion.

**MultiCultural Center** **\$36,501**

No discussion

**Sports Clubs** **\$30,375**

No discussion

**Student Access Gallery** **\$9,620**

No discussion

**WRRAP** **\$33,363**

No discussion.

**Women's Resource Center** **\$27,610**

No discussion.

**YES** **\$58,698**

Lutwen stated that he was a YES director and received an AmeriCorps award, but that the opportunity for AmeriCorps awards are no longer available to YES directors. Lutwen encouraged the AS Council to explore options for YES Director compensation in the 2015-16 budget. Lutwen

suggested that a stipend could be offered to YES directors. Tyson provided some background on stipends vs. hourly wages and that YES directors would need to be paid according to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and would need to be paid at least minimum wage for hours worked as an employee.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to call in YES for with a fee increase discussion

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

Tyson provided further background on hourly wage requirements and stated that student directors are required to record all hours and are unable to volunteer outside of their paid hours. Ercole stated that it is the responsibility of YES to restructure their program if they want to pay their program directors and noted that they did not request funds for compensating their program directors.

**Student Life Support** **\$7,000**

No discussion.

**AS Campus/Community Scholarship** **\$20,000**

Dinzes asked for clarification on the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship. Cortes stated that the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship would not have sufficient funds after Spring 2015 if the account is not replenished.

**Unallocated** **\$7,462**

No discussion.

*There was no further discussion on the 2014-15 AS Recommended Budget with a Fee Increase. The Council proceeded to vote to approve the 2014-15 AS Recommended Budget with a Fee Increase, but withheld approval of AS Presents and Unallocated until the April 11, 2014 meeting.*

MOTION: HOSKINS/ARREDONDO move to recess for five minutes APPROVED  
(1) NAY

MOTION: HOSKINS/ERCOLE move to approve the 2014-2015 Associated Students Budget without a fee increase as presented to the Associated Students Council on March 14, 2014 APPROVED  
(1) NAY

**2014-15 Budget Language (Applies to all programs receiving A. S. funds)**

No discussion.

**AS External Affairs** **\$22,225**

Dinzes stated that he is not opposed to a reduction of the External Affairs Budget. Dinzes requested

that the AS Council consider calling in multiple programs for the consideration of redistribution of program budget subsidies in the following amounts:

A.S. External Affairs:	\$22,225
A.S. General Operations:	\$237,000
A.S. Government:	\$84,310
A.S. Insurance:	\$9,800
A.S. Presents:	\$92,245
A.S. Programming Grants:	\$55,000
CCAT:	\$48,863
Children's Center:	\$36,454
Club & Program Support:	\$23,235
Drop in Recreation:	\$22,063
Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center:	\$5,700
Graduate Pledge Alliance:	\$3,270
Humboldt Film Festival:	\$9,320
Learning Center Tutorial Program:	\$16,626
Marching Lumberjacks	\$5,800
MultiCultural Center:	\$33,120
Sports Clubs:	\$30,000
Student Access Gallery:	\$8,755
WRRAP:	\$29,797
Women's Resource Center:	\$26,409
Youth Educational Services:	\$55,457
Student Life Support:	\$7,500
A.S. Scholarship	\$20,000
Unallocated:	\$5,511

Hoskins stated his support for the AS Recommended Budget as presented to the Council. Alvarez yielded to Juan Cervantes, a student-at-large. Cervantes encouraged the Council to reduce the AS Presents budget and apply the funds to other programs. Hoskins stated that the Board of Finance had to increase the expenditure from the A.S. General Operations reserve because of increases in club travel grants and reinstating funding of the A.S. Campus/Community Service Scholarship.

**AS General Operations** **\$237,000**

Arredondo yielded to Cervantes. Cervantes encouraged the Council to call in AS General Operations and all other programs.

**MOTION:** ~~HOLTZ/ARREDONDO~~ move to bring in all A.S. programs.

Shirley asked if one representative from each A.S. Program would come in. Cortes confirmed that each program would be requested to send a representative. Holtz thanked the Council for consideration of the motion. Hoskins stated that the Board of Finance is charged with developing a budget to forward to the AS Council and that each program had received the proposed budget. Krupp noted that programs had received the proposed budget and had the opportunity to appeal if they were dissatisfied with the proposed budget and that no program appealed their budget. Tyson stated that every program received their budget on the same date that the Council received the budget with the same information regarding an appeal. Alvarez stated that some programs may feel



powerless because of the process. Dinzes suggested that instead of calling every group in the Council consider reducing the subsidy for AS Presents to \$87,645 and place the balance of the reduction in Unallocated.

*Holtz and Arredondo withdrew their motion.*

**AS Government** **\$81,205**

No discussion.

**AS Insurance** **\$9,800**

No discussion.

**AS Presents** **\$102,245**

MOTION: ARREDONDO/ALVAREZ move to call in AS Presents for the recommended without the fee increase

APPROVED  
(1) NAY  
ABSTENTIONS

Dinzes stated that he would like to call in the AS Presents program so that the Council may consider reducing their subsidy by \$14,600 and creating a line item in the Unallocated budget of \$14,600 that programs could access in the fall semester. Ercole stated that he was not in favor of calling in AS Presents and that the program provides technical support to student led programs including the Women’s Resource Center and the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center for some of their large events. Ercole also noted that AS Presents shows are popular among male students who have lower retention and graduation rates at HSU.

**AS Programming Grants** **\$55,000**

No discussion.

**CCAT** **\$46,315**

No discussion.

**Children’s Center** **\$34,630**

No discussion.

**Club and Program Support** **\$26,523**

No discussion

**Drop-In Recreation** **\$20,959**

No discussion.

**Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center**                      **\$6,115**

No discussion.

**Graduation Pledge Alliance**                                      **\$3,665**

No discussion

**Humboldt Film Festival**    **\$8,855**

No discussion.

**Learning Center Tutorial Program**                              **\$19,113**

No discussion.

**Marching Lumberjacks**    **\$5,500**

No discussion.

**MultiCultural Center**    **\$31,664**

No discussion.

**Sports Clubs**    **\$28,500**

No discussion.

**Student Access Gallery**    **\$8,870**

No discussion.

**WRRAP**    **\$28,307**

No discussion.

**Women's Resource Center**    **\$25,090**

No discussion.

**YES**    **\$53,199**

No discussion.

**Student Life Support**    **\$7,000**

No discussion.

**AS Campus/Community Scholarship \$20,000**

No discussion

**Unallocated \$7,270**

No discussion.

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

MOTION: HOKSINS/CORTES move to table official reports

APPROVED  
(3) NAY  
(1) ABSTENTION

**General Council Discussion**

There was no General Council Discussion.

**General Council Work Session**

There was no General Council Work Session.

**Announcements**

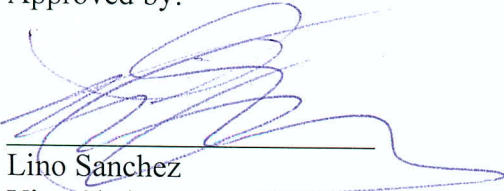
Ercole announced that there has been vandalism of art work on campus and encouraged Council members to be aware of and report any vandalism. Martinez announced that there will be a presentation on the Real Food Challenge on Wednesday, April 9 in BSS 408 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Alvarez announced that on Monday, April 7 the Psychology Club will be screening a film in the Native American Forum from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Krupp will be inviting the female leadership of Associated Students to house for an event next week. The mandatory candidate meeting will be next Tuesday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall East 106. Berkley announced that the California Big Time will be on Friday, April 5.

**Adjournment**

Sanchez adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:02 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

  
Lino Sanchez  
Vice Chair