

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Monday April 10, 2017  
UC Banquet Room  
Minutes #19

**Call to Order**

Navarro, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

**Roll Call**

Representatives Present: Dominic Cicerone, Jason Jones, Tessa Lance, Joey Mularky, Asia Ross, Paola Valdovinos

Representative Absent: Carlrey Delcastillo (Excused), Kassandra Rice (Excused), Je1my Werthman (Unexcused)

Officers Present: Jessie Avitia (late), Sonya NavaiTo, Jonah Platt, Gregory Rodriguez

Advisors Present: Alejandro Arredondo, Dante Hamm, Jane Hill, Dr. Peg Blake

Advisors Absent: Chey King (Excused)

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: MULARKYN ALDOVINOS move to approve Agenda #19 dated April 10, 2017  
APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Avitia said there was many items to discussion stuff and there will be a closed session where the public will not be able to attend.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: ROSS/MULARKY move to approve Minutes#17 dated March 20, 2017  
APPROVED

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

*There 1vas no Public Comment.*

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A.S. President (Jonah Platt)**

No appointments.

**A.S. Administrative Vice President (Gregory Rodriguez)**

No appointments.

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vanessa Cota)**

No appointments.

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Candace Young)**

No appointments.

**Old Business**

- A. Request 2017-18 Recommended Associated Students Budget- **Action Item**  
Review and Approval of the 2017-18 Reconunended A.S. Budget.

MOTION: MULARKY/CICERONE move to remove from the table 2017-18 Recommended Associated Students Budget. APPROVED  
AS AMENDED

Review and Approval of the 2017-18 Recommended A.S. Budget.

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.

The following programs have been invited by the Council or are appealing the Board of Finance recommendation. They will have five minutes to make their presentation, after which the Council will have five minutes for a question and answer period.

**a. Multicultural Center - Grecia Rojas**

Rojas presented on the Scholars Without Borders. Rojas talked about the reason for the program, the relationship with the City of Arcata as a sanctuary city.

Dalia Col11ez, Student At Large, talked about the importance of Scholars Without Borders as a movement.

Mularky asked what would happen if the requested amount was not approved. Rojas said there would be only one student staff.

Platt asked if they wanted the budget would separate from the MCC budget. Rojas said the separation the budget would insure the program would be funded year after year.

Blake said this would be the first year with a budget for the program and to be able to expand the program, but there isn't any ongoing funding. Blake noted if the program would be separated it would be properly organized.

Platt asked if there is a mission statement and budgeting administrator. Samyrha Saba, Student at large said there are student staff who are currently developing the mission statement and building the foundations of the program.

Hill said the monies approved is only for a pilot program with no guarantee of providing monies in the future.

Amanda Staack, administration support for MCC, said she will be providing support for students no matter what funding is provided for.

*Rodriguez arrived at 3:16*

*Lance arrived at 3:17*

Blake said the program is new and it is evolving and wants to make sure the program and the development is flexible so the program can grow.

Mularky would like the funding to be under the MCC for now.

Rodriguez would like the funding to be its own program in the future. He also noted it could be connected to a legal resource center.

**b. Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program - Madison Whaley**

Whaley presented on the reason for appealing the Board of Finance recommendation of their budget. Whaley requested the full amount be approved. Whaley said WRRAP is moving toward environmental social justice and stated the multiple programs and activities WRRAP provides. Whaley said the money would be for the purpose of maintain the wages and current jobs. Many of the employees work longer than the monies is allocated for and not getting paid for it.

Cicerone asked what positions were not getting the proper funding. Whaley said the director's salary would be most affected by the change.

Mularky said to fund other programs the Board of Finance had to reduce funding for WRAPP.

Platt said one of the concerns was the types of activities and the amount of positions. Whaley asked if the Council wanted to cut a position. Whaley said the conversation would have been more appropriate to have earlier in the process.

Hill said the budget would be increased by \$10,000 from last year's budget and only \$16,000 dollars have been used this fiscal year. Whaley said the amount of money not used is because of the increase of funding for the minimum wage that was approved earlier in the year and funds are reserved for the later part of the year.

Cicerone asked what positions needed the monies more. Whaley responded that there are some positions who may need it more than others, but is unsure which positions.

Navarro wasn't sure how students were able to work more than 20 hours a week. Whaley said there are waivers students can submit.

*Alain Discussion*

Blake said the council needs to make sure to make the right decisions. Blake also said that funding is a means in which the public knows that the Council's values are.

Platt also talked about the shift in values within the AS Council. Platt said the Council needs to be listening to the community and fully fund WRRAP and Scholars Without Borders.

*Avitia arrived at 3:39 pm.*

Blake said the budget is dipping into existing reserves which could affect the budget a few years down the years. Blake said it's a good idea to spend down the reserves but not use it where the program have to depend on the budget.

Hill said the MCC budget is more than requested because of the Scholars Without Borders. The SWB will be funded through the reserve funding. Hill also said the fees will be 3% less than last year.

Platt asked how much money will be taken from the discretionary fund. Hill responded there is \$80000 dollars that will be allocated to one time programs as startup funding.

Allejandro asked how money is placed into an account. Hill responded that they don't know how long the discretionary fund has been accruing the excess funds over the years.

Rodriguez said funding is getting tight and thought existing programs would be able to take a reduction in funds, but now suggests to fully fund the programs. Rodriguez also notes the Council needs to review the budget in more detail in the future.

Platt recommends to programs and the Council that they find other sources of funding.

Navarro noted the current Council would fully fund, but leave the next Council with having to figure out how to pay for it.

Hamm asked when the last time the fee was increased. Esh answered it was three years ago. Platt said the prior AS President said he might need to increase the student fees.

Blake talked about her budget specifically the mental health budget. Blake was able to hire another employee but can't rehire the person because the monies was limited.

Avitia asked if the current Council can require the next Council to make certain decisions.

Platt will be working on the strategic plan and reviewing the budget and the vision of the AS Council.

Hill talked about how the funding is coming from student fees. Hill noted if the trend is not reversed it can't be solved by the AS Council right now but have to look at the problems in the long tem1.

Whaley noted this conversation should have been done a long time ago. but would like the WRRAP to be fully funded. Whaley recommends reviewing the budget again and talking to all the funded programs.

Navarro asked if the programs have been invited to the Council. Esh said yes. Avitia responded that the programs may not have been aware of the changes.

Arredondo asked what the process to infonn programs was. Platt said there was a hearing in January with some of the programs. He also said they reached out to some of the programs.

MOTION: PLATT/JONES move to fund WRRAP a total amount of\$51,071	FAILED
	(3) YEA
	(5) OPPOSED
	(3) ABSTAIN

Mularky said he was unsure how to vote for the motion. Mularky is conflicted to fund the program but also knew the budget is already over budget.

Navarro said she agrees with Mularky but would like have a budgets that reflect any changes.

Cicerone said he doesn't want to place the burden on the next Council.

Hamm agrees with Cicerone and finds the increase would not be sustainable.

Ana Mulina, CCAT Co-Director, would like the institution have more accountability of undocumented students. Molina also said SWB would like to be fully funded by the school.

Platt would like to know the full budget funding. Blake said it would be approximately \$100,000 less than this year. Platt would like the motion to be approved so the program is not left out.

Ana Molina. CCAT Director, suggested the Council to setup meetings with programs next year during the budget season.

Navarro asked if the Board of Finance should have been more responsible and what did they not communicate. Blake said this year there was some lack on continuity this year, but not enough where there was bigger problems.

Platt noted the budget process needs to improve. Hill noted the timeline was the same as last year except for dates. Platt asked the council to review the budget language.

Rojas asked if the SWB is sustainable. Blake noted it's not unusual for programs to start small and grow over time. Hill would like the SWB be eam larked separately from the MCC. Arredondo asked what the management would be by the MCC or without it.

MOTION: PLATT/NAVARRO move to amend the \$17000 for Scholars Without Borders line item to 20000 within the Multicultural Center' budget.	APPROVED
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Rojas asked how the overall budget would be affected. Ana Mulina, CCAT Co-Director, said they would like it their own line item.

Blake responded that the SWB was founded in the MCC because of space and the MCC staff said could maintain it.

Hill said there may not be enough time to develop their mission statement and programming. Hill also reiterated the funding is for a pilot program only.

MOTION: LANCE/NAVARRO move to strikeout "for social justice and equity" from the AS Presents budget language." APPROVED

Blake wanted to reiterate her concerns of the over spending within the AS budget.

Hill summarized the changes in the AS budget language.

- B. Resolution 2016-17-10: An Act to Establish the Position and Membership of Veteran and Disability Affairs. - **Second Reading**  
This resolution states to establish a new Council member on the AS Council.

MOTION: MULARKY /PLATT move to remove the resolution from the table. APPROVED

Lamping decided to withdraw the resolution.

MOTION: PLATT/LANCE move to rescind the motion. APPROVED

**New Business**

- A. Ratification of HSU University Senate Resolution 16-16/17-CBC: Resolution to Add Section 10.0 Interpretation to the Constitution of the University Senate. -**Action Item**  
The HSU University Senate request the AS Council to ratify resolution 16-16/17-CBC.

MOTION: LANCE/PLATT move to approve the Ratification of HSU University Senate Resolution 16-16/17-CBC: Resolution to Add Section 10.0 Interpretation to the Constitution of the University Senate. APPROVED  
(1) ABSTAIN

- B. Resolution 2016-17-17 - An Act to Oppose Pouring Rights Exclusivity Contracts at Humboldt State University - **First Reading**  
The Council will review a resolution that opposes the exclusive rights of beverage companies at Humboldt State University. The authors request a waiver of the first reading.

MOTION: NAVARRRO/LANCE move to waive the first reading. APPROVED

MOTION: NAVARRRO/PLATT Resolution 2016-17-17 - An Act to Oppose Pouring Rights

Exclusivity Contracts at Humboldt State University.

APPROVED

Lance summarized the resolution and said the pouring rights contract is not in alignment with the values of the students.

Blake is unsure about not having a contract while a company is able to sell products on campus.

MOTION: LANCE/MULARKY move to strikeout "listen to contract" and replace it with 'explain how the contract will support our mission values and strategic plan.,.

APPROVED

Dave Nakamura, Executive Director, is also speaking for the Joyce Lopes. He said the contract is a university contract, there is taskforce for the contract.

Hill asked why the scholarship is only for athletic students. Nakamura said it pmi of tradition and marketing.

*Arredondo left the meeting at -1:-17pm*

*Jones left the meeting at -1:55 pm*

- C. Closed Session (The Council may hold a closed session under circumstances authorized in Section 89307 of the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act.) At this time the Council and Executives will go into closed session as per California Education code 89307(c)(1) for the employment of the Executive Director position.

MOTION: PLATT/LANCE move to go into closed session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting for the employment of the executive director position. APPROVED

The Council met in closed session. They approved Dave Nakamura and Peg Blake to be present as witnesses to the discussion of the employment of the Executive Director position.

MOTION: PLATT/MULARKY move to exit closed session at 5:21 p.m. APPROVED

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

**President (Jonah Platt)**

PLATT talked about the social justice and equity committee. Platt would like the committee process to change. Platt asked council members if they are interested in working on the strategic plan.

AS Executive Committee - April 7, 2017

1. End of the Year Transition - Discussion Item  
We will discuss the transition between AS Representatives from this year to next.

Platt said the committee talked about the transitions of the council members. Platt would like the council members to reach to new council members.

Platt would like to have a toolkit for each position.

Lance said council members should reach out to the new council members.

2. AS Presents: Empowennent Series. - Discussion Item  
We will discuss what the empowemlent series for AS Presents can look like.

Platt summarized the discussion.

3. Scheduling an Action. - Discussion Item  
We will follow up on the discussion we had last week, and any new infomlation will be shared.

Platt summarized the discussion, but is not sure how it would be implemented.

4. Final Projects and Projects to be Passed On. - Discussion Item  
We will summarize our final projects and our recommendations to the future AS board of Directors.

Platt summarized the discussion and provided a list of projects.

#### **Administrative Vice President (Gregory Rodriguez)**

Rodriguez reported that the City of Arcata will not be a sanctuary city, but students will keep working on it.

#### **Student Affairs Vice President (Sonya Navarro)**

Navarro reported she got a response for more sleeping spots for students. Navano is working on marketing materials for the AS Elections Forum. NavaiTo said the office remodel will be postponed to the summer of 2017

#### **Legislative Vice President (Jessie Avitia)**

Avitia reported she and Lance will be presenting a resolution to the Senate. Avitia will be amending the environmental sustainability officer and the social justice and equity officer.

#### **Delcastillo - College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Absent.

#### **Cicerone- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Cicerone reported he is working on resolutions with Avitia. Cicerone is also working with Valdovinos on a resolution. Cicerone said

#### **Mularky - College of Professional Studies**

No report.

#### **Ross - College of Professional Studies**

Ross is working on the Elections process.

#### **Lance - College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

Lance reported working on the Pepsico contract and asked for volunteers. Lance announced Earth



Week will happen next week.

**Valdovinos - At Large**

Valdovinos reported she had a good response with the feedback

**Rice - At Large**

Absent.

**Jason Jones - Graduate Representative**

Absent.

**Alejandro Arredondo - AS Presents Representative**

Navarro reported for Arredondo. Navarro reported **Bell** is playing tonight.

**Chey King - External Affairs Representative**

Absent.

**Dante Hamm - Elections Commissioner**

Hamm reported on the elections. Hamm said there are twelve candidates running.

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

Vigil for the survivors of the bus accident three years ago at 7pm on the UC Quad.

**AS Executive Director (Jane Hill)**

Hill is happy that the Council approved the hiring of the Executive Director.

**General Council Discussion**

No discussion.

**Announcements**

Hamm announced there is going to be an Elections candidate forum on Wednesday, April 12, 2017

**Adjournment**

Avitia adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

Patric Esh

AS Council Coordinator

Approved by:



Jessie Avitia

Legislative Vice President