

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Thursday, April 30, 2015
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #20

Call to Order

Patric Esh, Interim Vice Chair, 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, Eamon Daly, Patric Esh, Madison Whaley, Natasha Sanders, Alexis Hernandez, Akira Brathwaite

Representatives Absent: Rebecca Ingerson (excused), Taylor Mitchell (excused), Thomas Kupelian (excused)

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes

Officers Absent: Ana Cortes (excused), T.J. Singh (excused), Mike Kirakosyan (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Banning Ramirez, Eli Poppers, Dr. Peg Blake

Advisors Absent: Juan Cervantes (excused)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: DALY /LARGENT move to approve Agenda #20 dated April 30, 2015 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Esh reported that there were many items on the agenda with a limited amount of time.

Special Presentation – HSU Veteran's Enrollment & Transition Services

Largent introduced student veteran's and alumnus who were veterans'. Bobby Hilton, a student veteran has worked at the Veteran's offices at HSU and Butte Community College. Hilton noted discouraging aspects of veterans enrolled at HSU. Hilton stated that HSU did not provide any opportunities to honor Veterans on Veteran's Day and that the Student Veteran's Association (SVA) sought a cultural programming grant from the AS Events Funding Board and were declined because they were not viewed as a cultural group. Hilton noted that there are other instances where student veterans are asked in appropriate question about their service, including if they had killed someone in action. Hilton also noted that the issue of treatment of veterans by students is not just a problem at HSU but provided an example where fraternity members of Florida State University spat on and threw items at veterans attending a wounded warrior meeting. Hilton encouraged inclusivity of

veterans on campus and stated that the SVA would like to work more with Associated Students. Matthew Aldrete, a student veteran is employed by the Veteran's Office and is the treasurer of the SVA. Aldrete stated that seven months prior to beginning classes at HSU he was deployed in Afghanistan and after coming to HSU it was difficult to adjust and intermingle with the campus population. Aldrete noted that the average age of an HSU student is 22 and that average age of an HSU student veteran is 32. Aldrete stated that the SVA is seeking to create a community for veterans to help retain students on campus. The SVA wanted to provide activities for Veteran's day and were denied a Cultural Grant because they were not identified as a culture. Aldrete requested AS's assistance as being recognized as a culture. Victor Arredondo, a Veteran and HSU Alumnus stated that the Council should listen carefully to information provided because veterans are reluctant to share personal stories. Arredondo stated that 30% of the homeless population is veterans. Arredondo stated that it is important to remember to include the dependents of veterans. Arredondo stated that cultural can be tied to values, norms or a geographic place. Arredondo stated that resolutions have been passed by AS to recognize Veterans as a culture. Arredondo stated it is important that polices be followed through.

Hernandez arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #19 dated April 16, 2015 – **Action Item**

MOTION: MORRISON/WHALEY move to approve Minutes #19 dated April 16, 2015

APPROVED

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

There was no Public Comment

Closed Session

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to go into closed session at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the AS General Manager

APPROVED

The Council met in closed session

MOTION: DINZES/DALY move to exit closed session at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVED

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

Absent.

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

Absent.

Old Business

- A. Resolution No. 2014-15-19: In Support of a Zero Waste Campus –**Action Item**
The resolution requests that the University Center devise a plan to achieve zero waste by 2025 and that all academic and administrative departments on campus make the effort to reduce waste in their own operations.

Jesse Carpentier, the author, was present on behalf of the resolution. Carpentier stated that the CSU passed a sustainability policy that asked all campuses to meet an 80% waste diversion goal by 2020. Carpentier stated that there needs to be a campus wide effort to meet the goal. Carpentier stated that the resolution asks to reach a 90% diversion goal by 2025. Carpentier stated that HSU is an environmentally conscious campus and needs to do everything it can to divert waste. Carpentier stated it's important to follow the policy to meet the goals outlined by the CSU and work to meet a goal by 2025. Carpentier stated that 90% is the percentage necessary to meet the diversion goal of zero waste.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DALY/MORRIOSN move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-19: In Support of a
Zero Waste Campus APPROVED

Dinzes asked Carpentier to outline flaws in the current waste diversion process. Carpentier stated that there is a large amount of disposal dishware in dining services and that dining services does not have dishwashing facilities necessary to eliminate disposal dishware. Carpentier stated that there is also a significant amount of food waste and that the campus composting contract is unable to compost the disposal dishware. Brathwaite noted that a compost program with a company in Eureka is no longer offered to the University. Brathwaite also noted that the College Creek Marketplace eliminated the recycling receptacles because trash was thrown into them and that the labor was not available to sort the items.

- B. Resolution No. 2014-15-20: Support for Military Culture by Honoring Service Members that have Lost their Lives while serving their Country during Combat Operations–**Action Item**
The resolution calls on Humboldt State University to recognize the service of military members that lost their life during combat operations by flying HSU's American flag at half-mast on the day they lost their life based on the Department of Defense's daily casualty status report.

Largent, the author, was present on behalf of the resolution. Largent stated that the resolution would recognize casualties of troops who are serving in combat operations. Largent noted that student veterans were present earlier seeking to better create community.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DINZES/MORRISON move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-20: Support for
Military Culture by Honoring Service Members that have Lost their Lives while
serving their Country during Combat Operations APPROVED

Dr. Blake noted that Section 6 would require the flag to be lowered after every casualty. Largent noted that Veteran’s Enrollment and Transition Services has offered to monitor the Department of Defense’s daily casualty release.

MOTION: DALY/DINZES move to amend paragraph seven to include *2015-16 AS Events Funding Board* APPROVED

Daly suggested that the Board be included.

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/MORRISON move to amend paragraph six to read:

RESOLVED, *The Associated Students of Humboldt State University calls on the Humboldt State University Administration to recognize the service of current military members that lose their lives during combat operations by flying HSU’s American Flag at half-mast on the day they lose their lives based on the Department of Defense’s daily casualty release; be it further* APPROVED

MOTION: DINZES/HERNADEZ move to table to the next meeting FAILS
(2) AYES
(5) NAYS
(2) ABSTAIN

MOTION: LARGENT/BRATHWAITE move to add a new paragraph between paragraph six and seven:

RESOLVED, *that the Associated Students calls upon the Veteran’s Enrollment and Transition Services Office to report to UPD to ensure that the flag is lowered to half-mast; be it further* APPROVED

- C. Resolution No. 2014-15-21: Support for the Veterans Enrollment and Transition Services by Acknowledging the Lack of Communal Space to assist Veteran’s in their Transition into Humboldt State University–**Action Item**
The resolution asks Humboldt State University to acknowledge that veterans deserve a safe place to congregate as a community on campus and that facilities management identifies potential areas on campus that can become a designated area for veterans and veteran dependents to congregate.

Largent, the author, was present on behalf of the request. Largent stated that there are 400 veterans on campus and the resolution requests a secured space that veterans may access.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: WHALEY/DALY move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-21: Support for the Veterans Enrollment and Transition Services by Acknowledging the Lack of Communal Space to assist Veteran’s in their Transition into Humboldt State University APPROVED

Whaley asked what the space desired would be. Largent stated that currently there is not a meeting space and that the resolution is broad. Sanders asked if the resolution is requesting an exclusive

space or a space that could be dedicated for certain time periods. Largent responded that it is to recognize the lack of space not to seek a specific space.

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/DALY move to add to the eighth paragraph: *Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Health and Wellness Center and the HSU Community Counseling Clinic*

APPROVED
(1) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

Morrison stated that she is not in favor of the amendment because veterans need a separate exclusive space. Whaley concurred with Morrison. Brathwaite stated that her intention is to reach out to the organizations listed to gain input of the organizations.

- D. Resolution No. 2014-15-22: Support for the Creation of more Gender-Neutral Bathrooms on the Humboldt State University Campus—**Action Item**
The resolution asks Humboldt State University to acknowledge that veterans deserve a safe place to congregate as a community on campus and that facilities management identifies potential areas on campus that can become a designated area for veterans and veteran dependents to congregate.

Esh stated that he has brought a student, Jenae Teal, to present on behalf of the resolution. Esh stated that there are many students on campus who have identities that are not well represented and approving the resolution would lend the voice of the Associated Students to students who need their concerns addressed.

Esh opened the floor to public comment.

Corina, a student, commented that if more gender neutral bathrooms be built in locations that are available to all students. Corina noted that many of the gender neutral bathrooms on campus are filthy and not kept to the same standards as other restrooms. Dr. Meredith Williams, a professor in the Department of Sociology, commented that Universities that are most successful of implementing gender neutral bathrooms have held education campaigns on the issue. Jenae Teal, commented that Gender Neutral Bathrooms, are also beneficial to parents of children with different genders and for those who have caretakers of a different genders and that the issue is not only for those who do not fall in the gender binary.

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-22: Support for the Creation of more Gender-Neutral Bathrooms on the Humboldt State University Campus

APPROVED
AS AMENDED

Whaley suggested an amendment in the resolution to include a media campaign. Whaley noted that a segment of the society may feel uncomfortable if male and female identified individuals were sharing restrooms.

Dinzes left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

MOTION: DALY/BRATHWAITE move to amend paragraph seven to read *Associated Students supports that all buildings on campus have an identified gender neutral bathroom*

APPROVED
 (5) AYE
 (3) NAY
 (1) ABSTENTION

Teal stated that gender neutral bathrooms are most successful when privacy barriers are used. Morrison stated that it is important that it is gradually introduced. Sanders suggested the resolution should state that there should be equal access to gender neutral bathrooms. There was discussion regarding how restrooms in residence halls would be defined. It was noted that some universities have gender neutral bathrooms in the residence halls.

Whaley yielded to Lizbeth Olmedo, the president of Double Dare Ya. Olmedo commented that her club would like to assist in the educational effort regarding gender neutral bathrooms.

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/MORRISON move to amend the tenth paragraph to include; *Staff Council, University Senate, Women's Resource Center, Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center, Double Dare Ya, Humboldt Orientation Program* APPROVED

MOTION: SANDERS/HERNANDEZ move to call the question on the main motion FAILS
 (2) AYE
 (5) NAY
 (2) ABSTAIN

MOTION: WHALEY/DALY move to amend the resolution by inserting between the ninth and tenth paragraph:

RESOLVED that the Associated Students will work with the campus and campus organizations to education and raise awareness about concerns regarding gender neutral bathrooms APPROVED

Whaley stated that it was important that an educational component be consider.

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)

Absent.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Absent.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Absent.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance is hosting a Pledge Party from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Great Hall tomorrow.

Sanders – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sanders reported that the Student Access Gallery has not yet contacted her. Sanders complimented the election turnout.

Hernandez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Hernandez reported that \$4,300 was raised for the Youth Education Services (YES) Serv-a-thon and that YES is discussing the lack of a coordinator for the program in the fall.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Daly – College of Professional Studies

Daly reported that the Sponsored Programs Foundation meets next week.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that the policy subcommittee of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is recommending policies to the campus. The Women's Resource Center is currently hiring for next year.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite reported that the All College Mixer was well attended. Brathwaite assisted with the Zero Waste Resolution. The Sustainability Coalition is determining its leadership for the fall semester. The Humboldt Film Festival was successful. The HSU Food Pantry has had a successful year.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Largent – At Large

Largent reported that the Instructionally Related Activities Committee will meet next week. Largent reported that the Student Veterans will be meeting with President Rossbacher tomorrow.

Whaley – At Large

Whaley reported the Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program will be hosting a Clothing Swap and Donation Dash next week.

Esh – Graduate Representative

Esh reported that due to illness he was unable to attend the Integrated Curriculum Committee.

External Affairs (Cervantes)

Absent.

AS Presents (Ramirez)

Ramirez reported that the Humboldt Rising festival was successful and 1,400 people attended. The Lumberjack Newspaper covered the event and provided video of it on their website. Ramirez noted that the final AS Presents Committee meeting is tomorrow.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)

Poppers reported that 16.3% turnout with an increase of 267 additional voters this year.

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

No report.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that the Instructionally Related Activities Committee met this week, but did not achieve quorum. Tyson reminded Council members to attend their assigned Committee meetings.

General Council Discussion

Brathwaite requested the Council sign up for shifts for Study Lounge. An E-Waste event will be on held on campus on May 2.

General Council Work Session

- A. HSU Strategic Plan – Continued Discussion Item (Jerry Dinzes)
Dinzes will lead a discussion on specific issues that Council members forwarded to him regarding the HSU Strategic Plan Draft.

Esh requested that items be e-mailed to Dinzes.

Announcements


The Oh Snap program will be hosting a “Fish for Food” event tomorrow.

Adjournment

Esh adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:51 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:


Patric Esh
Interim Vice Chair